

2017 Spring Informational Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 12th, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

State Center City Hall

Board Members Roll Call

Town Roll Call

Present: Baxter, Clemons, Ferguson, Garwin, Green Mountain, Laurel, LeGrand, Melbourne, Rhodes, State Center

Not Present: Albion

Treasure's Report

Current Balance: \$1907.76 (as of January 18th)

Last Year (at this time) Balance: \$3014.94

Board Member Terms ending in 2017

Emily Bowie – renewed

Jon Reed – renewed

Marshalltown

Chris started discussion on how scheduling with Marshalltown for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Towns could come and play Marshalltown. Marshalltown will come to scheduling meeting around 11 to schedule for Girls Games.

Newton

Marci talked about Newton 6th grade wants some more games but will only play if you have a mound. Tom (from Newton) will come to scheduling meeting also.

Old Business

Tournament Rule changes for 2017

- **Tournament Rule 2.0** First and second round tournament games for all peewees will be officiated by one ~~certified~~ umpire behind the plate. Semifinal and championship peewee games will be officiated by 2 ~~certified~~ umpires. **Peewee Girls Semifinals will have one umpire.** All tournament games for Minors, Majors, and Babe Ruth will be officiated by 2 ~~certified~~ umpires. The Board will **assign** ~~schedule~~ umpires for each tournament game. Host towns will be responsible for paying each umpire \$25 per game. The Board requests that towns please provide umpires complimentary concessions. **Towns hosting ALL tournament games will be reimbursed for umpire fees at the Fall Rules Meeting. (Will reword this at Tournament meeting.)** The Board will directly pay the umpires at the championship games. **If the umpire does not show up within the stated time, the host town will find a replacement person (minimum 18 years old) to umpire behind the plate or bases. If either town refuses to play, they will forfeit the game. Towns MUST have full umpire gear available.**
- **Tournament Rule 13.0** All championship games will be played without the 10-run rule. No time limit for championship games. **The Board will keep an official book. Both teams need to report any changes to official book keeper.**
- **Tournament Rule 14.0** All team rosters must be submitted prior to the tournament scheduling meeting. Only players appearing on the official team roster are eligible to play in tournament games. A player may play on only one team in a specific age division. **If not enough players, refer to Rule of 1.03 of Boys and Girls Rules.**

Add Player #'s on their Rosters ... will need to include for Tournament time. Will have more discussion on this at Tournament Meeting.

If each town could have Rule book in the concession stand so coaches don't need to bring these around.

Boys Rule Changes Discussion

- 8.01 Pitchers are allowed to pitch one county regulation game (PeeWee – 4 Innings, Minors – 5 Innings.) If pitched more than allotted innings, team forfeits.
- 7.06 **PeeWee Only** - The runner shall not leave his base before the ball reaches the batter ~~crosses home plate~~, or he shall be declared out.

Girls Rule Changes Discussion

- 7.06 **PeeWee Only** - ~~There will be no stealing in PeeWees.~~ The runner shall not leave her base before the ball crosses home plate, or she shall be declared out.
- **New Rule 15.13** Regulation softballs will not be used in T-ball games. The ball to be used in all games will be a soft touch core ball, such as the Diamond Flexi Ball.
- **New Boys Rule 11.07 and Girls Rule 10.07:** No town in the league shall have more than 2 teams per division. If town feels they have an exception, town shall bring circumstances to the board for discussion and review. All final decisions to be done before the day of scheduling meeting.
- Rule 6.01 Every batter MUST wear approved protective helmets **with facemask and chinstrap** at ALL TIMES while running, batting, waiting on deck, or catching. THE CATCHER MUST WEAR A HELMET AND THROAT GUARD, EVEN WHEN WARMING UP THE PITCHER. If a batter hits the ball and throws her helmet off before the play is stopped, or the ball is dead, SHE SHALL BE DECLARED OUT. However, if her helmet falls off while she is running, there is no penalty.

Meeting Dates for 2017

- **Scheduling Meeting**
 - Saturday, April 8th from 9 am to 12 pm
 - 9-10:30 Boys
 - 10:30 – 12 Girls
 - Melbourne Community Center
 - 2 Representatives from each town
- **Roster Deadline – May 15**
- **Tournament Scheduling**
 - Sunday, June 4th
 - Board Members at 1:30 pm
 - All Towns at 4:00 pm
 - 1 Representative from each town
 - Ferguson Community Center (gym)
- **End of Season Rules Meeting**
 - Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm
 - LeGrand Community Center (aka Log Cabin) – 206 North Vine LeGrand
- **Tournament Dates**
 - PW Girls & Boys First Round
 - Monday, June 26
 - MI Girls & Boys First Round
 - Tuesday, June 27
 - PW Girls & Boys Second Round
 - Wednesday, June 28
 - MI Girls & Boys Second Round
 - Thursday, June 29
 - Rain Date
 - Friday, June 30
 - MI Girls & Boys Semifinal
 - Wednesday, July 5
 - PW Girls & Boys Semifinal
 - Thursday, July 6
 - Rain Date
 - Friday, July 7
 - Girls Championship at Baxter (East Diamond)

- Saturday, July 8
- PeeWee at 2 pm
- Minor at 4 pm
- Boys Championship at Clemons
- Sunday, July 9
- PeeWee at 2 pm
- Minor at 4 pm

New Business

Other Business

Mounds – there is no rule to have to have them. Semi Finals and Finals are at places to that have mounds.

LeGrand has an issue ... their numbers are down for TBall. So many need to have 3 TBall teams ... 2 Boys and 1 Coed. Board is ok with recognizing Coed team as a Girls team.

Reminder – Tball 10 on a field at a time ... try to hold by this. 12 on a team. Time limit.

Adjorned: 4:55 pm