



## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION STATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2019

Elks Lodge, 3409 W Bangs Ave., Neptune, NJ

Members in Attendance: See attached Sign-in Sheet

Members Absent: Jerry Murphy, Carmine Conti, Cesare Papetti

NOTE – Eligible Voting Members in Attendance – 4

Meeting called to order by State Director at 9:15AM

A.) MINUTES - Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting were not read but approved.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT – Tom Howard distributed and reviewed the current status of the State treasury (copy attached) which was unanimously approved. Tom also reported that all dues for 2018 have been paid by the districts and reminded all that dues for 2019 must be paid by the spring State meeting in order to be eligible to host tournaments.

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman reviewed the current rotation and assignment schedule for this years' State Little League Tournament.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Altman reported that as of Tuesday March 5, 2019 63 out of 268 leagues have submitted their ASAP Safety plans which is about normal for this time of year. He reminded everyone of the April 1 deadline for receiving discounts/rebates from LL upon submission of the Safety Plan.

E.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Richardson discussed several items including of the rule changes for 2019, and a reminder that the mini-Congress will be held in Hartford, CT in 2020.

F.) 2019 TOURNAMENT SITES – Updates were made to the 2019 Tournament Site schedule. Tony Luceri will send out an email to all of those DAs whose sites have yet to be determined so that we can finalize the host sites by the Spring meeting. Dave

Koehler also reported that he received only 3 or 4 responses from league presidents regarding 9-10-11 year old softball. Based on their responses and the lack thereof, a motion was made by Joe Romanelli and second by Bud Coates to eliminate the tournament for this age group and unanimously approved.

G.) OLD BUSINESS – None.

H.) NEW BUSINESS - The following items were discussed:

1. Tony Luceri reviewed the election process for State Director since this is the year an election is scheduled to take place at the Spring State meeting in April. (Copy attached).

2. Tony Richardson reported that in 2020 LL International will establish an Umpire Registry for the purposes of background checks to eliminate multiple checks on the same person at various levels of tournaments or if an umpire officiates in more than one league.

3. A discussion was held regarding problems and concerns regarding the dwindling numbers of participants in the older age group tournaments and the identification of hosts for these tournaments. As a result of this discussion it was recommended and approved that this year's 50/70 baseball tournament will be conducted as follows. There will be a bi-sectional tournament rather than four sectional tournaments with Sections 1 & 2 playing for the North Section Champion and Sections 3 & 4 playing for the South Section Champion. These two champions will play a best 2m out of 3 series to determine the State champion at a site to be determined. Each district will be allowed to send one District champion to this tournament (as a result of a district tournament). This year's South Sectional tournament host will be Middletown LL (D19) with the North Section tournament host to be determined (TBD).

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00AM

Respectfully submitted:

Tony Luceri, State Information Officer

ATTACHMENTS: as stated