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January 2007 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Ft. Smith Church League was held on Monday, January 8, 2007 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is attached).

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Rick Deramus offered the opening prayer.

The minutes for the December 2006 were unanimously approved, motioned by Doug Schwartz and 2nd by Brent Lewis.

Roll was taken to find out what Churches were represented and to document participation. (An attendee roster is attached).

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle discussed the revenues and expenses for general operations during the recent month. In general, there was approximately \$600 in income and \$800 in expenses. A detailed statement is available upon request. Pat also explained that the Church League received a correspondence from the IRS and we have responded appropriately through the proper means.

President's Report

Don Eveld explained that there has been correspondence with Mike Allsup and the City Parks Commission regarding work done to the ball fields and also work that needs to be done. Mike stated his desire to see us do something about the light poles that are in desperate need of paint. Don explained to him our issues in getting the poles painted and also explained the other needs that have priority.

Eddie Norman took a moment to commend all of the commissioners for their attendance, noting that this time of year the commissioners meetings usually don't have many attendees.

Old Business

The following rule change proposed by Brent Lewis and seconded by Bobby Aldridge was **passed** by a vote of **21-0**:

Article X, Section H Super Pee Wee and Bambino League Rules, Rule 15

From

15. Play is dead when:

SUPER PEE WEE ONLY - Play is dead when a player enters the pitching circle with both feet and the game ball. At that time any player less than half way to the next base must return to the base from which he came unless forced. If the player is over half way to the next base he may advance to said base. The pitcher will be given a chance to make a play on any base when fielding a batted ball within the circle.

BAMBINO ONLY - Play is dead once the lead runner is stopped and the umpire has declared the ball dead and called for time (as in Pony League).

To

15. Play is dead when:

SUPER PEE WEE ONLY - Play is dead when a player enters the pitching circle with both feet and the game ball. At that time any player less than half way to the next base must return to the base from which he came unless forced. If the player is over half way to the next base he may advance to said base. The pitcher will be given a chance to make a play on any base when fielding a batted ball within the circle, **OR Play is dead once the lead runner is stopped and the umpire has declared the ball dead and called for time (as in Pony League).**

BAMBINO ONLY - Play is dead once the lead runner is stopped and the umpire has declared the ball dead and called for time (as in Pony League).

The following rule change submitted by Mark Burgess and seconded by Wes Young was **passed** by a vote of **21-0**:

Article X. Section K Prep League (Jr. Babe Ruth) Rules, Rule 10

From

10. A two (2) hour time limit will apply as long as a regulation five (5) inning game has been completed. In the event of a tie game, Babe Ruth International rules shall apply.

To

10. **A one hour and fifty minute (1:50) time limit** will apply. In the event of a tie game, Babe Ruth International rules shall apply.

The following rule change submitted by Mark Burgess and seconded by Wes Young was **passed** by a vote of **19-2**:

Article X. Section K Prep League (Jr. Babe Ruth) Rules, Rule 11

From

11. A game will be called when one of the teams has a ten (10) run lead after four innings or an eight (8) run lead after five (five) innings. The score at that point will be the official score of the game.

To

11. **RUN RULE – The game shall be called when one of the teams has a fifteen (15) run lead after 3 innings**, a ten (10) run lead after four innings or an eight (8) run lead after five (five) innings. The score at that point will be the official score of the game. **In the event of a run rule, if both teams want to continue play, the umpires must remain on the field for one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) minimum from the game start time.**

The following rule change submitted by Mark Burgess and seconded by Wes Young was **passed** by a vote of **21-0**:

Article X. Section L Babe Ruth League Rules, Rule 2

From

2. A mandatory two (2) hour time limit will apply as long as a regulation five (5) inning game has been completed. Tie games will be handled in accordance with Babe Ruth International Rules.

To

2. **A one hour and fifty minute (1:50) time limit** will apply. Tie games will be handled in accordance with Babe Ruth International Rules.

