



INSTILLING IN OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH THE IDEA OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

10.12.15

Attendees:

Dennis Botteicher--CBC

Alan Schwartz-CTK

Kevin Allen—Secretary

Brent Lewis—ESBC

Greg George—FBC

Grant Pruitt—CBC

Trey Jackson—Treasurer

Donald Schwartz—1st VP

Eddie Norman— Tournament Director

Patrick Pinter – 2nd VP

Greg Farris – ESBC

Nick Allen – Grand Ave

Robert Jetton – ESBC

Kevin Weakley – Grand Ave

Darren McKinney – St. Boniface

Jimmy Wright - Grace

Opening Prayer by Brent Lewis—5:30pm

Minutes from last March Meeting were approved

Treasurers Report-- Overall operating budget minus tournaments. Negative \$10,000. That is considering all the cost for the tournaments concession items fell on regular season. If 25% of concession income was allocated to the regular season we would have a small profit.

The reality of the big picture is that the regular season breaks even. We have to do the tournaments to make capital improvements and repairs. Current account balance \$5,203.56. Capital improvements account balance \$44,830.44. Special Account balance \$4,652.68.

Red dirt for 2016 season already ordered. Decision to order early was made so that dirt could be placed in designated bins. Normal delivery in spring usually coincides with ground being too wet to get load to bins resulting in having to dump red dirt on ground and causing waste.



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New Business

Nominations of Officers

- Donald Schwartz—1st VP
- Patrick Pinter—2nd VP
- Trey Jackson—Treasurer
- Kevin Allen—Secretary
- Don Eveld – President

All were seconded.

Kevin Allen – Rule proposed to start the season on the third Monday in April and end on or before June 30th. This is to include the post season tournament. Seconded by Darin McKinney - St. Boniface.

Brent Lewis – Rule proposals

Article V (c)

C. There shall be at least two (2) pre-season orientation meetings held in each league. All managers and coaches must attend at least one (1) session. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the first regularly scheduled season game.

Change to:

C. All head coaches and league presidents will attend team declaration night. After teams have been declared, each league president will hold a meeting with the head coaches of each team in their league. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the first regular season win for that team.

Seconded by Dennis B.

Article X (A) 1

1. All players shall be placed in the various leagues according to their age, as follows;

STARTER: Players must be four (4) years of age by August 1st of the current year or the then current age cut off of the Fort Smith Public Schools, whichever is earlier, and may not be five (5) years of age before August 1st of the current year or the then current age cut off of the Fort Smith Public Schools, whichever is earlier.



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JR. PEE-WEE: Players must be at least five (5) years of age by August 1 st of the current year or the then current age cut off of the Fort Smith Public Schools, whichever is earlier, and may not be six (6) years of age before August 1st of the current year or the then current age cut off of the Fort Smith Public Schools, whichever is earlier.

PEE-WEE: Must be at least five (5) years old before August 1 st of the current year or the then current age cut off of the Fort Smith Public Schools, whichever is earlier and may not be seven (7) years old before May 1 of the current year. Players also CANNOT be on any AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.

SUPER PEE-WEE: May not be nine (9) years old before May 1 of the current year. The team roster cannot consist of more than 4 players who turn eight (8) years of age before May 1 of the current year. Players also CANNOT be on an 8U AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.

BAMBINO: May not be nine (9) years old before May 1 of the current year.

PONY: May not be eleven (11) years old before May 1 of the current year. AMERICAN LEAGUE ONLY-- Players also CANNOT be on a 10U AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division travel/select team roster.

MIDGET: May not be thirteen (13) years old before May 1 of the current year. PREP LEAGUE: Must be thirteen (13) years old by August 1 of the current year, may not be fourteen (14) years old before May 1 of the current year.

BABE RUTH: May not be sixteen (16) years old before May 1 of the current year. If fewer than eight (8) teams declare for Jr. Pee Wee, Pee Wee, Super Pee Wee or Bambino then the teams may be combined into Pee Wee and/or Super Pee Wee.

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T-ball – players must be 5 years of age by Aug 1 of the current year. Players may not be 7 years of age before May 1 of the current year. Players may not be on any AA/Minor, AAA/American, or Major/National Division Travel/Select team roster.

