



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION STATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2018

Brick LL Clubhouse, Cherry Quay Rd., Brick, NJ

Members in Attendance: See attached Sign-in Sheet

Absent: Craig Yetman, State Supervisor of Umpires

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 held regarding sponsors, Congress subsidy, and other items on the budget. Contact will be made to determine the status of the remaining state sponsors. Additionally, Carmine Conti suggested that the proposed budget be amended as follows: reduce the Umpire School Subsidy to \$1000.00 and increase the Safety Clinics/Program to \$1000.00 to which all agreed. Additionally, Tom Howard suggested that since there was \$3000.00 remaining in the Congress item (since there was no hospitality room in New Orleans), that the Congress subsidy be reduced to \$500.00 to which all agreed.

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman submitted his report on the 2018 State tournament season via email since he was unable to attend the meeting. A discussion was held regarding the submission or lack of submission of background checks for State tournament umpires as stated in Craig's report. It was then reiterated that background checks are mandatory for State Tournament umpires and that they are to be done by the host DA. With regards to the assignment of umpires for State tournaments by the local DA, it was agreed that the host DA has the authority to assign the local umpires to the State tournament.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Altman reported that the State had a 95.5% approval rate for ASAP reports this year. No district was below 80% and we had 12 districts at 100% - a far cry from our status several years ago when he first became the State Safety officer. He thanked everyone for their commitment to this program and the Committee thanked him in return for all of his efforts. He reported that Jim Ferguson has retired and that Christina Padeo(?). He reported that he no longer has access to the data center information regarding the Safety Program and both Tony Richardson and Carmine Conti stated that they will bring that item up during the upcoming International Board and Advisory Board meetings, respectively. Cesare also stated that he would like both Tony and Carmine to bring up the possibility of giving appointed State officials (i.e. State Safety Officers, State Information Officers, and State Umpire Consultant) some perks from LL such as World Series tickets, etc similar to those given to DAs..

E.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Richardson discussed several items that were discussed during the International Board meeting at the World Series. He reported that the mini Congress will be held in Hartford, CT on March 5 – 8, 2020 and that the next Congress will be held January 27-30, 2022 in Anaheim, CA. He also stated that his term on the International Board will be expiring in November.

F.) 2015 SECTION AND STATE TOURNAMENT REPORTS BY SECTION:
Nothing was discussed regarding this item.

G.) 2019 SECTION AND STATE TOURNAMENT SITES – Dave Koehler led a discussion regarding the status of certain age level tournaments as previously discussed (recommendations attached). These items were discussed as follows:

1. 9/10/11 Softball State Tournament – Since there are very few teams statewide in this age group, it was suggested that a state-wide tournament be instituted with all of the teams participating with the restriction that there be only one team from each district. This tournament would be held on weekends only and include double headers. It was agreed that this would be presented to the all of the DAs at the next State meeting on November 17, 2018.

2. 8/9/10, 10/11/12, Junior and Senior Softball State Tournaments – Dave suggested that we adjust the current games calendar to provide double headers for these state tournaments and that these tournaments will be held over one weekend instead of the current 5 or 6 days. The schedule will be games 1 & 2 on Friday night, games 3, 4, and 5 on Saturday and games 6 & 7 on Sunday. After a brief discussion all were in agreement with this format. Dave noted that this schedule was used during this year's 8/9/10 State tournament hosted by District 12.

3. Intermediate Division Tournament – A recommendation was suggested that there be no District tournament in this age group and that there be two Section tournaments – North (Sections 1 & 2) and a South (Sections 3 & 4) as double elimination tournaments and a best 2/3 State final. After a discussion regarding this format and considering the number of teams that participated in this age group in 2018, Carmine

suggested that there be a State tournament held for any team that wants to participate with the stipulation that only one (1) team from each district participates. If a district has multiple teams, then they would have to have a District tournament with the winner advancing to the State tournament. There would be no Section tournament in this age group. Also, it would be suggested that this tournament be hosted by a league somewhere centrally located in the State.

The above mentioned suggestions and recommendations, along with the proposed tournament calendars as prepared by Dave K. are attached to these minutes.

H.) OLD BUSINESS – None.

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

1. Since there were some isolated problems with teams being notified of State tournament banquets, Tony Luceri will post such information on the State website.
2. With respect to State banquets, barbeques, picnics and such for State tournaments, it was reminded that according to our current “Host Responsibilities” sheet (copy attached), the only age groups that make such activities mandatory are LLBB and LLSB. All other age groups, such activities are optional. We will make this list of requirements an attachment on the State meeting agenda.
3. A reminder to all that election for State Director will be at the April State meeting and that Section Coordinators for Sections 1 & 3 are also up for election. After a brief discussion the length of these terms, a motion was made by Carmine Conti (second by Cesare Papetti) to amend the by-laws and make the Section Coordinators and alternates a four (4) year term to be consistent with the terms of District Administrators and State Director.
4. Dave K. suggested that in light of the problems encountered by Holbrook Little League, we invite a representative of the NJ Consumer Affairs Division to our State meeting to discuss the various filing requirements for local leagues. These filings are in addition to the Federal tax filings required of each league.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45am

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