



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
NEW JERSEY STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES November 22, 2014
Days Inn, Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ

Meeting called to order by State Director at 9:08AM

Attendance Roster attached. Districts Absent: 1, 13

Many thanks to the State Sponsors who attended this meeting and shared their products/services with the members. 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. It should be noted that Cesare Papeti commented on the loss of Little League "presence" at the Challenger Day conducted at Overpeck Park in Bergen County. He has volunteered along with the help of Jeff Altman to bring back Little League's sponsorship of this event and will contact Lou Verile who was the past Chairman for ideas and guidance.

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

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT – Tom Howard presented his report and the proposed budget for 2015. After a brief discussion the Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.

C.) STATE UMPIRE REPORT – Craig Yetman presented his report regarding the 2014 State tournament season. He also gave a Power Point presentation summarizing an Oct. 1, 2014 State umpire's meeting held in Freehold Twp. With various district umpires and Section Umpire Consultants. As a result of items discussed at that meeting and at the state Committee meeting, he has drafted two (2) proposals (attached) for change in the State umpiring assignment and development procedures. Proposal #1 is a change in the Umpire Training Program to include the creation of two (2) umpire schools – one for Sections 1 & 2 and the other for Sections 3 & 4 to include more mechanics and techniques. A motion was made to approve this proposal and it was approved unanimously. Proposal #2 related to a proposed change in the assignment of Section umpires to State tournaments. After a very lengthy discussion a motion was made by Buddy Coates to table this issue and to have the current procedure along with this proposal reviewed by a committee consisting of the State Umpire Consultant and the Section Umpire Consultants. This motion was second by Dave Koehler and was unanimously approved.

D.) SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Jeff reported that all was good with ASAP throughout the state and thanked everyone for their support. The State is currently at 91% approval for Safety Plans with 11 districts at 100%. Jeff also stated that he was available to conduct Safety clinics throughout the state as usual.

E.) 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. Stressed the need for better communication
2. A motion to elevate the 9/10 baseball/softball group to a World Series was overwhelmingly denied.
3. A new ESPN contract (\$80M for 10 years) will add more TV coverage for games.
4. A \$400 stipend will be given to all World Series umpires.
5. The new age determination charge was revealed.
6. World Series dates have been amended.

F.) STATE TOURNAMENT REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – Achievement Awards were given to following leagues who were Regional Tournament Champions and/or World Series participants during the 2014 Tournament season:

1. 9-10 Baseball – Upper Township LL – District 16
2. 9-10 Softball – Robbinsville Little League – District 12
3. Little League Softball – Robbinsville LL (District 12)

G.) 2015 TOURNAMENT SITES AND UPDATED ROTATION PLANS – Dave Koehler presented information regarding updated rotation plans for Section and State tournaments. Additionally, Dave presented two proposals (attached) to be voted on – the first regarding the distribution of State pins for State tournaments and the second to clarify the procedure regarding the State reimbursement to a State tournament host district for the championship flag. Both items were unanimously approved.

H.) STATE PIN PROPOSAL – Tom Howard presented the proposed 2015 State pin and after some modifications the pin was approved by the membership.

I.) OLD BUSINESS – None

J.) NEW BUSINESS – A discussion was held regarding the creation of a committee chaired by Carmine Conti to look into the realignment of Little League in New Jersey. After a brief discussion regarding the reasons why realignment should be reviewed a committee was formed consisting of Carmine Conti, Dave Koehler, Cesare Papeti and Joe Romanelli. Skip Mofsenon (DA #8) then informed the group that there will be a dinner held on February 26, 2015 to honor Rich and Marge Franco's years of service to Little League and urged everyone for their support. He will forward additional information as it becomes available.

K.) EAST REGION REPORT – Don Soucy briefly discussed many items including why leagues are on hold, leagues must update their president information in order to receive their Charter applications, a mini congress will be held in 2016 at a site yet to be determined, most of the 2015 rule changes are in softball, and the use of a Modified Double Elimination format for World Series and Regional Tournaments.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10PM

Respectfully submitted:
Tony Luceri, State Information Officer

ATTACHMENTS: as stated