Coach Pitch – Players may not be 9 years of age before May 1 of the current year

Pony – May not be 11 years of age before May 1 of the current year.

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BABE RUTH: May not be sixteen (16) years old before May 1 of the current year.

Seconded by Kevin Allen

Article X (C) 1

1. The official baseball rules of the National Baseball Congress shall apply except where CHURCH LEAGUE rules, USSSA rules in the case of the Midget League, or the Babe Ruth International Rules specifically provide otherwise.

Change to:

1. ***OBR (Official Rules of Baseball) shall apply except where FSCL or USSSA rules specifically provide otherwise.***

Seconded by Donald S.

NEW Rule X (C) 24 24. No buckets, bats or other equipment will be allowed outside of the dugout during games.

Seconded by Patrick P.

Article X (I) 17

17. Pony League strike zone will be from the shoulder to knee

Change to



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Remove

Seconded by Eddie N.

Article X (J) 11

11. A balk shall be called on any incomplete throw or motion to first base, third base or home plate, or if the pitcher obviously breaks contact with the pitching rubber during the delivery of a pitch

Change to:

11. *Balks, as defined in the OBR, will be called.* Seconded by Donald, Eddie, and Jimmy W.

Article X (K) 1 & X (L) 1

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

Change to:

1. *The OBR shall apply except in the cases where USSSA 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* Seconded by Eddie

Greg George – Rule Proposal

Article (V) D

D. Any manager, coach, or representative from each team in each league shall attend at least one (1) work day at a FSCL hosted tournament. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the first regular season win.

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D. Any manager, coach, or representative from each team in each league shall attend at least one (1) work day at a FSCL hosted tournament. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the first regular season win. ***Teams may pay a \$100 buyout fee in lieu of their work day.***

Seconded by Eddie and Kevin

General discussion: The below items occurred a various moments throughout the meeting.

Alan Schwartz – Discussion on the season. Had a good time and enjoyed the season. We need to have better overall communication. Have tournament info posted on the website and schedules. Alan mentioned that he thought the break around 4th of July was good (maybe a bit long in T-Ball) and revitalized his team and coaches for post season tournament.

Eddie Norman - Adding a sidewalk around the playground area. Also adding 2 picnic tables just to the west of the playground.

Eddie also submitted his recommendation for key dates for entire 2016 season.

- FSCL commissioner meeting January 11, 2016
- FSCL commissioner meeting February 8, 2016
- Team declaration Monday March 14, 2016
- Coaches meeting #1 Thursday March 17, 2016
- Coaches meeting #2 Tuesday March 22, 2016
- Coaches meeting #3 Thursday March 24, 2016

- Preseason games start Monday April 25, 2016
- Season starts Monday May 2, 2016
- Mother's Day tournament Friday May 6, 2016 through Sunday May 8, 2016
- Hum Baby tournament Friday May 27, 2016 through Monday May 30, 2016
- Possible State tournament dates Friday June 24, 2016 through Sunday June 26, 2016
- Dead period Friday July 1, 2016 to Wednesday July 6, 2016
- Post season tournament begins Thursday July 7
- Trophy night Friday July 15, 2016

Eddie also talked about the need to restructure our season schedules to include Saturday rainout dates and post season tournament dates as well so that anyone looking at the schedule can clearly see rainout dates and post season schedule for all leagues.

Past tournaments generally bring a profit of \$43K to \$50K annually.

Tournaments – Discussion of tournaments for the season.



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Group discussion about rainouts. Playing on Saturdays or not. Rainout discussion included the topic of making Saturday rainout schedule fixed and not working with teams to reschedule during the week because of all the issues that causes. Also discussed needing to get rainout schedules posted ASAP after rainout. Donald stated that he saw no reason that a preliminary rainout schedule should not be posted by end of the day following rainout.

All Stars – Discussion. This was just mentioned but no plan was suggested.

Alan spoke about signs saying no outside food or drink. Alan also brought up the topic of possibly planting trees outside the left center field fence of Kelly field to possibly cut down on sun issue for batters. Also suggested moving the water drain on the east side on Reynolds concession so that the mud is not present all season long. (A plan is already in place to relocate the drain so that it drains into the floor basin inside the storage closet in the concession stand).

Adjourned 7:07pm