

President's Meeting
February 11, 2024
Host – DeFuniak Springs LL

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

Leagues Absent:

Staff members present – Ellen, Windell, Mike Wong, Tonya, Bill Vikara, Jessi Vikara.

1. Meeting Called to Order by Windell at 2:35 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
 - a. ASAP- Reminder, NO ASAP – NO TOURNAMENT – Before your league ASAP Safety plan can be approved. All League Player Registration or Player Roster Data (coaches and managers) **MUST** be submitted separately through LLB Data Center on or before March, 22, 2024.
 - b. By-Laws – Good for 1 year – cannot play with your by-laws without the approval of the DA unless a waiver of a rule is requested. The request must go to the Charter Committee. **Have only received one league's by-laws so far.**
 - c. Constitutions – if you have not submitted your constitution, please get them sent to SE Region and copy DA on the email.
 - d. A copy of your by-laws and constitution **MUST** be in your concession stand readily available for any district administration or visitors to access.
 - e. Combined forms – signed and approved by DA before season starts. DA has not received any request so far.

5. New Business

- a. 990 forms are due to the IRS by 2/15/24.
- b. Profit & loss forms need to be submitted to SE Region.
- c. Interleague Rules – SWLL makes motion to approve the following changes to interleague rules, Freeport LL seconds. Majority approves the changes for M8U BB/SB interleague play.
 - i. M8U BB/SB – runners cannot advance unless ball is put in to play.
 1. Local league by-laws can continue to advance on unhit pitch, just not in all-stars, interleague play.
 - ii. Mask is optional in M8U BB for pitcher. M8U SB pitcher has to wear a mask/game face
- d. Background checks and Abuse training are required to be run and submitted prior to practices beginning.
- e. District assessments: Due by April 1, 2024
 - i. This is how we build our district budget
 1. Tourney pins - \$4,000
 2. Tourney Plaques/flags - \$4,000
 3. Umpires (training, travel, expenses) - \$7,500
 4. District Staff Travel - \$5,000
 5. Other expenses - \$3,500
- f. SWLL asked about needing patches for regular season – it was approved for patches to only be needed for sanctioned tournaments.
- g. Special Game Start date – Memorial Day Weekend.
- h. SE region has set their schedule, but State has not set theirs yet.
 - i. Regionals for Major BB – August 4, 2024
- i. Windell advised all leagues of common things district staff see's while visiting leagues that are NOT ALLOWED:
 - i. Coaches MUST wear tennis shoes on the field. Flip flops are a common thing seen and are not allowed.
 - ii. Catchers must have a throat guard on their helmet (to include hockey style masks)

- iii. If a player is shagging balls at home plate for a coach who is hitting infield, the player **MUST** have on a catcher's mask with a throat guard. This is for **ALL** divisions
- iv. If kids are swinging bats, they have to have a helmet on. To include if hitting weighted balls.
- v. **NO** bat boys or bat girls
- vi. **NO** on deck batters – **EXCEPT** for 50/70 up and **MUST** stay on your dugout side on deck circle.
- vii. All bats and equipment must remain in the dugout. Not on the fence outside the dugout.
- viii. If interleague play in 50/70 up, please let visiting league know if they cannot have metal cleats on your mound in advance.
- ix. **NO** Jewelry, **EXCEPT** for Medical Alert – this includes earrings. Earrings are not allowed to be covered with Band-Aids or tape. **ALL** jewelry must be removed from player.
- x. Head first slides are only legal in Intermediate divisions and above. Head first slides back to a bag are legal in all division.

Next Meeting will be March 10th and hosted by Baker LL.

Meeting adjourned: 3:14 (NVLL Motioned, Challenger 2nd)