

Central Baseball & Softball Association  
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Spring Informational Meeting Agenda  
Sunday, March 11, 2012

- Call to Order
  - 4:09 PM at Melbourne Rec Center
- Board Member Roll Call
  - Present: Tracey Malloy, Greg Petermeier, Stacey Porter, Tammy McAnulty, Michelle Eibs
  - Not Present: Pam Hugen, Jacob Berrey (resigned)
- Town Roll Call
  - Present: Albion, Baxter, Clemons, Ferguson, Garwin, Laurel Girls, Laurel Boys, LeGrand, Melbourne, Rhodes, State Center
  - Not Present: Green Mountain
- Treasurer's Report
  - Current balance is \$2,365.63
- Board Member Terms
  - Tracey Malloy's term is up
    - Would like to seek re-election
  - Jacob Berry resigned
    - Need to elect someone to fill his term
  - Greg Petermeier's term is up
    - He would like to be elected to fill Jacob's remaining term
  - Nominations
    - Stacey Keeler from Albion nominated
    - Unanimous, voted in
- Old Business
  - Ferguson is owed a reimbursement for Babe Ruth - \$35
    - Tracey gave a check
  - Last year's tournaments
    - In the future, we will not pay Rose Queens, other community representatives, or local celebrities for helping at a tournament. We will still continue to pay the announcer.
    - We will decide on start times for tournament games at the Tournament Scheduling Meeting. However, due to several complaints from parents, we will need to make note on the brackets that tournament games start on time and not early unless there is impending inclement weather.
  - President Tracey Malloy read over girls' rule changes for 2012
    - Rule 2.01.2
      - Pee Wee 4 innings, 10-run rule after 3 innings (2.5 innings if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs)
    - Rule 2.01.3
      - Minors 5 innings, 10-run rule after 4 innings (3.5 innings if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs)
    - Rule 2.01.4

- Majors 7 innings, 12-run rule after 3 or 4 innings (2.5 or 3.5 innings if the home team is leading by 12 or more runs) and a 10-run rule after 5 or 6 innings (4.5 or 5.5 innings if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs).
- Rule 2.04
  - If a game ends because of weather conditions, or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided: Pee Wee have played 3 full innings, or if home team is ahead after 2.5 innings. Minors have played 4 full innings, or if home team is ahead after 3.5 innings. Majors have played 5 full innings, or if home team is ahead after 4.5 innings.
- Rule 2.05
  - If a pitcher pitches 3 balls with less than 2 strikes to any batter in the inning, an adult pitcher from the offensive team will enter the game and pitch to that batter **from within the pitching circle** and that batter will have to hit or strike out. If the batter has 2 strikes, the pitcher has the opportunity to strike out the batter until 4 balls are thrown. Then the adult pitcher enters the game. No bunts or walks are permitted off the adult pitcher. The youth pitcher performs all fielding responsibilities from within the pitching circle, even when the adult is pitching. In the last 2 weeks of the season, if coaches agree, pitchers can pitch the entire inning or game and there be no coach pitch.
- Rule 4.04.4
  - Majors 43'
- Rule 8.01
  - Any player, starter or substitute may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A starter and any substitute for a starter may not be in the game at the same time. A violation results in illegal substitution.
- Rule 9.01
  - Legal Bats-Rule 1-5 regarding bats will be followed with the following modification to 1-5-1d: Bats must meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard, bear the 2004 certification mark, and not be listed on the ASA non-approved bat list. Bats made entirely of wood are permitted and need not bear an ASA mark. **Bats with the 2000 certification mark are ILLEGAL.**
- Rule 9.02
  - All catchers in any division must wear a catcher's helmet and mask combination that meets NOCSAE standard while playing the game or warming up the pitcher. SEE Rule 1-7-1 and Rule1-7-3 in NFHS rule book.
- Rule 9.05
  - All divisions will use the optic yellow softball. Minors and Majors divisions shall use the Dudley SB12LRF Y FP.
- Board changed wording of Tournament Rule 2.0 so that peewee girls first and second round tournaments will only have one certified umpire.

