

President's Meeting
January 8, 2017 @ 2:30 pm
Host – Defuniak Springs

Leagues present – Defuniak Springs, Destin, Niceville, Shalimar, Pensacola, Baker, Ponce de Leon, Freeport, South Walton, and Paxton.

Staff members present – Ron, Ellen, Windell, Tony, Bill, Brian, Brad, James.

Meeting Called to Order by Ron at 2:30 pm.

Introductions: New Leagues- Baker, Freeport, Paxton, Ponce de Leon, and South Walton.

Reading of the Last Minutes.

New Business:

1. Ron mentioned that he asked for a waiver for the new leagues not to have breakaway bags. They said no, but there are opportunities for grants that will help the new leagues pay for the bags.
2. Ron congratulated Sharon Adams on being selected to Umpire the Junior World Series Softball Tournament.
3. Ron reminded leagues to get boundary maps signed and turned in so they can be submitted.
4. Ron explained to the Leagues about making sure the background checks are completed.
 - a. First Advantage.

5. Waivers:

- a. Ron discussed the D2 waiver and school waiver for all leagues that are affected by the boundary map changes this year.

Old Business:

1. ASAP Plans:

- a) ASAP Plans for Existing Leagues are due by Mid-March to receive Credit.
- b) If ASAP Plans are not turned in, they will not get tournaments until then.
- c) All League Player Registration or Player Roster Data must be submitted separately through the LLB Data Center on or before April 1, 2017.

2. Constitutions:

- a) Old League Presidents need to sign back page and change dates on the front and send to Ron.
 - i) Any changes needs to be noted as well.
- b) New League Presidents need to get their constitutions to Ron ASAP.
- c) Ron also informed the new leagues of the fiscal year that Little League operates are from Oct. 1- Sept 30.
 - i) Leagues will need to schedule their general membership meetings in September at the latest.

3. By-Laws:

- a) All coaches and concession stand should have a copy of them.
- b) By-laws are good for 1 year and leagues cannot play without them.
(Ron can approve unless a waiver of a rule is requested)
- c) These are due before the first game is played.

4. Interleague/Combined Forms/new Age Breakdown form

- a) All forms need to be signed and approved by Ron before season starts.

- b) Leagues interested in Inter-leaguering for Minors Baseball:
 - i) Baker, South Walton, Ponce de Leon, Paxton, and Freeport.
 - c) Leagues interested in Inter-leaguering for Minors Softball:
 - i) Baker, South Walton, Ponce de Leon, Paxton, Freeport, Shalimar, and Niceville.
 - d) Ron discussed the age breakdown sheet with the Leagues.
5. Tournaments:
- a) Ron discussed the 2 types of tournaments with the Leagues.
 - b) Presidents can manage and coach an All-Star Team.
 - c) A few leagues said they were interested in doing the 50/70 league this year. (Paxton, South Walton, and Baker.)
 - d) When advancing in tournaments, make sure Mileage reports are filled out.
6. Challenger League:
- a) Brad Burnette discussed and told leagues about the challenger league in the district.
 - b) Baker said they are going to help promote this division in their league.
7. Pitch Machine/Inter-leaguering Rules Committee:
- a) Chairs of Committee:
 - i) Bill Vikara
 - ii) Tony Weaver
 - b) Tony asked Leagues if they know anyone interested in becoming a district umpire to get in touch with him asap.

Opening Day Ceremonies:

March 4:

- Shalimar

- Niceville
- South Walton
- Destin

March 25:

- Defuniak Springs
- Freeport
- Paxton
- Ponce de Leon
- Pensacola
- Baker

Next Meeting Schedule:

February 12, 2017- Destin Little League

March 12, 2017- Paxton Little League

April 9, 2017- Baker Little League (Select All Star Sites and draw for seeding)

May 7, 2017- Defuniak Springs Little League

Meeting Adjourned at 4:56 pm.