



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 30, 2016

Days Inn, Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ

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

Attendance Roster attached. Tony Richardson also welcomed Corey Wright and Amry Shelby, Assistant Regional Directors, East Region to our meeting.

Many thanks to the five (5) State Sponsors who attended this meeting and gave a brief presentation of their products/services before our regular meeting agenda. Also Thanks to Tom Gardner NJ State Director of The Elks Club who gave a brief presentation regarding the Challenger Program and the cooperation that they continue to enjoy with all of the Challenger Leagues throughout the state.

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. He also gave a brief presentation concerning the distribution of the State pins at State tournaments.

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman summarized the two (2) Umpire's Clinics that were held in March, 2016 in Hamilton Twp (HTRBA) and Wallingford, respectively. He thanked all who participated as instructors. Craig also reminded the group of the timelines to submit and select umpires for the State tournaments once all the sites have been determined.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff reported that all was good with ASAP throughout the state and thanked everyone for their support. For 2015 New Jersey was at 92% ASAP participation and he anticipates the same or thereabouts for 2016. Once again he is always available to conduct a Safety Clinic for your district.

E.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Richardson gave a brief outline of some of the items that were discussed at the recent Board of Directors Meeting in Washington, DC. These items included rule changes and the possibility of realigning the teenage age groups.

F.) 2015 STATE TOURNAMENT SITES – Dave Koehler - The sites for all Section and State Tournaments were finalized with the exception of a very few. Corey Wright suggested that New Jersey should consider making State tournament host sites on a three (3) year basis rather than change each year. He noted that initially New York was against the idea but tried it on a limited basis and now has adopted the three year assignment permanently. It was agreed that we would discuss this possibility at a later date.

H.) OLD BUSINESS – Dave Koehler discussed the upcoming LL Road Shows that will be presented in New Jersey. They will be held on Saturday December 3, 2016 at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Hall and on Sunday December 4, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Express in East Windsor, NJ. A brief discussion was held regarding the Region and State role in setting up and conducting these shows. Corey stated that the Region will take care of sending out the information to all the leagues in New Jersey as well as the surrounding states. They will also supply all of the materials and instructors for these presentations.

Joe Romanelli then reminded all that there is a need to enforce the state mandated dress codes for all tournaments. He has noticed that there are still some violations that go unnoticed. After a brief discussion, it was determined that for all level tournaments, it is the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or host DA to enforce this dress code.

I.) NEW BUSINESS – Bob Ball (DA #17) presented a two item proposal (attached) regarding District 17. The first part of the proposal was to move to have certain leagues in his district move to adjoining districts for district tournament play for 2016. The reason behind this is because he feels that due to the lack of teams participating in the District tournaments, he cannot conduct a meaningful tournament. His second proposal was to completely disband District 17 and move his leagues to Districts 1 and 10. After a lengthy discussion, including input from Corey Wright, a motion was made to have the baseball leagues from District 17 participate in the District 10 district tournaments and the softball leagues participate in District 1 since they currently play interleague with District 1 for 2016 only which was approved by the membership. Corey then suggested and advised Bob on how to present the dissolution of District 17, including signed statements from the leagues and the DAs affected. He should then present it to the State committee for review and vote buy the complete membership and if approved sent to LL for their final decision.

Joe Rigler (DA #13) then presented a proposal labeled the “move-on rule” (attached) which would eliminate the need to continue discussion on an issue that has been voted on and resolved for one year. After a brief discussion it was decided that this item will be further discussed at the next State Committee meeting.

Jeff Ware (DA #6) also wanted to thank Mike Phillips DA #2) for all his time spent in setting up junior and senior league play in Sections 1 & 2.

Tony Richardson also thanked Jeff “Doc” Altman for all his hard work in the ASAP program.

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

1. East Region Little League BB Tournament – New Jersey State champ will report to Bristol on Saturday August 6, 2016.
2. East Region Little League SB Tournament – New Jersey State champ will report to Bristol on Friday July 22, 2016.
3. Rule changes and the change in tournament age brackets to three year increments (e.g. 8-9-10, etc.)
4. Update on the mapping program.
5. He also introduced Amry Shelby as the new Assistant Regional Director and will assume all of Patrick Holden’s former duties.
6. He addressed some items regarding holds on charters.
7. Instant Replay will be used during the East Region LL Baseball tournament.
8. A reminder to have each State tournament host must reach out to the Regional tournament hosts (except for LL baseball and softball).
9. Start dates for all district tournaments.
10. DA Clinic date change and World Series ticket distribution.

A brief discussion period involving several topics including finances and tournament fees, and invitational tournaments was conducted with Corey after his presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted:
Tony Luceri, State Information Officer

ATTACHMENTS: as stated