

MINUTES  
BASEBALL COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF  
October 10, 2020  
10:00 A.M. Department Library

1. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Shamhart opened the meeting of the Department Baseball Committee at 10:00 A.M.

2. Salute to the Colors

The Colors were saluted.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Lightfoot led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Baseball Code of Conduct

Commissioner Hill led those present in reciting the Baseball code of conduct

5. Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

**Members present:**

Marv Shamhart, Baseball Commissioner- PRESENT  
Richard Beeker, Region 1 Commissioner- PRESENT  
Charles Morris, Region 2 Commissioner  
Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner- PRESENT  
Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner- PRESENT  
Howard Frase, Region 7 Commissioner  
Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner- PRESENT  
Bryce Agner, District 1 Chairman- PRESENT  
William Lonsberry, District 2 Chairman- PRESENT  
Jerry Wilson, District 4 Chairman  
Mike Nye, District 5 Chairman- PRESENT  
Steve Thorp, District 6 Chairman  
Brett Mavis, District 7 Chairman- PRESENT  
BJ Long, District 10 Chairman- PRESENT  
Michael Higgins, District 12 Chairman- PRESENT

**Guests Present:**

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator  
Dave Cobb, 14<sup>th</sup> District  
Al Beavers, Beavers Field

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner moved, seconded by Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Approval of Committee Rules

Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner motions to approve the rules of the Department Baseball Committee. Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Baseball Commissioner seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

8. February 2021 Meeting Date

- a. Sunday- Baseball Commission decided to hold the Spring meeting for Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- b. 10:30AM for Commission and District Chairmen, lunch will be provided for Commissioners and Chairmen
- c. 1:00PM for Managers and Coaches

9. National Baseball Conference Overview- National Virtual Baseball Conference overview was discussed. National focused on risk management and child abuse training. You can now cover your field under the insurance policy from K&K Insurance. Abuse Training and Awareness is mandatory for anyone involved in baseball. The certificate is good for 2 years. Rules- play with Major League rules. No batter minimum for each pitcher. Age not extended for 2021 eligibility. Expansion, National committee, for players 13 years and younger. Department Winning Teams needs to be certified to National by July 29<sup>th</sup> for teams that fly and August 1<sup>st</sup> for teams that are bused to the World Series. No more printing of National Rulebook, we can download it online. There will be a separate Junior rulebook and a Senior rulebook. Still have 7 inning ballgames. Commission follows most MLB rules. Jack Hill would like to ensure that Ohio has a voice on the National Baseball Commission.

10. Ohio Baseball Rulebook Review- Commission needs to review the rulebook and let us know if something needs changed.

11. Set Junior and Senior Tournament

- a. Junior- July 15<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - b. Senior- July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. July 31<sup>st</sup> will be a “what if day”
- Banquet will be Monday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
National Regional Tournament is set for August 3<sup>rd</sup>- August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
National World Series is set for August 12-17, 2021 in Shelby, North Carolina

12. Set Team Fees- the following were the 2019 fees. National has not set the 2021 fees yet.

- a. Junior- \$25 registration, \$35 administration fee, ? insurance- \$500
- b. Senior- \$50 registration, \$35 administration fee, ? insurance- \$600

13. Regional Tournament Dates

a. Sites?- July 18<sup>th</sup>- July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Regional Tournaments must be paid July 18<sup>th</sup>- July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Regional Winners need certified by Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

14. Communication/ Responsibilities Discussion

- a. Regional Tournament- team roster, coach and manager contact information. Copies of the bracket need turned in also.
- b. State Tournament- team roster, coach and manager contact information. Copies of the bracket need turned in also.

15. Uniforms

- a. Legion Baseball Patch
- b. No Patch, No Play

16. New Business

- a. Appointment to Department Baseball Commission
  - i. Bret Mavis

Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner motions to approve Bret Mavis as Region 5 Commissioner (District 4 and 7). Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

- ii. BJ Long

Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner motions to approve BJ Long as Region 7 Commissioner (District 9 and 10). He will remain District 10 Chairman for the next year to train the new Chairman. Dick Beeker, Region 1 Commissioner seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

- b. Appointment as Assistant District Baseball Chairman
  - i. Brad Teis

Bret Mavis, District 7 Chairman, motions to approve Brad Teis as District 10 Assistant Chairman. He will train with BJ Long for the 2021 baseball season. Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

17. Resignation from Commission

- a. Chuck Morris
- b. Howard Frase

Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner, motions to approve the resignations of Chuck Morris and Howard Frase. Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

18. Old Business- discussion was had about number of games played per day. Discussion

was had about rotating Regions if there is only a single team in one Region. If there is one team in a Region, they were moved to the next closest Region. The Region that gets to pick a second team to go to the State Tournament will be rotated or selected by random draw.

Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner, motions that if there is only one team in a certain Region, they must play at the Region that is determined by all parties involved as the closest to them. There will be a rotation of the Region that will send a second team (Region runner-up), and they will be the new representative of the Region that had only one team (which had to merge with the Region closest to them). The rotation will be in Region order starting with Region 1. Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner motions to keep the drawing for the 2021 team bracket to stay the same as the 2020 drawing. BJ Long, 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

The 2021 bracket will be as follows-

Game 1- 10:00AM

Region 6- Away

Region 4- Home

Game 2- 1:00PM

Region 8- Away

Region 3- Home

Game 3- 4:00PM

Region 1- Away

Region 7- Home

Game 4- 7:00PM

Region 2- Away

Region 5- Home

19. Salute the colors

20. Meeting Adjourned at 12:16PM.