

Central Baseball & Softball Association
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Spring Informational Meeting Agenda
Sunday, March 17, 2013

- Call to Order
 - President Tracey Malloy called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM at State Center City Hall.
- Board Member Roll Call
 - Board Members present: Tracey Malloy, Stacy Porter, Stacey Keeler, Tammy McAnulty, Michelle Eibs
 - Board Members not present: Greg Petermeier, Pam Hugen
- Town Roll Call
 - Towns present: Albion, Baxter, Clemons, Ferguson, Garwin, Laurel Boys, Laurel Girls, LeGrand, Melbourne, Rhodes, State Center
 - Towns not present: Green Mountain
- Treasurer's Report
 - Current balance is \$2,965.26
 - One year ago, the balance was \$2,365.63
- Board Member Terms
 - 3 open spots to fill
 - Greg Petermeier's term has one year left but he has resigned
 - Pam Hugen's term has expired & she is not seeking re-election
 - Tammy McAnulty's term has expired & she is not seeking re-election
 - Nominations
 - Emily Bowie from Laurel Boys to fill Petermeier's term
 - Brad Fuller from Ferguson to fill Hugen's spot for a full 3-year term
 - Bryce Dee from State Center to fill McAnulty's spot for a full 3-year term
 - Vote was taken. All were in favor with 0 opposed.
- Old Business
 - Rules changes for 2013 were read over & discussed.
 - Boys' Rule 10.01: "All boys' division bats will have a barrel of 2-5/8" or less and do not have to be BBCOR stamped."
 - Boys' Rule 10.04: "Peewee, Minor, & Babe Ruth divisions will be required to play with a genuine leather-covered baseball (no plastic-coated balls or Flexiballs)."
 - Boys' Rule 16.09: "For the first three innings of the game, all players will bat off the tee. The 4th inning will be optional coach pitch."
 - There was a long discussion regarding this rule. The tee MUST be used for the first 3 innings of the game; there will be no agreements to do coach pitch. The board discussed the rationale for this rule, which was also discussed at the end of season Rules Meeting. By doing this, it will make the games go much faster, the children will have more opportunities to bat, they will learn proper batting fundamentals, and the fielders will get more of a chance to practice fielding & throwing the ball.
 - Boys' & Girls' Tball Rule: "When a player is declared out, he/she must return to the dugout, but the inning will not be complete until all players have batted. The coaches will be responsible for declaring if a player was thrown or tagged out."
 - Boys' & Girls' Rule 11.0: "Any additions that need to be made to fill a roster must be submitted to the League Secretary by May 1."

- Other discussions
 - Tracey told towns that if they only had 7 or 8 players on their t-ball teams to go ahead & play with the smaller team. It can actually benefit the kids because they get to bat more times. He also recommended to think about keeping t-ball teams to a maximum of 10 players since that's all that can be on the field at a time.

➤ New Business

- Ordering of rule books
 - Towns submitted their rule book orders to Stacy Porter. Towns will need to pay her for those & pick them up at the Game Scheduling Meeting.
 - The Board recommends that each coach have his/her own rule book rather than just have one rule book for all coaches in a town.
 - Tracey reminded towns to make sure their coaches print off the bylaws & read them. The bylaws are available on the website & one copy was included in each packet handed out today.

- Meeting Dates for 2013

- **Game Scheduling Meeting is Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 AM at Melbourne Rec Center**
 - Please email your tentative team counts to Stacy Porter at rsgjporter@heartofiowa.net no later than Sunday, March 31 so the board knows how many teams there will be in each division in order to prepare for the meeting.
 - Each town will need a Master Scheduler to attend to schedule all games, all divisions. Master Scheduler may bring ONE assistant (same format as last year)
 - Town scheduler will need to come with a plan – for example, which team has the home diamond on what night at what time.
 - Know what conflicts you might have such as school concerts, track meets, graduation, etc
 - Scheduling works best with a large desk calendar & a pencil
 - Remember that Tuesday, June 18 will be the absolute last day to schedule a regular season game since first round tournament starts the next day.
 - 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 need to pay 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
 - Scheduler will need to turn in Board Member Form
- **Tournament Scheduling Meeting is Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 PM @ Melbourne Rec Center**
 - League Board Members will randomly pre-draw brackets beginning at 1:30 PM
 - One rep from each town must be present, if not present, will not get any home games
- **Tournament Dates are as follows:**
 - WED June 19 PW Girls & Boys First Round
 - THUR June 20 MI Girls & Boys First Round
 - FRI June 21 Rain Date
 - MON June 24 PW Girls & Boys Second Round
 - TUES June 25 MI Girls & Boys Second Round
 - WED June 26 PW Girls & Boys Semifinal

- THUR June 27 MI Girls & Boys Semifinal
- FRI June 28 Rain Date
- SAT June 29 Girls Championship at Ferguson
- SUN June 30 Boys Championship at Clemons
- CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIMES TBA – will be up for discussion at the Tournament Scheduling Meeting

- **Rules Meeting for Girls' Rules changes is Monday, July 29 @ 6:30 PM @ Albion Fire Station**

- One rep from each town must be present. Every girls' coach is STRONGLY encouraged to attend
- Reimburse semifinal games; if your town is not there, you don't get your reimbursement

➤ Other Business

- Town Meeting Suggestions from the Board

- Encourage coaches to print information off the website & to put the web address on things handed out to the parents, for example, game schedules
- 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. In peewees for example, bat all & play 9 in the field during the regular season & then when it gets close to tournament time, play by the regular substitution rules so kids learn the true rules of the game.
- Let parents/players know of what your strategy will be for the regular season and for tournament time

- Scheduling suggestions from the Board

- Try to do M-W Boys, T-R Girls
- Try to do double headers where possible – helps your concession & getting field ready
- You may start practices as soon as you want. Each town determines this.
- You may choose how early in the season you start your game schedule but be aware not to have the games too late while the kids are still in school.
- 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
 - 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.
 - Be role models & set a good example.

- Other Business

- South Tama joining the league
 - South Tama has inquired about joining the league. Because our season begins much earlier than theirs, they were not able to get everything around to participate this year, but are considering officially joining next year. They may be contacting people to schedule some games with us this year however.
- Suggestions for the website
 - Add actual street addresses to the maps

➤ Adjournment

- President Tracey Malloy adjourned the meeting at 4:57 PM.