President's Meeting February 21, 2021 Host – Niceville

Leagues present – Tri-County, Shalimar, Freeport, Niceville, Baker, DeFuniak Springs, Destin, and South Walton

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

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by Ron at 2:36 pm.
- 2. Introductions:
- 3. Reading of the Last Minutes. Minutes are posted on the new website: www.fld1.org
- 4. New Business
 - a. DATA Center Ron reminded leagues to make sure they update the Data Center with your Board of Directors.
 - **b.** ASAP NO ASAP NO TOURNAMENT –Before Your ASAP Safety Plan can be approved. All League Player Registration or Player Roster Data (Coaches and Managers) Must be submitted separately through the LLB Data Center on or before 1 Apr 21. **Only 2 leagues have their ASAP Plan approved.**
 - c. Constitutions Ron reminded League Presidents to sign back page and change date on front and send to him so he can send it to Southern Region. https://www.littleleague.org/region/southeast-region/league-documents/
 - d. By-Laws Good For 1 year Cannot play with your by-laws without the DA approval unless a waiver of a rule is requested. Ron reminded Leagues that their By-Laws need to be approved by him prior to first game of season.
 - e. Interleague/Combined Forms- Ron reminded leagues to make sure they get their forms completed early and get them filled out correctly.
 - f. Pitching Machine/Inter-Leaguing Rules- Ron opened the floor for a brief discussion on the interleague rules for the upcoming season. Mike B made a

motion to approve the Pitching Machine/Inter-Leaguing Rules for the upcoming season. Tony D. seconded the motion. Rules were approved by Presidents on 21 Feb 2021.

- g. Ron discussed Waivers Please check your players signing up. We have several players sign up in leagues not in their boundary. I have addressed this issue with Southern Region. If a parent(s) wants to change league they must submit a waiver request to the BOD for approval. Please see M for additional guidance. Please used the following website:

 https://www.littleleague.org/region/southeast-region/charter-committee-waiver-requests/
- h. Ron informed the leagues about the rule books No Book for T-ball (T-ball Program book) only. Minors and above will receive only 1 book per team. Rule books are late due to Williamsport not receiving them until 3rd week of Feb 2021.
- i. Ron reminded the leagues that they should have already filed their 990 Form. These were due to the IRS by 16 Feb 2021.
- j. Ron asked the leagues if they were interested in moving Special Games Start Date to 29 May 21. Howard made a motion to release Special Game rosters on 8 May 21 and was approved.
- k. Ron also told leagues that the Sanction Tournament teams can be released and start practice on 15 May 21.
- 1. Picked Number for Tournament Seeding.
 - 1. DeFuniak Springs
 - 2. Baker
 - 3. Niceville
 - 4. Shalimar
 - 5. Destin
 - 6. South Walton
 - 7. Tri-County

8. Freeport

m. Traditional Out-of-Boundary Players

Any player, regardless of age who does not meet the residency/school requirements for the requesting league, must have approval to participate in any manner. There is no exception that allows children to play in the regular season (as well as the fall season) without approval from the Charter Committee/Region Office.

All of these requests must be submitted to the Region office and we recommend they are submitted here: <u>Charter Committee Waiver</u>
Requests - Little League

Players that reside/attend school in another local Little League's boundary map must be accompanied by a comment (also known as a release) from the home league within the waiver request. Players who do not reside/attend school in another local Little League's boundary map, which we identify as a non-chartered area, will not need a home league comment.

2021 Only Out-of-Boundary Players

For 2021 and ONLY for players who are participating with a league due to their home league not conducting a spring season, should be submitted through the data center.

Each league with players in this scenario needs to submit each player under manage forms. They should submit them as they receive them and ideally before the regular season begins. Leagues NOT wait until it is time to announce tournament teams.

Regulation II (d)

A claim for Regulation II (d), also known as an II (d) waiver differs greatly from an Out-of-Boundary waiver.

Regulation II (d) in its simplest form applies when a player, who previously resided or attended school in the league's boundary map WHILE participating with the league during the spring season, moves out (changes schools, school changing location, or parent/guardian moves) of the league's boundary and wants to continue participation with the league.

Once a player becomes eligible for a claim of Regulation II (d), the league completes a <u>claim form</u> for the player, which MUST be accompanied by proper proof of residency or school attendance documentation from the previous residence or school that was within the league's boundary that the player resided at or attending school at while participating with the league. For example, the proof of residency must be three proper proofs or residency or proper school attendance documentation. These forms are not submitted to the Region office.

A claim for II (d) can also be used for siblings of players who have previously been claimed under a proper Regulation II (d) claim.

A claim for Regulation II (d) is NOT USED for the following examples:

- A player who does not reside or attend school in the league's boundary map and otherwise does not qualify for Regulation II (d)
- A player's home league does not offer a specific division of play
- A parent/guardian who coaches/volunteer in the league

Regulation IV (h)

Regulation IV (h) is similar to regulation II (d), but again it differs greatly from an out-of-boundary player. Regulation IV (h) is ONLY used when a league volunteer previously resided within the league boundaries for two or more years while serving that league as a dedicated manager, coach, or member of the local league Board of Directors and while continuing as a league volunteer. It permits the volunteer's children to participate with the league.

Just as the II (d) claim form, the IV (h) claim form MUST be accompanied by proper proof of residency. These forms are not submitted to the Region office.

n. Waivers Request – Waiver requests can be submitted at the following link: https://www.littleleague.org/region/southeast-region/charter-committee-waiver-requests/

- o. Ron told the leagues that the age forms for 2021 are now available to complete https://www.littleleague.org/region/southeast-region/southeast-age-form/
- p. Ron inform the leagues that Southern Region has created a League officers page on their Website that contains useful links https://www.littleleague.org/region/southeast-region/leagueofficers/
- 5. Questions or Comments
 - Ron discussed the T-Mobile Grant with the leagues, letting them know that if parents qualify through the application process, then T-Mobile will pay for the children to play ball.
 - Mike B, Motion was made to not allow out of boundary players to participate in Special Game Tournaments. South Walton seconded the motion. Leagues voted: 3 ayes/4 nays. Motion was <u>not</u> approved. Out of boundary players are eligible to play in special games tournaments.
 - Brad updated leagues on the Challenger league.
- 6. Meeting Adjourned Motion was made by Mike to adjourn. South Walton second the motion. Meeting Adjourned 4:00 pm.

Next meeting: March 14, 2020 @ 2:30 pm- Tri-County