

President's Meeting
February 9, 2025
Host – Destin LL

Leagues Present: Tri-County, Baker, Freeport, Destin, Shalimar, South Walton, Challenger (via phone)

Leagues Absent: Paxton, Panama City, Niceville

Staff members present – Windell Carnley, Mike Wong, Tonya Evanchyk, Jess Vikara, Ron Covey, Elle McLean

- Meeting Called to Order by Windell at 2:33 pm.
- Reading of the Last Minutes. Minutes are posted on the new website:
www.fld1.org
 - a. Destin made a motion to approve last meetings minutes, South Walton Second – January minutes approved
- Old Business:
 - a. By-Laws: as a reminder you cannot play without them being approved. If there are no by-laws, the you will play by the Little League Rule Book.
- New Business
 - A. League Reports – this something Windell is starting to open the floor and give each league an opportunity to talk about anything they have going on within their league.
 - a. Baker- Umpire Clinic Reminder – 2/28 Classroom portion from 6:00-8:00 pm and 3/1 starting around 9:00 am for a review and on field starting at 10:00. Will have scrimmages going on for real game training.

- i. Please send a rough estimate of participants from each league.
 - b. Destin – maxed out on registration; evals used a new app which is free – made the process easier and more efficient, especially doing export after for drafts. Will share out information.
 - c. Freeport – Tball is already playing, practices have begun for other leagues
 - d. Shalimar – hit 500 kids, 31 teams, on track for opening ceremonies on 3/1. Still won't have the 2 additional fields.
 - e. South Walton – Teams are put together, roughly 425 kids prior to teen leagues. Over 100 girls play SB for the first time in league history. Trying something new this season due to field availability – all teams will practice up until spring break and then they will begin season play.
 - f. Tri-County – Breaking ground on new park in 2 months (fingers crossed). Currently have 2 fields to play on.
 - g. DeFuniak Springs – Waiver request for Paxton players, working on nailing down opening day and game schedule in the works.
- B. Online Waiver Request:
- a. If your league is accepting a player who is out of your boundaries, it's that leagues responsibility to request players host league for approval. Player cannot participate in ANY CAPACITY until waiver is fully approved by South East Region.
 - i. Safety concerns to play down a division – same process of completing the online waiver request
- C. Player Choice – for all stars will there be an option on affidavit – will have better clarification from district admin meeting.
- D. 8-10 Baseball State up in the air – Date will be July 11-13th.
- a. South Walton and Freeport interested in hosting
 - i. Windell needs to know field dimensions and what portable mounds league has to ensure they are LL approved. Needs prior to 4/12
- E. Helpful Tips

- a. Waitlist Quantity – Provide a list with rough numbers of kids on waiting list for your league. S. East Regions will typically ask for this to help facilitate what they can in areas with infrastructure to continue LL growth.
 - b. Pool Players – Board must vote on list – player agent maintains list and makes the calls to retrieve pool players needed.
 - c. Interleague and Combined Teams – complete forms online, will only be approved once all leagues input their information,
- F. Training/Meeting Dates:
- a. SE Region in person training – March 8
 - b. State DA meeting April 12
- G. Challenger League – Derry meeting with city officials next week about the Miracle League Field being built
- a. Also would love leagues assistance with buddies at games. Colleges and high schools are not able to help as much this year.
 - b. Play on Saturday's at Rarick Field
- H. Tournament Schedule – March discussion
- I. Jessi – Maria Pepe Series again this year. 1-12 year old girls who play baseball. Applications currently open until March. All girl players, all female coaches, all female umpires. 96 girls will be selected to play at Willamsport.

Motion made by Destin LL to adjourn, second by Shalimar LL –

Meeting adjourned at 3:25

Next meeting will be hosted by Shalimar LL.