



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES APRIL 28, 2018 Days Inn, Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ

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

Attendance Roster attached. Tony Richardson welcomed Amry Shelby, Assistant Regional Director, East Region to our meeting.

Many thanks to the two (2) 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 reported that he as soon as all of the State tournament sites are identified he will be sending out the nominee sheets for these tournaments.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff reported that all was good with ASAP throughout the state and thanked everyone for their support. For 2017 NJ had a 95% participation rate for the ASAP program – the highest in many years. He also stated that we are currently at approximately 75% to date but that will change as the season progresses and the rosters are reported. To date, District 10, 13 and 16 were at 100%. He stated that, as discussed at the recent State Committee meeting, he will be thanking all district Safety Officers by presenting them with a pin to show our appreciation for their hard work. He also conducted a brief discussion on the new background check service.

E.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Richardson discussed some of the current problems with the Data Center as it pertains to the ASAP program. A brief discussion was conducted about the new Sex Offender legislation whereby volunteers (coaches, league officials, umpires, etc) may be liable if they do not report any suspected child abuse activity that they may observe at the field. He also mentioned that the LL Grant program is moving along and that there was \$75000.00 awarded to Puerto Rico as a result of the devastating hurricane. Also, Tom Gardner, NJ Elks Challenger Program gave a brief overview of his program and thanked NJ Little League for all of their support to his program. He reminded that the Elks State Championships will be held on June 23, 2018 at North Wall Little League. He also stated that participants over the age of 21 are now eligible to continue to participate and thanked Little League for adopting this in the Challenger Program.

F.) 2018 STATE TOURNAMENT SITES – Dave Koehler - The sites for all Section and State Tournaments were reviewed and finalized with the exception of Intermediate (50/70) baseball sectionals and Section 2 9-10-11 BB Sectional (District 8). With regards to Intermediate Baseball a discussion was conducted as to the state of this age group throughout the state and whether we should change the format to determine a state champ as discussed at the recent State Committee meeting. This discussion led to include the state of Junior and Senior baseball in NJ and it was decided that for 2018, the Intermediate age group will operate as usual and that Dave Koehler will head a committee to look into what will be done in the future with regards to this age group and the Junior and Senior Baseball group. This discussion and committee formation is a result of dwindling participants in these age groups. Carmine Conti gave an update on the status of the preparations for the Joe Graziano State Little League Baseball Championship hosted by Secaucus Little League.

H.) OLD BUSINESS – None

I.) NEW BUSINESS – None

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

1. A review of the important dates with regards to tournament including waiver dates and forms processing, umpire schools, and LLBB and LLSB East Region tournaments
2. He handed out two documents regarding Congress rule changes and clarifications including the Mandatory play rule and violation punishment.
3. He reminded all DAs to verify all league boundary maps on the Data Center since they will be the maps that LL will be using for player verification. Any changes should be forwarded to the Region for processing.
4. There will be no handwritten affidavits this year – all affidavits will be prepared through the Little League website link like last year.

Buddy Coates then informed the group that Mike LaCava, ADA – D19 was honored as ADA of the Year at the International Congress in New Orleans. Congratulations to Mike for all he has done for Little League.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55am

Respectfully submitted:
Tony Luceri, State Information Officer

ATTACHMENTS: as stated