President's Meeting April 6, 2025 Host – Niceville

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

Leagues Absent: Paxton, Panama City

Staff members present – Ron, Windell, Bill, Jessi

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by Windell at 2:35 pm.
- 2. Introductions: None
- 3. Reading of the Last Minutes. Niceville made a motion to approved of last meeting minutes. Defuniak second the motion. Meeting Minutes Approved.

4. Old Business

- a. Windell informed the leagues that the ones that are hosting tournaments will need to complete tournament packets for their park. If they have any questions or need the template for the packet, please get with Windell.
- b. South Walton made a motion to make the district winner, the sectional site host. Defuniak second the motion. Motion approved.

5. New Business

- a. League Reports: Windell allowed the leagues to give their League Reports:
 - i. Baker Let everyone know that their Park Day will be April 26 and that everything was going good in their league right now.
 - ii. Destin Working through the season. No major incidents or issues to discuss.
 - iii. Defuniak Springs Discussed some of their financial burden with FPL and their park lights.

- iv. Freeport Everything going good. No major incidents or issues to discuss.
- v. Paxton Not Present
- vi. South Walton—Started after Spring Break. They are running a sandlot program with their 50/70 Division and seems to be doing good. Overall doing good.
- vii. Niceville NEW BOD potential issues in the Fall with people that have players aging out and not returning. They implemented a league-wide coach suspension rule for pitch count infractions. They are working through some now.
- viii. Tri-County Going good. The county is breaking ground on their new fields soon or already have. They have experienced lower turn out this year than before.
 - ix. Panama City Not Present
 - x. Shalimar—Going good. In dire need of Umpire Support. Other leagues were going to help with getting them in contact with some resources to help with this issue.
- b. Windell informed the leagues on the change in submitting out of boundary waivers for the red shirt players. This process is now done through the data center. All other waivers still go through other process.
- c. Windell asked Leagues for initial counts for all stars to start working on dates and schedule.
- d. Windell went over the Special Games information again, Team release date is May 1. Special Games Roster are due May 4. The Tournament will start on May 23.
- e. Windell and Leagues discussed the Teen Leagues. The District will be running a senior softball pilot program this year. Windell asked the leagues to support the program and send out the flyers to help build

participation. We are also looking at opening up a combined Senior Baseball team if possible among the leagues. The junior league softball and baseball programs all seem to be steady and he encouraged the leagues to continue to promote and if they needed help to reach out to Mike Bellino for help with pushing the Teen League.

6. District UIC Report

a. Bill reminded the leagues of some of the recurring issues still happening across the league: On Deck Batters are only allowed in 50/70 BB and above. Throat guards on catchers helmets, pool players cannot pitch in the game, and general field chalking for games.

7. Training / Meeting Dates

a. Windell let the Leagues know that he will be traveling to the State DA Meeting on April 12. We will also be having the Affidavit class on May 4 during that meeting. Please make sure anyone that is helping on these is there.

8. Questions or Comments

7. Meeting Adjourned – Motion was made by Shalimar to adjourn and seconded by Niceville. Meeting Adjourned 4:02 pm.

Next meeting: May 4, 2025 @ 2:30 pm- Freeport Little League