

Tournament Scheduling Meeting  
Sunday, June 3, 2012 at Ferguson Community Center

Board Members Present: Tracey Malloy, Greg Petermeier, Stacy Porter, Tammy McAnulty, Michelle Eibs, Stacey Keeler

Board Members Not Present: Pam Hugen

Tracey called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

Towns Present: Albion, Baxter, Clemons, Ferguson, Garwin, Green Mountain, Laurel Boys, Laurel Girls, LeGrand, Melbourne, Rhodes, State Center

Town Not Present: None

**End of Season Rules Meeting.** Stacy Porter made a motion to have the End of Season Rules Meeting on Monday, July 30 at 6:30 PM. Ed from Baxter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Tammy will double check to see if we can get Ferguson Community Center Building.

**End of Season Rules meeting.** It will be changes for boys' rules. One rule that needs to be addressed now is boys' bats. Reference page 9-10 NFHS rules. Boys baseball bats are supposed to be BBCOR stamped in order to be legal for high school rules. Due to the cost of these as well as the weight, we need to clarify what we can use. For right now, we are not following the BBCOR rules. Peewee & Minor Boys bats will have a barrel of 2-5/8 or less but does not have to be BBCOR stamped. Eliminating rule 1-section 3-article 2 C3 on page 10. A note will be put on the website regarding this change.

**Discussion on Championship Announcer.** We need an announcer for our championship games as Bill Armbrecht will be on vacation during our games this year. It would be easiest to have someone from Baxter and Albion since that's where the tournaments are this year. A suggestion was made from the audience and Tracey will follow up on that lead. We will pay \$25 per day as we have in the past. The PA system is provided and set up by the board. Albion will have a Boy Scout troop to handle the flag ceremony for their championships and possibly someone to sing the National Anthem as well. Suggested to Baxter if they have someone who want to sing it to let us know. As a sidenote, Jim Porter, who used to do all our tournament announcing, passed away a couple weeks ago.

**Discussion on umpires for tournament games.** We are competing with high schools to try to hire certified umpires, so it's very challenging to get them. We will have a certified umpire behind the plate for each tournament game. When we cannot get a certified ump for the field in first and second round games, we will have one representative from each town playing umpire in the field behind first and third bases. Make sure umpires are provided with water. Tracey suggested that towns offer them free concession stand food. We want to respect them and treat them nicely so they will want to come back and umpire in our league.

**Discussion about regular season umpiring.** Tracey said there have been some issues with umpires during this year's games already. Even though most towns have a parent rotation, please have someone who has a good understanding of our rules. However, please also ask coaches to respect these umpires. The league does not keep track of win/loss records, so we need to keep in mind that we are here to teach the kids the games of baseball and softball.

**Checklist for hosting tournament games.** Tracey read the Checklist for Hosting Tournament Games aloud. It is posted on the website under the Tournaments section.

**Discussion about Codes of Conduct.** Some towns are implementing written codes of conduct that they are enforcing at their diamonds.

**Change in time for the Minor Boys & Girls championships.** The championships for Minors will now be at 4:00 rather than 3:30.

**Raindates.** Raindates are Friday, June 22 & and Friday, June 29.

**Rosters.** Today is the last day to make additions to rosters.

**Tournament Rules.** They are posted on the website under the Tournaments section.

**Brackets.** Tracey read aloud the brackets. The brackets will be posted on the website in the Tournaments section.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.