



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION STATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2015

Days Inn, Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ

Members in Attendance: See attached Sign-in Sheet

Members Absent: Ron Teel

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 15. He and Joe Romanelli will make the appropriate contacts to get this taken care of. After a discussion regarding the proposed budget, a motion was made and passed to present the proposed budget to the DAs with the following changes:

1. Funds fro the DA Road Show be reduced to \$1000.00
2. Increase the annual dues to \$200.00
3. Eliminate the distribution and cost 25 State pins per district

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman submitted his report on the 2015 State tournament season (copy attached). After a discussion regarding this past season and continuing umpire problems the report was accepted as submitted. It was also decided that this year's State Umpires Clinics will be held in Sections 1 & 3 and that the clinics be run on separate weekends. Craig will meet with the respective Section Umpire Consultants to formulate the curriculum.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Altman stated that LL was updating their database but to the best of his knowledge we are about 90% ASAP participation for the year. He is hopeful to have the final figures for the DA meeting in December.

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

1. Leagues can only charter online this year.
2. There has been a discussion regarding team reimbursement to the 9-10 BB and SB Regional Invitational tournaments.
3. Little League and Honda have created a Relief Fund for use by leagues who have suffered severe losses. Applications and additional information is available on LL website.
4. New bat standards will be in effect in 2018. This will include the elimination of 2 ¼" bats in Little League.
5. The new age determination chart is out and takes affect partially in 2016 and fully in 2018.
6. The East Region Mini Congress will be held in Philadelphia March 4-6, 2016. LL will be reimbursing the cost to attend.

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. He also reported that Ridgewood LL Junior Baseball Team participated in the World Series in Taylor, MI for which they will receive the State DA Achievement Award.
2. Section 2 – Carmine Conti, Jr. reported that there were no problems during this past tournament season but had two concerns regarding the late scheduling of the 10-11BB State tournament and the last minute changes his section had to make for the 50/70 Section tournament.
3. Section 3 – Buddy Coates reported that once again Freehold Township LL did an outstanding job in hosting the Junior BB Regional tournament. He also stated that he will be addressing the continuing problem of the completion and submission of TIFs and with the scheduling of section tournaments in Section 3.
4. Section 4 – Joe Romanelli reported that there were no problems during the tournament season except for some dress code issues.

G.) OLD BUSINESS - None

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

1. Achievement Awards – It was recommended and approved that Ridgewood Little League Junior Baseball Team be given this award.
2. A motion was made and unanimously passed to move up the dates of the State 9-10 BB and SB tournaments by one week.
3. Carmine Conte presented an update on the progress of the Realignment Committee and submitted two proposals by the committee (attached). After a lengthy discussion regarding this issue, a motion was made and passed (4-1) to present both proposals to the DA Association at the December meeting for discussion and vote.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10pm

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