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January 2008 Commissioner's Meeting

A Commissioner's meeting of the Ft. Smith Church League was held on Monday, January 14th, 2008 at Christ the King Church. (An attendee roster is attached).

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. Rick Deramus offered the opening prayer.

The minutes for the December 2007 were corrected regarding dates of the coaches meetings and then unanimously approved. Motioned by Dale Seiter and 2nd by Bobby Aldridge.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Mickle discussed the revenues and expenses for general operations during the recent month. In general, there was approximately \$486 from restitution from the stolen tractor and vending machine totals. There was about \$1600 in expenses. The primary expenses were for ground keeping supplies, mowing, and tractor payments. A detailed statement is available upon request.

President's Report

Don Eveld stated that all tournament information is now on the website. It was suggested that Church League consider sodding all the infields for 10 year olds and below to decrease maintenance needs. Discussion ensued. Mark Burgess discussed some changes to host eligibility for Babe Ruth tournaments and also changes to 13 year old eligibility for All Star selections. He also stated that he talked to Doug Pogue and the umpires pay should remain the same for the 13-15 year old divisions. Pat Mickle brought up the point that Babe Ruth now requires that all coaches must pay to get certified to coach. Cost is \$19.95 per person for the certification class.

Old Business.

The following rule **Failed by a vote of 3-13.**

Jason Vrazel proposed the following rule changes, seconded by Darrell Stovall.

Pony League Rules

Increase the dimensions by 6" in width to allow for a larger strike zone in 1st year Pony League.

New Business

Rick Deramus proposed the following rule changes for Prep League, 2nd by Donald Schwatz

Article X

K - Prep League Rules

1. The current official rules of the National Baseball Congress shall apply except in the cases where the Babe Ruth International rules provide otherwise. The FSCL teams will also be governed by all applicable rules found in Articles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X A-F of the FSCL baseball rules except those listed below.
2. All Fort Smith Church League member churches shall conduct sign ups and submit a list of Prep players by March 1st. All additional players who meet the membership requirements (ie. live in Fort Smith) may register by phone to a designated number to be determined yearly. Other players may be approved by the FSCL executive board as space allows. The players who are church members and signed up accordingly will be placed on the draft list first. The players registering by phone will be placed on a list in chronological order based on time of registration. A maximum of 72 players (6 teams with 12 players each) will be on the draft list. All players registering after 72 will be placed on a waiting list.
3. Each team will be assigned a head coach by the FSCL executive board. Interested coaches should contact the executive board by March 1st so they can be considered.
4. Each head coach may select one assistant coach with approval of the FSCL executive board. If the two coach's children are playing in the league they will be placed on their team. The FSCL executive board will consider these players ability when allowing placement of two children on a team. If this gives teams to much of an advantage then the assistant coach's child must be placed in the draft. Each head coach and assistant coaches child will be required to try-out and will be evaluated and ranked by the FSCL executive board. They will be placed into a draft round based on ability and their team will skip that round during the draft.
5. Try-outs will be held for the purpose of displaying baseball talents to the coaches for evaluation for drafting of players. Depending on the weather conditions and turnout, a second try-out may be scheduled by the FSCL executive board.

Each team manager will draw a number representing the sequence in which they will draft, (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). The first round will be in numeric sequence, the second round in reverse sequence, the third round back to numeric sequence and so on until the draft is complete.

6. All players must attend the try-out to be eligible to be drafted. For a player to be eligible to pitch in the league they are required to try-out as a pitcher during try-outs. Penalty for using an ineligible pitcher is forfeiture of the game in which he pitched.
7. The registration fee will be set by the FSCL executive board. Uniforms will be identical except for color and sponsoring church name. The uniforms will be assigned and selected by the FSCL executive board.

8. All eligible 13 year old players will be placed on teams before allowing any 12 year old players to play up.
9. FSCL executive board and League President will settle any issues resulting from registration, try-outs and the draft.

Wes Young submitted the following rule changes:

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| 2 nd by Bobby Aldridge | Replace all USSSA references in our rules with Super Series Baseball of America |
| 2 nd by Bobby Aldridge | Article X Section I
Split the Pony League into Pony and Super Pony Leagues. The Pony Division will play rules as they exist. The Super Pony will play FSBL Midget rules with the exception of pitching and bases lengths. They will remain the original Pony lengths. |
| 2 nd by Eddie Norman | Article X Section A
24. All FSBL league teams are eligible to compete in the USSSA A Division State Tournament. Any fee's or sanctions are the responsibility of each team.

Omit this rules since we are not sanctioning with USSSA league this season. |
| 2 nd by Chris Honaker | Move pitching distance for Pony American (1 st year) to 44'. The intent is to have more strikes and speed up the game. |

Bobby Aldridge proposed the following rule change, 2nd by Mike Clark

Article V. Managers and Coaches

Add E. All managers and coaches shall provide FSCL with a drivers license or social security number for the purposes of a background check. No convicted sex offender shall be allowed to manage or coach in FSCL baseball.

Wes Young asked that anchors be installed at 54' and 85' on Hernreich Field for the purposes of 13U tournaments.

Eddie Norman mentioned that the maintenance on the scoreboards was done on all fields except Flocks.

Doug Schwartz motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Eddie Norman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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) Bobby Aldridge	St. Boniface
5) Darrell Stovall	St. Paul
6) Jason Vrazel	IC
7) Donald Schwartz	Christ the King
8) Pat Mickle	Central Pres.
9) Doug Schwartz	Christ the King
10) Paark Wolfe	Grand Ave
11) Greg Schmitt	St. Boniface
12) Jerry Chastain	Community Bible
13) Wes Sadler	FBC Greenwood
14) Darel Williamson	FBC Greenwood
15) Mark Wallace	Grace
16) Mark Burgess	
17) Brent Lewis	Eastside
18) Michael Clark	First Baptist
19) Michael Thames	First Methodist
20) Rick Deramus	Central Pres.
21) Chris Honaker	Harvest Time
22) Mark Haywood	Butterfield
23) Bill Thomas	IC
24) Dale Seiter	IC
25) Wes Young	Grand Ave
26) Glenn Patterson	Harvest Time
27) John Mobley	St. Paul