



NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2018  
Days Inn, Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ

Meeting called to order by State Director at 9:05AM

Attendance Roster attached.

Many thanks to the State Sponsors who attended this meeting and shared their products/services with the members. Also Thanks to Tom Gardner and Ed Gandy from the NJ State 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.

Thanks also goes to Rob Colby, Secretary of Sayreville LL who gave a presentation regarding the Joe Graziano State Little League Tournament that they will be hosting in 2019.

A.) MINUTES – Reading of the minutes of the previous Committee and State Meetings was waived.

B.) TREASURER’S REPORT – Tom Howard presented his report (attached) and the proposed budget for 2019. Since District 20 is delinquent in its dues for 2018 they will not be allowed to host any State tournaments in 2019. Tom has been in contact with DA Poe who has assured him that the dues will be paid. Tom also presented the proposed State pin for 2019 as prepared by DPH and was unanimously approved as designed.

C.) 2019 TOURNAMENT SITES – Dave Koehler - Tentative tournament sites were discussed for all Section and State tournaments. Additionally, Dave presented the three (3) proposals (copy attached) made by the State Committee regarding the following:

1. 9-10-11 Softball State Tourney – As presented it was approved to accept the proposal containing the deadline dates to determine the status of the tournament. This was approved by a vote of 13-1.
2. 8-9-10/10-11-1/Junior/Senior Softball State Tournaments – The State Committee recommended that the games calendar be adjusted to provide

for double headers at these State tournaments and that they be scheduled over a weekend with games 1 & 2 on Friday Night, Games 3, 4, and 5 on Saturday and games 6 & 7 on Sunday with games 5 & 7 as double headers. This was approved by a vote of 11-3.

3. Intermediate Division Tournament – The State Committee recommended that Section tournaments be eliminated and District all District winners will participate in a State tournament. After a brief discussion that included the number of District that may be participating by a show of hands, and the thought that the new age chart may increase the number of teams, it was proposed that this proposal be tabled for 2019 and that we will continue the current format and see the status of this age group after the season. This was unanimously approved.

DA Mofenson conducted a brief discussion regarding ideas to improve his pool play format for his District tournament. He received several suggestions and thanked all for their input.

D.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman summarized the results of this past tournament season with regards to the umpire assignments (report attached). He again reiterated the requirement that background checks be conducted on all umpires assigned to State tournaments by the host DA and verification submitted to him.

E.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Altman reported that New Jersey is at 96% ASAP participation for 2018. We had 12 districts at 100%. Congratulations went to D-8 who reached 80% participation for the first time. JDP will again be used for the background checks and all ASAP Reports must be done online this year.

F.) STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Richardson summarized the highlights of the International Board meeting that he attended. Some of these items included the following:

1. Proposal to include 17 year olds in Senior Baseball was denied even though all Advisory Board and Field representatives were in favor of it.
2. Little League has lost Russell as an official sponsor but has added Chick Fil A.
3. Grant money fund had been depleted but has now received additional monies.

G.) OLD BUSINESS - None

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

1. The State Committee proposed a change in the Constitution (copy attached) regarding the length of terms for Section Coordinators and their Alternates to be

four (4) years instead of (2) to coincide with the State Director and DA terms.  
This proposal was unanimously approved.

2. A review of the State Tournament Host Responsibilities guidelines was conducted and they will be updated as discussed. All were reminded of their responsibilities when hosting a State tournament.
3. Dave Koehler gave a brief presentation and handout (copy attached) of IRS and NJ State compliance requirements as a result of the recent problems encountered with Holbrook LL.

I.) EAST REGION REPORT – Amry Shelby, Assistant Regional Director presented a review of current items regarding the East Region including upcoming clinics and umpire schools along with tentative dates of the East Region Little League Baseball and Softball Tournaments. A Little League Road Show is currently being planned for Long Island, NY with the dates to be determined. He reviewed the status of Little League as it relates to the number of leagues and teams in New Jersey and worldwide in 2017 and 2018. He gave a brief description of the Data Center updates currently being conducted including the mapping program, and reviewing items such as Combined Teams and Interleague Play forms online. He advised that the Charter Committee has begun to meet and all items for their approval can now be submitted. He will provide each DA with a list of leagues who have not updated their Constitutions in recent years and urged that those leagues be advised to do so or a hold may be put on their Charter application. He also related a message from Dan Veldt that there should be fiscal transparency with your leagues. He again thanked all for their hard work and dedication to Little League.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15PM

Respectfully submitted:  
Tony Luceri, State Information Officer

ATTACHMENTS: as stated