

MINUTES
BASEBALL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
October 24, 2021
10:30 A.M. Department Library

1. Call to Order 10:30 A.M.

Department Chairman Shamhart opened the meeting of the Department Baseball Committee at 10:30 A.M.

2. Salute to the Colors

The Colors were saluted.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Sturzinger 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, Department Baseball Chairman- PRESENT
Richard Beeker, Region 1 Commissioner- PRESENT
William Lonsbury, Region 2 Commissioner- PRESENT
Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner- PRESENT
Bret Mavis, Region 5 Commissioner- PRESENT
Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner- PRESENT
BJ Long, Region 7 Commissioner- PRESENT
Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner- PRESENT
Bryce Agner, District 1 Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Chris Emmons, District 3 Chairman- PRESENT
Jerry Wilson, District 4 Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Mike Nye, District 5 Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Steve Thorp, District 6 Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Brad Teis, District 10 Chairman- PRESENT
Regis Kern, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT
Michael Higgins, District 12 Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Al Beavers, Beavers Field
Elijah Sims, District 3

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner moved, seconded by Michael Higgins, District 12 Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

2nd Vice Commander Teis asked the Chairman for a moment of time for a presentation. He presented a challenge coin and cap from the American Legion World Series to Chairman Shamhart since he was unable to attend the world series.

7. Approval of Committee Rules

Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner motioned, seconded by Richard Beeker, Region 1 Commissioner to approve the Committee Rules

MOTION PASSED

8. Ohio Baseball 2022 Rulebook Review- All dates and changes that need made in the rulebook are highlighted. The Spring Meeting will be February 20th, 2022. Time will be 10:30AM for the Commission and Chairmen, 1:00PM for the Coaches and Managers. Dates and times were discussed in the Ohio Rulebook. Most dates are set by National. Junior Tournament Dates will be July 14th-17th, 2022 at Beavers Field. The Junior Region Tournaments need to be complete by July 11th, 2022. The National Regional Tournaments will be August 3rd-7th, 2022 and the American Legion World Series will be August 11th-16th, 2022. The Senior Banquet will be Sunday July 24th, 2022. The Senior Baseball Tournament will be Monday July 25th – Thursday July 28th, 2022, and the “what if day” will be Friday July 29th. It will be the same format as last year with 5 games a day. The Regional Winner packets need to be turned in to Department by Thursday July 21st. Team photos need to be sent in to Christie ON THE FIRST DAY of your Region Tournament. Chris Emmons suggested to add a form in the team packets requiring the teams to submit a picture.

9. Junior and senior Tournament Dates

- a. Junior- July 14th-17th, 2022
- b. Senior- July 25th- 29th, 2022
 - a. Banquet- July 24th, 2022
 - b. Region Winner to Department- July 21st, 2022
 - c. All Teams pictures sent to Department on the first day of your Region Tournament

Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner motions, seconded by Chris Emmons, 3rd District Chairman to accept the dates under item #9.

MOTION PASSED

10. Team Fees

- a. Junior- TBD
- b. Senior- TBD

11. Background Check & Abuse Awareness Training- As soon as you fill out your background check, you will be given a link to complete your abuse awareness training. Background check and abuse awareness training is mandatory. This will all be completed through the same website so you do not have to go to different sites again.

13. Uniforms
 - a. Legion Baseball Patch- No Patch, No Play- patches can be silk screened, sewn on, Velcro, as long as its on there.
14. 2021 State Tournament Review- Al Bevers notified the committee that his field got “summer patch” after the Senior Tournament ended. Fortunately, he did not get army worms. He thinks the State Tournament went very well.
15. New Business
 - A. Appointment to Department Baseball Commission
 - a. Chris Emmons- Region 2 Commissioner

Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner motions, seconded by Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner to accept Chris Emmons as the Region 2 Commissioner.

MOTION PASSED

- B. District Baseball Chairman
 - a. Elijah Sims- District 3
 - b. William Lonsbury- District 2

Bret Mavis, Region 5 Commissioner motions, seconded by Regis Kern, 11th District Chairman to accept Elijah Sims as the District 3 Chairman and William Lonsbury as the District 2 Chairman.

MOTION PASSED

C. Commissioner Emeritus Status- Christie White suggests to the Committee that they start a Commissioner Emeritus title for those on the commission that have given so many years of their lives helping with Legion Baseball, so they will still be considered a commissioner after they resign and until they pass.

Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner motions, seconded by Michael Higgins, 12th District Chairman to start the honor of having a Commissioner Emeritus status for those Commission members that resign.

MOTION PASSED

Department Marv Shamhart reads the resignation of Richard Beeker, Region 1 Commissioner.

Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner motions, seconded by Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner to induct Richard Beeker, Howard Frase, and Chuck Morris as Commissioner Emeritus.

MOTION PASSED

16. Old Business- Ted Sturzinger mentions that he got a phone call from a Legionnaire that he wants his grandson to play Legion Baseball, but he cannot find a what Posts have teams. The suggestion was made to have a list of all the Posts with their city that have Junior and Senior Teams on the website. Marv Shamhart wanted to discuss the umpires and what the committee thought of them. Gary Swingle assigned the umpires this year since Tim Shumaker had health issues. The Committee agreed that Gary did a great job scheduling umps for the games.

17. Salute the Colors

18. Adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 12:21PM.