



## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION STATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2018

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

Members in Attendance: See attached Sign-in Sheet

Members Absent: Jerry Murphy, Carmine Conti, Ron Teel

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. He also reported that a previous sponsor would like to return as a sponsor for 2018 – Right Response. He will continue dialogue with their new representative. Also, he has not been able to contact a potential new sponsor whose original check bounced (Top Row Sports). In order to eliminate some past confusion, it has been decided that Tom will order all of the State flags for the host districts and hopefully have them by the spring meeting for distribution. Tony Luceri will notify all host DAs of this change.

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman had no report at this time.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Altman reported that the Little League website and Data Center is currently under repair and has no access to Safety Plan information. He has been advised by LL that repairs are underway. To date 65 out of 274 leagues have submitted Safety Plans and in 2017 NJ had an approval rate of 92%. He reminded all of the new background check company and explained some of the procedures to follow. Contact him if there are any questions or problems. He also stated that he would like to present a Safety Officer Pin each year to all league, district and sectional Safety Officers who have approved Safety Plans as a token of appreciation.

Funds will come out of his budget and should be about 325 or so pins each year. A motion was made by Cesare Papetti regarding this – second by Joe Romanelli and unanimously approved to allow Jeff to do this.

E.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Richardson discussed several items including some items of interest with the International Board. He also reported that his term on the International Board will conclude in November. He reported that the agenda item discussed at the Congress involving the mandatory ejection of a manager is still being reviewed and will be further discussed at the Board meeting in August.

F.) 2018 TOURNAMENT SITES – Updates were made to the 2018 Tournament Site schedule. Additionally, a lengthy discussion was held regarding the rescheduling of the 9-10-11BB tournaments due to the recent initiation to the Regional tournament in Massachusetts. Cesare stated that his State host league (Paramus) had already secured a facility for a banquet and other arrangements for the tournament and a change now would cause some problems. It was also discussed that the new dates for this tournament would conflict with other age group tournaments and cause a burden on some districts whose leagues have only one little league palying field. As a result of this discussion, a motion was made by Buddy Coates (second by Cesare Papetti) that for 2018, NJ would not participate in the Regional Invitational and we would revert back to the original scheduled dates which was unanimously approved. Dave Koehler will review the dates and send out the updated information. Additionally, it was decided that Tony Richardson would contact the Regional Tournament Director and inquire about the possibility of them changing their dates for future tournaments as we think that the current timeframe may also be a problem for other Mid-Atlantic region states. Dave Koehler reported that a request for Special Games for the 9-10-11BB tournament in NJ (as previously discussed at the fall State meeting) was denied by Little League. In another matter, a discussion was held regarding the lack of teams involved in 50/70BB throughout the State. As a result of this discussion it was recommended that a bi-sectional tournament (district champs from Section 1 vs. Section 2 and Section 3 vs. Section 4) be held with the winners of each tournament playing a best 2 of 3 series for the State championship – motion made by Frank Trenkle and second by Cesare Papetti and unanimously approved. Dave Koehler also stated that he has updated the rotation schedules through 2020 and asked that each section review the schedules and inform him of any changes/modifications.

G.) OLD BUSINESS – None.

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

1. Dave Koehler reported on the status of the new State website. All information from the Eteamz site has been included on the new website except for the State tournament brackets. Tony Luceri will work on this section of the website since he has done it for District 21 and is a somewhat complicated procedure. If successful, both sites will have the State tournament brackets for 2018 to ensure their accuracy.

2. Tony Richardson reported that since there was a glitch in securing a hospitality room at Congress, there is \$3000. Still remaining in the budget. A suggestion was made that these funds be used to purchase the Congress shirts, but after a brief discussion this suggestion was not approved and the funds will remain unspent at this time.

3. A brief discussion was held regarding the overall view of the Congress by those who attended. It was a consensus of opinion that Little League should return to the Host Committee procedures as done in the past to alleviate and eliminate some of the problems that were encountered in New Orleans.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30AM

Respectfully submitted:  
Tony Luceri, State Information Officer  
ATTACHMENTS: as stated