



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES APRIL 25, 2015 Days Inn, Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ

Meeting called to order by State Director at 9:03AM

Attendance Roster attached.

Many thanks to the six (6) State Sponsors who attended this meeting and gave a brief presentation of their products/services before our regular meeting agenda.

A.) MINUTES - Minutes of the Previous Committee and State Meetings were not read.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT – Tom Howard presented the Treasurer's Report (copy attached) with a brief explanation of each line item. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept his report.

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman summarized the two (2) Umpire's Clinics that were held on March 21 and 22, 2015 in Gloucester City and Wallingford, respectively. He thanked all who participated especially the Section Umpire Consultants Tony Eller and Rich Rinalli, Sr. and their respective instructors for a great program. Buddy Coates (Section 3) and Cesare Papeti (Section 1) have volunteered to host the 2016 Umpire Clinics. Craig also presented the timelines to submit and select umpires for the State tournaments.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff reported that all was good with ASAP throughout the state and thanked everyone for their support. Two (2) districts are at 100% ASAP participation (Districts 10 & 17). Our numbers are a little down but there is still time to submit the safety plans.

E.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Carmine Conte gave an overview of the Realignment Committee's progress to date. Additional information will be coming in the

future. Tony Richardson then presented Bob Chiodo (ADA #5) with a plaque thanking him for his 50 years of service to Little League. Additionally a plaque was also given (through DA Skip Mofsenon) to Rich Franco upon his retirement as DA #8 for more than 20 years. He then gave a brief presentation on several items that were covered at the International Board meeting. These items included a discussion regarding the age determination date (possibly Aug 31), potential Congress 2018 sites (New Orleans, San Antonio, and San Diego), the use of a 2 5/8" bat in Little League, and a Disaster Relief Fund set up by Little League.

F.) 2015 STATE TOURNAMENT SITES – Dave Koehler - The sites for all Section and State Tournaments were finalized with the exception of a very few. We are still looking for a site for the 10-11 State Softball Tournament. He also reported that the announcement date for the 11-12 SB tournament teams will be June 7 and the district tournament for that age group can be started June 21, 2015 with approval from the Region (Corey Wright). Also Regional approval (Corey Wright) can also be granted to start the Senior BB and 50/70 tournaments before June 26, 2015. Dave also gave a brief review of the TIF and its attachments along with a short review of the findmyleague.com website. He further reported that this year's State tournament pairings will be Section 1 vs. Section 2 and Section 3 vs. Section 4.

H.) OLD BUSINESS – None.

I.) NEW BUSINESS – Cesare Papetti began a discussion regarding additional meeting for the State Committee and State DA Assn. After a brief discussion Carmine Conte proposed that this item be tabled and discussed at the next State Committee meeting. The following proposals (all attached) were presented and passed by the membership:

1. State Director's Term of Office to be Four (4) Years
2. Recognition of Veteran District Administrators – A motion was made by Jeff Ware to eliminate the 20 year requirement for recognition but failed to pass.
3. Award State Tournament Umpires with a Patch Tony Richardson thanked all for their support in electing him to the Little League International Board.

The floor was then opened for nominations for State Director. Ron Teel made a motion to Nominate Tony Richardson and send by Tom McCarville. No other nominations were made and with the casting of one vote by the State Information Officer, Tony Richardson was reelected to the State Director's position for four years beginning October, 2015.

J.) EAST REGION REPORT – Don Soucy gave a brief overview of several items including the following:

1. East Region Little League BB Tournament will be held August 10-16 and will use a Modified Double Elimination format (no "if" game).
2. East Region Little League SB Tournament will be held July 25-31 and will use both pool play and a true double elimination format.

3. LLSB teams can be announced on June 7, 2015.
4. Dates and locations of NJ tournaments must be to the Region by May 7, 2015.
5. All tournament enrollments must be done online. A Tournament Enrollment Toolkit has been mailed out.
6. Thanks to the Realignment Committee for their work to date. He would like to participate in future meetings.
7. Mini Congress will be held in March 3-6, 2016 at the Double Tree Hotel, Center City, Philadelphia, PA.
8. There are various improvement projects underway at the Complex in Bristol including dorm roofing and siding, fencing, and lighting.

Cesare Papetti then asked Don to look into why tournament fees were increased from \$75.00 to \$150.00 last year citing that this is a financial burden on leagues. Don acknowledged that he would look into it.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted:
Tony Luceri, State Information Officer

ATTACHMENTS: as stated