➤ New Business

- Ordering of rule books
  - Stacey sent around a sign up form to order rule books
  - If you want a rule book, the deadline to order is this Friday with Stacey Porter.
- Meeting Dates for 2012
  - Game Scheduling Meeting is Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 AM at Melbourne Rec Center
    - Each town will need a Master Scheduler to attend to schedule all games, all divisions
    - Town scheduler will need to come with a plan – for example, which team has the home diamond on what night at what time.

- Suggested that it would be a good idea to have your coaches' meeting before this date.
  - Know what conflicts you might have such as school concerts, track meets, etc
- Town scheduler will need to turn in ALL rosters. MUST make sure coach name, phone number and email is on ALL rosters. Must be on the Official Roster Form. Scheduler will also need to turn in League fees.
  - \$15 per T-Ball team
  - \$30 per Peewee team
  - \$30 per Minor team
  - \$50 per Major/Babe Ruth team
  - \$20 per town for web site fees
- Tournament Scheduling Meeting is Sunday, June 3, at 4:00 PM, site TBA
  - League Board Members be there at 1:30 PM to randomly pre-draw brackets
  - Tentatively will be at Ferguson
  - One rep from each town must be present, if not present, will not get any home games
- Tournament Dates are as follows:
  - WED June 20 PW Girls & Boys First Round
  - THURS June 21 MI Girls & Boys First Round
  - FRI June 22 Raindate
  - MON June 25 PW Girls & Boys Second Round
  - TUES June 26 MI Girls & Boys Second Round
  - WED June 27 PW Girls & Boys Semifinal
  - THURS June 28 MI Girls & Boys Semifinal
  - FRI June 29 Rain Date
  - SAT June 30 Boys Championship at Albion
  - SUN July 1 Girls Championship at Baxter
  - Majors/Babe Ruth tournaments will be set at the Tournament Scheduling meeting
    - Will talk to the coaches and see what they would like to do once we see how many teams we have
- Fall Rules Meeting for Boys' Rules changes is Sunday, September 9 at 4:30, site TBA, TENTATIVE
  - Want suggestions from towns about when to have this meeting
    - It was suggested that September is too late due to football & harvest
    - Please ask your coaches at the coaches' meeting & give us feedback on when you might like to have it
  - One rep from each town must be present
  - Reimburse semifinal games; if your town is not there, you don't get your reimbursement
  - Boys rule changes so coaches need to attend

➤ Other Business

- Little League Days at Iowa Cubs
  - Discussed handout. It's up to each town if they choose to do this.
- Town Meetings
  - Encourage coaches to print information off the website
  - Encourage coaches to have a parent meeting before the season begins
  - Encourage coaches to play as many kids as you can as often as you can, especially during the regular season
  - Let parents/players know of what your strategy will be for the regular season and for tournament time
- Talked about Babe Ruth
- Scheduling

- Trying to do M-W Boys, T-R Boys
- Stressed that it's important to talk to coaches & make sure they know what the schedule will look like since someone else is doing their games for them
- Try to do double headers – helps your concession & getting field ready
- Season is moved up, some teams looking at starting games as early as the first week of May
- Moved up due to County Fair and 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday
- Will discuss at the Fall Rules Meeting if we want to keep the season moved up or go back to our usual schedule
- You may start practices as soon as you want. Each town determines this.
- Boys tball coach pitch – if you want your kids to be pitched to, pitch to them since you're pitching to your own team anyway. This is something that will need to be addressed at the Fall Rules Meeting. Make sure kids play the positions they're supposed to so that when they come to peewees, they know where the bases are and how they're supposed to play each position. Have extra balls ready & hustling to keep the game moving.
- Umpires
  - Most towns schedule parents to ump & they must find their own replacement
  - Home team provides the plate umpire, visiting team provides the base umpire
  - For peewee girls tournaments, ask the certified plate umpire if he/she would like a parent to base umpire.
  - During the regular season, if you want to hire certified umpires, you can get a list of umpires from Tracey. Usually charge \$25 per game.
  - Board encourages coaches/fans to show good sportsmanship toward umpires
- Adjournment
  - Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM