



## NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION STATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2016

Days Inn, Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ

Members in Attendance: See attached Sign-in Sheet

Absent: Jeff Altman, State Safety Officer

NOTE – Eligible Voting Members in Attendance – 5

Meeting called to order by State Director at 9:00AM.

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

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT – Tom Howard submitted the Treasurer's Report and the proposed budget (copies attached) for next year. A brief discussion was conducted regarding fees owed to the Association by District 20. He and Joe Romanelli will make the appropriate contacts to get this taken care of. After a discussion regarding the proposed budget, along with a discussion regarding the budget for the upcoming Road Shows, a motion was made (Buddy Coates) and seconded (Cesare Papeti) and passed to present the proposed budget to the DAs in November.

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman submitted his report on the 2016 State tournament season. A discussion was held regarding this past season, continuing umpire problems regarding State tournament assignments, and comments he received as a result of questions posed to the Section Umpire Consultants and District UICs. He recommended that the system of assigning umpires to State tournaments be changed to having the Section Umpire Consultant be responsible for all State tournament assignments in their respective sections except for the Little League Baseball Tournament (which would remain as is). After a brief discussion the Committee decided to make no changes to the current assignment system and Craig's report was accepted..

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Altman was not in attendance but sent his report and is attached.

E.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Richardson discussed several items as follows:

1. DA Clinic will be held Oct 28-29 in Bristol. The International Board meeting will be held November 11-13.

2. Don Soucy announced that he will be retiring in June, 2017. No successor named as of yet.

3. Ed Gumbrecht has some vendors that are interested in sponsoring at the Road Shows in December. Additional contact by Tony Richardson will be made to finalize the participants.

4. Achievement Awards will be given to the following Regional Champions:  
Robbinsville Little League – Little League Softball  
Clifton American/National LL – Senior Baseball  
North Vineland LL – Intermediate (50/70) Baseball

F.) 2015 SECTION AND STATE TOURNAMENT REPORTS BY SECTION:

1. Section 1 – Cesare Papeti reported that there were no problems during this past tournament season. A discussion was held regarding 11 year old softball and baseball throughout the State and maybe we should look into eliminating the softball tournament from the State schedule. Other alternatives were to have a multi team state tournament bypassing the district and sectional level since there are so few teams. It was suggested that maybe we ask for a Special Games Approval for this age group. Tony Luceri will send out an email to all DAs to see who has 11 year old softball.

2. Section 2 – Ron Teel reported that there were no problems during this past tournament season.

3. Section 3 – Buddy Coates reported no problems during the past tournament season.

4. Section 4 – Joe Romanelli reported that there were no problems during the tournament season except for some issues with Monroe Twp LL and Swedesboro that will be addressed at the Section meeting.

G.) OLD BUSINESS - None

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

1. It was decided that we will not pursue the suggestion by Corey Wright to look into the possibility of three (3) year state tournament sites in NJ.

2. Cesare Papeti and Tony Richardson will contact Bob Ball to discuss the status of District 17. If necessary, contact will also be made with the current D17 leagues to discuss their future.
3. After a very brief discussion regarding the responsibilities in hosting a State tournament, the document outlining these responsibilities was reviewed and will be updated.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10pm

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