

Central Baseball & Softball Association  
Spring Informational Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, March 20, 2011

- Meeting was called to order by President Tracey Malloy at 4:04 PM at State Center City Hall.
- Board Members present were Tracey Malloy, Greg Petermeier, Stacy Porter, Pam Huguen, Tammy McAnulty, and Michelle Eibs. Jacob Berrey was not present
- Towns present were Albion, Clemons, Ferguson, Garwin, Laurel, LeGrand, Melbourne, Rhodes, and State Center. Towns not present were Baxter and Green Mountain.
- Treasurer's Report reflected that the League checking account balance as of the last statement received from the bank was \$2,021.55.
- Board Member Terms that expire this year are Stacy Porter's and Jacob Berry's. Both seek re-election. Tracey Malloy called for nominations from the attendees. None were given; therefore, both will have their terms renewed.
- Meeting Dates for 2011 were discussed. The Game Scheduling Meeting is Sunday, April 10, at the Melbourne Rec Center and will follow the same format as last year with Tball, Majors, and Babe Ruth scheduling from 3:00-3:45, Peewee boys and girls scheduling from 4:00-4:30, and Minor boys and girls scheduling from 4:45-5:15. Malloy stressed that at least one coach from each division must attend to schedule their games. Malloy also reminded teams when scheduling to try to get two games in per night, for example, do a Tball/Peewee doubleheader or a Peewee/Minor double header. He also reminded towns to choose coaches who are good role models and who at least have some knowledge of the basics of the game of baseball and softball. Since coaches' contact information will be collected from the League Secretary at this meeting, Malloy reminded everyone to make sure they bring that information along with them for any coaches not attending. League Secretary communicates via email so that information will also be collected at this time. ALL ROSTERS ARE DUE AT THIS MEETING. Roster form can be downloaded from the website. ALL LEAGUE FEES ARE DUE AT THIS MEETING. Fee schedule will remain the same as last year - \$15 for each Tball team, \$30 for each Peewee team and each Minor team, \$50 for each Major team and each Babe Ruth team, and \$40 per town for the website fee. The Tournament Scheduling Meeting is Sunday, June 5, at State Center City Hall at 4:00 PM. The Board will meet at 1:30 PM and pre-draw brackets and then the towns will come in to review the draw and resolve any conflicts. Malloy reminded towns that if a rep from your town is not present, it is the Board's discretion if you will then host any tournament games. Tournament games start Monday, June 27 and run through Sunday, July 10. All dates are available on the web under "Meetings & Minutes". The Fall Rules Meeting for girls' rules changes is Sunday, September 11 at Clemons Lutheran School at 4:30 PM.
- Rule Changes for 2011 were discussed. All rule changes were made with respect to bringing back the Babe Ruth divisions. The wording was changed from Majors to Babe Ruth, Babe Ruth will be grades 8-11, all Babe Ruth games will have a certified umpire behind the plate, all Babe Ruth umpires and coaches will be age 21 or older, and Babe Ruth players who are in 11<sup>th</sup> grade cannot be on a high school varsity roster.
- General discussion about Babe Ruth teams. Albion, Ferguson, Laurel, and Clemons are working on getting teams together. Concern was expressed whether all four towns would actually have a team and thus enough games to make it worth everyone's time and money. People are going to check into whether any neighboring towns or leagues have an 18U division that we could possibly schedule games with as well. Babe Ruth contact people are as follows: Albion is Sharon Rebik, Ferguson is Kevin Benzing, Laurel is Emily Bowie, and Clemons is Jacob Berrey.

- New website was discussed. This year the League went with a new host and thus a new look. Malloy reminded towns that if they would like to see anything added to the website, to let Eibs know. Also reminded towns to share the web address [www.centraliowabaseballandsoftball.org](http://www.centraliowabaseballandsoftball.org) with all coaches and parents because everything they need to know for the season is on the site including coach contact information, rules, driving directions, tournament information, board contact information and more. Malloy informed Eibs to change Clemons' map because it was actually a map of Baxter. Albion requested that Eibs put master schedules on the website this year. Towns will need to submit those to Eibs after scheduling to be loaded onto the site.
- Last season's tournaments were discussed. A fine of \$50 is due to the League from Baxter for a no call/no show to a peewee boys' tournament game. Porter pointed out that this \$50 will not be kept by the League and that it was already paid out to the host town to help cover expenses incurred due to the umpires and concession. Malloy reminded towns to have fields prepared as professionally as possible for tournament games. For example, have the fields chalked according to the rule book and have the fields raked nicely and the grass mowed. There was a general discussion about free substitution in tournaments. Board agreed that free substitution is acceptable during the regular season if both coaches agree upon it before the game begins; however, during the tournaments, the rule book will be followed with respect to substitution. Malloy and Petermeier expressed that the coach should have a preseason meeting with parents and kids to inform them of their intentions for the season and for tournament strategy.
- Malloy briefly reminded towns when having their town meetings to encourage coaches to print information off the website, have a parent meeting before the season begins, play as many kids as you can as often as you can especially during the regular season, and inform parents of what your strategy will be for tournament time. Malloy also pointed out to towns that most organizations schedule parents to ump and if they can't, they must find their own replacement or pay a fee to the club. Board encourages coaches/fans to show good sportsmanship toward umpires.
- Other Business was discussed as follows. Eibs requested for the Tball rules to be revisited due to a high volume of requests from parents regarding Pre-K kids playing Tball. Board agreed that it is up to each individual town whether to pull up Pre-K kids to fill a roster, but that the Pre-K kids MUST be going into kindergarten in the fall. Porter stated that the YMCA in Marshalltown has a Tball available for kids younger than kindergarten age. It was brought up that it needs to be added to the tournament rules that if you cannot play a game due to not having enough players, you must give 24 hours notice. Porter brought up that each town should provide their coaches with rule books. A sheet was sent around to take orders for rule books. Porter will purchase them and distribute at the Game Scheduling Meeting and payment will need to be made to her at that time. A preliminary team count was conducted with the reminder that this could change before the Game Scheduling Meeting in three weeks. Albion has 1 PW boys, 2 MI boys, 1 BR boys. Clemons has 1 TB boys, 1 PW girls, 1 PW boys, 1 MI boys, 1 MA girls. Ferguson has one team in each division, each gender. Garwin has 1 TB boys, 1 PW boys, 1 MI boys, Laurel has one of each on the boys side, 1 TB girls, 1 PW girls, 1 MA girls, LeGrand has one of each division, both genders, Melbourne has 2 TB girls, 2 TB boys, 1 PW girls, 2 PW boys, 1 MI girls, 1 MI boys, Rhodes has 1 TB girls, 1 TB boys, 1 PW girls, 1 PW boys, 1 MI girls, 1 MA girls, State Center has 1 TB girls, 2 TB boys, 2 PW girls, 2 PW boys, 1 MI girls, 1 MI boys.
- Malloy adjourned the meeting at 5:10 PM.