The following rule change submitted by Mark Burgess and seconded by Wes Young was **passed** by a vote of **21-0**:

Article X. Section L Babe Ruth League Rules, Rule 4

From

4. RUN RULE - The game shall be called if and when one of the teams has a ten (10) run lead after four (4) innings of play, or an eight (8) lead after five (5) innings of play. The score at that point shall be the official score of the game.

To

4. **RUN RULE - The game shall be called if and when one of the teams has a fifteen (15) run lead after three (3) innings**, ten (10) run lead after four (4) innings of play, or an eight (8) lead after five (5) innings of play. The score at that point shall be the official score of the game. **In the event of a run rule, if both teams want to continue play, the umpires must remain on the field for one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) minimum from the game start time.**

New Business

Donald Schartz submitted the following rule change, seconded by Jeff Schwartz:

Article X, Section I Pony League Rules, Rule 8

From

8. All runners may advance only one (1) base, at their own risk, if on an overthrow at home plate, the ball becomes lodged in the backstop.

To

8. All runners may advance only one (1) base, at their own risk, if on an overthrow at home plate, the ball becomes lodged in the backstop, **except a runner on third base may not cross home plate on the overthrow.**

Donald Schartz submitted the following rule change, seconded by Jeff Schwartz:

Article X, Section I Pony League Rules, Rule 9

From

9. Runners may steal any base, except home, at their own risk after a pitched ball has reached the Plate. Runners may steal Home on a throw to any base, or on a wild pitch that falls outside the chalked Home Plate circle in foul territory. On a pitch that falls outside the chalked Home Plate circle in foul territory, the runner cannot advance Home on the throw back to the pitcher if the runner has already conceded and been run back towards 3rd Base by a defensive player. If the runner on 3rd Base crosses Home Plate illegally, he shall be declared out.

To

9. Runners may steal any base, except home, at their own risk after a pitched ball has reached the Plate. Runners may steal Home on a throw to any base, **but may not steal home on a wild pitch or a throw back to the pitcher.** If the runner on third base crosses Home Plate illegally, he shall be declared out.

A motion was made by Rick Deramus and seconded by Shane Medford for the following:

Midget League

1st year teams in the American League

2nd year teams in the National League

If a team has 4 or more 2nd year players, then that team must play as a 2nd year team.

If there are fewer than 8 total teams of both 1st and 2nd year teams in Midget League, then there shall only be one league.

A motion was also made by Rick Deramus concerning selections of All Star coaches and also players. That motion was withdrawn and it was decided that there would be a committee appointed to oversee any rule change proposals.

Rick Deramus brought up the issue of USSSA teams and their World Series conflicting with the post season tournament. Rick suggested possibly starting the season one week earlier to accommodate any conflicts. Serious discussion ensued with input from virtually every commissioner present. The consensus is that it is a Church commissioner and coach decision and that the churches should deal with it individually with their coaches.

Rick Deramus suggested that we table the discussion concerning umpire cards until the next meeting when he would be better prepared and also so that Dale Seiter could be involved.

Doug Schwartz motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Eddie Norman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Signature:

Approved: (date)

Or Corrected: (date)

Attendee Roster

1) Don Eveld	Christ the King
2) Eddie Norman	Central Pres.
3) Jason Brasher	Eastside Baptist
4) Brent Lewis	Eastside Baptist
5) Bobby Aldridge	St. Boniface
6) Darrell Stovall	St. Paul
7) Jerry Chastain	Community Bible
8) Rick Deramus	Central Pres.
9) Wes Young	Grand Ave Baptist
10) Jeff Schwartz	Christ the King
11) John Mobley	St. Paul
12) Jason Vrazel	IC
13) Donald Schwartz	Christ the King
14) Pat Mickle	Central Pres.
15) Doug Schwartz	Christ the King
16) Mark Burgess	Grace Community
17) Shane Medford	Living Way
18) Paark Wolfe	Grand Ave Baptist
19) Doug Faries	Butterfield Asmbly
20) Mark Haywood	Butterfield Asmbly
21) Chris Stark	Grand Ave Baptist
22) Scott Archer	Grace Community
23) Wes Sadler	Greenwood 1 st Bpst