

President's Meeting
January 14, 2024
Host – Tri-County

Leagues Present: Niceville, Tri-County, South Walton, DeFuniak Springs, Freeport, Paxton, Destin, Shalimar, and Baker

Leagues Absent:

Staff members present – Ellen, Windell, Mike Bellino, Mike Wong, Tonya, & Amanda

1. Meeting Called to Order by Windell at 2:33 pm.
2. Introductions:
 - a. Went around the room and everyone introduced themselves, the league they represented, and their title.
3. Reading of the Last Minutes. Minutes are posted on the new website:
www.fld1.org
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a. Windell told leagues that everyone looked up to date on their data center with updated board members. Reminded them to make sure this information stays up to date so that board members are receiving targeted emails sent out by LL.
 - b. Windell reminded the leagues about their ASAP plans. 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 24. There are still a few leagues needing to complete.
 - c. Windell reminded the leagues that their new and updated constitutions need to be submitted – President must sign back page and changed

date on front. Need to be sent to S/R and DA if requested.
Constitutions need to be addressed and revised in your annual general members meeting.

- i. If you've not made any changes, it still needs to be scanned and sent to Southeast Region
- 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. That request must go to the Charter Committee. By-laws must be approved by Windell to start playing
 - i. Reminded leagues that they needed to have copies of their by-laws, constitution, & Interleague by-laws printed and in their concession stand throughout the season.
 - e. Interleague/Combined Forms/ Combined forms need to signed and approved by DA before season starts. Interleague forms are not needed as long as leagues play within the same district.
 - f. Waivers Request - <https://www.littleleague.org/region/southeast-region/charter-committee-waiver-requests/>
 - g. Special Game Tournament Start date – briefly discussed and tabled for now. Potentially starting on Memorial Day weekend.
 - i. SW asked if we are planning to do pool play again for special games or 2 game elimination.
 - h. Windell asked which league would be interested in hosting the Major BB State tournament. Informed them they would need to provide the following and it will be discussed again at the next meeting.
 - i. Interested leagues: Freeport, South Walton, & Defuniak
 - ii. MUST have 2 fields
 - iii. If league used portable mounds, must know who the manufacturer is and it be approved
 - iv. MUST host a Challenger Exhibition Game on day 2
 1. For this, must have tents, chairs, food to provide for this event.

2. Start Saturday morning game 1, then exhibition game would take place to follow (no others games at this time), then after continue with the tournament games.

6. interleague discussion & approval of Rules for 2024

- a. Machine Pitch Baseball Base Stealing- discussion about whether to continue to allow advancing a base in tournament play or interleague play on an unhit pitch or to remove it.
 - i. South Walton made a motion to remove it from the rules, Destin Seconds the motion, majority approved to remove advancing of a base on an unhit pitch in Machine Pitch Baseball for interleague and tournament play.

7. Tournament seeding:

1. South Walton
2. Paxton
3. Shalimar
4. Baker
5. Defuniak
6. Niceville
7. Freeport
8. Destin
9. Tri-County
 - i. District can't pay ump's for tournaments, need to have league volunteers.

8. Important Dates:

- ii. Managers Meetings-
 1. Jan 21st – Destin
 2. Jan 27th – Freeport
 3. Week of Jan 29th – Tri-County, Niceville, South Walton
 4. Jan 30th – Defuniak
 5. Feb 3rd – Paxton
 6. Feb 5th – Baker
 7. Feb 17th – Shalimar
- iii. Opening Days:
 1. Feb. 26th – South Walton
 2. March 2nd – Destin, Niceville, Paxton

3. March 9th – Baker, Defuniak, Freeport (TB will be 2/10 for Freeport)
4. March 11th – Tri-County will kick off their season – No opening day.
5. March 16th – Shalimar

9. Windell let leagues know that District Assessments will be handed out at February meeting and will be Due April 1st.

10. Questions or Comments

- a. Mike Bellino addressed group to put on everyone's radar about doing combined division all-star teams, after Destin had emailed him asking. General discussion happened and then was stated we would discuss in further detail closer to tournament time.

11. Meeting Dates/Locations – Windell asked which leagues wanted to host upcoming President meetings

- i. February 11th – Defuniak
 1. Interleague Scheduler Meeting to follow
- ii. March 10th – Baker
- iii. April 14th – Freeport
- iv. May 5th – South Walton
 1. Special Game Rosters due at this meeting
- v. June 9th – Niceville

6. Meeting Adjourned – Motion was made to adjourn by Freeport and seconded by South Walton. Meeting Adjourned 4:05 pm.

Next meeting: 11 February 2024 @ 2:30 pm- Defuniak Springs Little League