

MINUTES
BASEBALL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
February 20, 2022
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 Lightfoot led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Baseball Code of Conduct

Commissioner Sturzinger 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
Region 1 Commissioner- VACANT
Chris Emmons, Region 2 Commissioner- PRESENT
Ted Sturzinger, Region 3 Commissioner- PRESENT
Region 4 Commissioner- VACANT
Bret Mavis, Region 5 Commissioner- PRESENT
Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner- PRESENT
BJ Long, Region 7 Commissioner- PRESENT
Jack Hill, Region 8 Commissioner- EXCUSED
Bryce Agner, District 1 Chairman- PRESENT
Bill Lonsbury, District 2 Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Elijah Sims, District 3 Chairman- EXCUSED
Jerry Wilson, District 4 Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Mike Nye, District 5 Chairman- PRESENT
Roy Terry, District 6 Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Brad Teis, District 10 Chairman- PRESENT
Regis Kern, District 11 Chairman- PRESENT
Michael Higgins, District 12 Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Andrew Klingler, VH/VAVS/GFY Coordinator
Howard Frase, Baseball Commissioner Emeritus

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

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

MOTION PASSED

7. National Rule Changes – 6 rule changes. Pitching rule. Can't fake tag. Player recruiting. National Tournament Registration. Suspended games. Minimum active players. (see attached National Commission Report).

8. Junior and Senior Tournament Dates

a. Junior- July 14-17, 2022

b. Senior- July 25-29, 2022- Regional Games must be finished and winner sent to Department by July 21st .

9. Team Fees. Insurance from K&K was close to the same amount as last year. Chairman Shamhart proposed to set the Junior fees at \$500.00 and Senior fees at \$600.00

Chris Emmons, Region 2 Commissioner, motioned to set the Junior fees to \$500.00 and the Senior fees to \$600.00, seconded by Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner.

Discussion- Christie notified the committee that Baseball lost money every year, and we should not make the fees too low. However, we should not have a drastic increase because we are working on new fundraising and sponsorships. Brad Teis, 10th District Chairman, mentioned that the American Legion is coming out with a license plate and the DEC approved that all the money from the plates will go to legion baseball.

The motion was repeated. Chris Emmons, Region 2 Commissioner, motioned to set the Junior fees to \$500.00 and the Senior fees to \$600.00, seconded by Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner.

MOTION PASSED

a. Junior- \$500.00

b. Senior- \$600.00

10. National Regional Tournament Dates –

a. August 3rd-7th, 2022

Marv asked the committee to send their Region Tournament dates to Department as soon as they have them set. Winner packets need to be turned in to Department by July 21st.

11. Background Check & Abuse Awareness Training

a. Must be completed with proof of AAT- Certificate needs to be printed out and will be good for 2 years. Everyone needs to do it, Commission, Chairmen, Coaches, Managers, anyone that is involved with the athletes. All training will be through Protect Youth Sports. Once you complete your background check, an email will be sent and you will be sent a link for your Abuse Awareness Training.

12. Uniforms
 - a. Legion Baseball Patch- No Patch, No Play. Must be attached fully to the uniform. Sewn, Velcro, etc. Not a bobby pin. If the player does not have a patch, he cannot enter the game. If the coach has the player enter him in the game, the player and coach will be removed from the game. Silk screen patches are legal.
13. New Business
 - a. Region 1 Commissioner- Bryce Agner

Region 1 Commissioner, Richard Beeker has passed away. Bryce Agner has agreed to take over the Region 1 Commissioner duties.

Bret Mavis, Region 5 Commissioner, motioned to move Bryce Agner to the Region 1 Commissioner position, seconded by Chris Emmons, Region 2 Commissioner.

MOTION PASSED

- b. Girls Softball
Brad Teis, 10th District Chairman, suggests that if people are interested, they should start at Post level and District Level. There would need to be a resolution made. Chris Emmons, Region 2 Commissioner, will be finding out information from his contact at NALC about how North Carolina started their softball teams.
14. Old Business
 - a. Bret Mavis, Region 5 Commissioner, wanted to reiterate that pictures of all teams need to be taken and sent to Christie at Department as soon as the teams are formed before they play their first game.
 - b. Phil Lightfoot, Region 6 Commissioner mentioned that the maximum teams in the Department Junior Tournament will be 8 teams.
 - c. Email is albdistrict@gmail.com and password is District10.
 15. Meeting Adjourned at 11:30AM until Coaches and Managers meeting at 1:00PM

COACHES AND MANAGERS MEETING
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROOM
1:00PM

16. The meeting with the Baseball Coaches and Managers was called to order at 1:00PM
17. Salute to Colors
18. Teams Present
 - a. Napoleon
 - b. Lancaster
 - c. Fredericktown
 - d. Zanesville
 - e. Marietta
 - f. Beverly/Lowell
 - g. Wayne County

- h. Utica
- i. Sylvania
- j. Athens
- k. Westerville
- l. New Philadelphia

19. Department Baseball Chairman Shamhart went over the National Rule Changes. Pitching Rule. Fake Tag. Player Recruiting. National Tournament Registration. Suspended Games. Minimum Active Players.
20. General liability and personal accident Insurance was discussed so the teams knew the price differences.
21. Background checks- ALL team managers and coaches need fill out the background check form online. They will not be permitted to be around the athletes unless the background checks are approved. As soon as their background checks are completed on Protect Youth Sports, and email will be sent with a link to take the Sexual Abuse Awareness Training. Once complete, you will receive an electronic certificate. There will be no athlete interaction without an approved background check and sexual abuse awareness training certificate. The website for the sexual abuse awareness training is on National's Baseball website where you sign in to register your teams.
22. Junior and Senior Tournament dates were mentioned. Dates can be found in the Ohio Rulebook as well as the Department Website ohiolegion.com/baseball. Junior Regional Winners need to be sent to Phil Lightfoot by July 11th. Senior Regional Winners need to be sent to Christie White by July 21st.
23. Game 1- 9:00AM- Away- Region 8
Game 1- 9:00AM- Home- Region 4
Game 3- 2:00PM- Away- Region 3
Game 3- 2:00PM- Home- Region 2
Game 2- 11:30AM- Away- Region 6
Game 2- 11:30AM- Home- Region 1
Game 4- 4:30PM- Away- Region 5
Game 4- 4:30PM- Home- Region 7
24. Discussion about players that live in Region 1 but play for Region 2. Players need to play for the team closest to their house. If a player wants to play for a different team or Region, they need to be signed off on to play for another team by the Team that is closest to the player's house.
25. Tema fees were discussed. Junior fees are \$500.00 and Senior fees are \$600.00

26. Regional Tournament is in Midland Michigan on August 3rd-7th, 2022.
27. Patches must be worn on the uniform, or you cannot be on the field or in the dugout.
28. State Tournament Banquet- big bracket is requested, as well as have the teams/players get up on stage after the speakers and state their record and write their name on the bracket on the time slot they will be playing.
29. Full baseball uniform must be worn by all players and coaches. No shorts.
30. Meeting adjourned at 1:46PM