



**Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes
Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 15, 2017**

Meeting called to order by JBO President Rachael Skelton

- Members Present** Terrence Haimoto, Rachael Skelton, Jay Faxon, Christy Wedding, Misty Gendhar, Alex Skelton, John Graham, Shari Smith, Troy Stearns
- Members Absent** Lynn Robinson
- Guests Present** Jack Hendrickson with Positive Coaching Alliance, Dave Kuhns with NW Youth Baseball Umpires Association
- Meeting Minutes** November minutes were approved and posted on the JBO website.
- Positive Coaching Alliance** Jack Hendrickson gave us a presentation from PCA. The program is backed by MLB, sports psychology, the best coaches and the best players in the game.
- ◆ Focus on being positive, kids feeling connected, respect of the game.
 - ◆ In the offer, PCA would provide workshops for leaders and for coaches (also offered online). For coaches, the clinic would focus on coaching for winning and life lessons, developing triple threat athletes. The coach clinic would be offered in all 3 districts. There is another clinic, put on by Friends of Baseball, which would be free to our coaches, and is on culture, practices and games. There is also a workshop for team leaders (area heads and presidents). This would be offered to all 3 districts.
 - ◆ 6 workshops, weekly emails to coaches, books for everybody. \$7500 ½ would be covered by HOPS and Huddle. Leaves \$3750. There is a possibility of cutting some of the clinics in order to decrease the cost. JBO would be interested in matching the amount that the districts put in for PCA to help with the cost.
 - ◆ . If this is made mandatory for all districts, there would be a year for them to be compliant due to the financial impact.
 - ◆ Jack said he would be willing to come to ROTB and give a presentation to the coaches.
 - ◆ If we figure it all out, could be up and running March/April.
 - ◆ Concern is the financial impact on the three districts. District Commissioners please take this back to your area heads and see what interest there is
 - ◆ Westside is already prepared to join PCA this season.
 - ◆ In the end, it was decided that we would like Jack to make a presentation at ROTB to get people excited about joining PCA in the 2018 season when the districts can be prepared for the financial impact. Westside will report back to us following this season to let us know what the impact was.

**Proposal from
Dave Kuhns**

Dave Kuhns from NYBUA made a presentation regarding making changes to the way JBO determines pay for umpires for Championship Tournaments.

- ◆ He would like to handle it like a contract instead of an RFP
- ◆ He would like to negotiate the rate and include a mileage rate for each tournament
- ◆ Dave will send us a proposed rate chart for what he would like to see happen

**Championship Tournament
Prospective Host Sheet**

Proposed changes to be made:

1. Everyone received proposed changes via email. Adding for Juniors and Midgets: mounds may be portable as long as they are turtles or buried. We are providing a set number of t-shirts for the host to sell; we are providing tournament programs.
2. Minimum requirements for outfield fencing is listed at 2.5 times the base length. Changing Seniors from 225' to 270', Juniors from 175' to 200', Midgets from 150' to 175'

Motioned by Jay Faxon 2nd by Troy Stearns Approved 7-1

3. Request made that the Host Sheet be sent out to Associations by the DCs, not by JBO. JBO wants to make sure that the Associations get all of the information. JBO requests that the executive board get copied on the email, not for rebuttal, clarification, or response, but for informational purposes only.

12-Man Bracket

Jay will have the new 12-man bracket for us before February

ROTB

- ◆ Lynn will continue to update spreadsheet and website with tournament information.
- ◆ Jay will meet with Randy Brack to see about getting NM facilities for April 2nd.
- ◆ Misty will get a hold of NM ag teacher to set up NM FFA to do traeger burger lunches for a fundraiser. (will need a charge amount so we can advertise)
- ◆ We will give a presentation to the coaches, questions/answers.
- ◆ PCA will give a presentation to the coaches.
- ◆ Find a fun speaker to share JBO experiences.
- ◆ Consider adding a scorekeeper's clinic for team parents.
- ◆ No skills clinic this year.
- ◆ Try to get other retailers to sponsor a table: Dick's, OC Sports, etc.
- ◆ Market the younger group of coaches.
- ◆ See if Kane from Wilson can come and speak about new bat regulations and baseballs.

Bat Regulations

- ◆ USA baseball is changing bat regulations again: 2018.
- ◆ The composition will be more like wood bats without being wood.
- ◆ All of the 1.15 BPF will be illegal. Only bats with the USA Baseball stamp will be allowed. We will share information as we receive it.
- ◆ HS standards will change in 2018. Are we going to follow?
- ◆ JBO will go with the new HS regulations for the 2019 season.

Motioned by Troy Stearns 2nd by Jay Faxon Approved 8-0

Championship

T-shirts

- ◆ Jay brought a new quote for t-shirts. If white, cost is the same as last year. If ash (grey) the increase is about .20 per shirt.
- ◆ To February meeting, Jay will bring 3 logos (one from Lynn and 2 from his team) and have them on white shirts and grey shirts. From there we can pick what we like.
- ◆ If anyone has any other logos they like, send them to Jay.

Pins, Trophies, Medals, Rulebooks

We obtained several quotes last year; no one came close to what we wanted in terms of cost or quality.

- Rulebooks from GIS: last year we order 1000 for \$769. We will have about a 5% increase to about \$800. What color of cover do we want this year? Red is suggested.

Motioned by Shari Smith Approved 8-0

- Pins, Trophies and Medals from Canby Trophies: last year paid \$6506.50. This year we will add division/level to the back of each medal for a \$300 increase to \$6806.50. Requested that Lynn check with Canby Trophies and see if there are small trophies we could get for 1st place players which would be comparable to what we pay for the plaques.
- Red/White/Blue pennant flags: Everyone liked them and would like to have them again. Nominal cost of \$300 for all 9 tournaments.
- Welcome Banners: 3x6 banners for each tournament. This year make them with the hosts name on them, that way the host can keep them. We paid \$43/each with an online order. Les & Bob's will provide a quote. We'd like to purchase local.

10-Run Rule for Champ Tourn.

Proposal: The 10-run rule will remain in effect for all Championship Tournament games, including the Championship and 'if' game, for all levels of Midgets, Juniors, and Senior National.

Motioned by Jay Faxon 2nd by Troy Stearns Approved: 6-2

2017 Dropbox

Lynn has set up 2017 dropbox for everyone. If you run in to any problems, let her know.

Medical Waiver

Discussed a medical waiver request for a player from Valley District

All in favor 8 Opposed 0 Approved

Define

'Unserviceable'

After much discussion, leaving it up to the Districts to define 'unserviceable' for themselves. Also leaving rule IV. B. the way it is written. No changes are being made.

Motioned by Jay Faxon 2nd by John Graham Approved 8-0

Old Business

- ☺ The executive board, or parts thereof, will be attending the District meetings in February to show a supportive presence from the board. Valley meets on 2/2, CCJBA 2/19 Westside 2/26
- 👤 Board Apparel: Last year's apparel was good, except the gals want a more feminine style—Jay carries what we want (Hanes H5780). He will bring a couple of alternate styles to next meeting. We also want to go with the 20 hat instead of the 40. We will place any needed order at the February meeting.
- 📄 Waiver Form: added a check box for both 'waiver' and 'unserviceable' as per the request at the November meeting.

New Business

Player is CCJBA is fighting cancer and they are doing some fundraising to help cover medical costs. CCJBA directed to have the Association or District to write a formal letter making a request.

Reminders

Please come to next meeting ready to discuss

1. Umpire RFP
2. Running of the Bulls (ROTB)
3. Team counts

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting

February 12, 2017, Wilsonville Public Library
2:30 – 3:00 Executive Committee
3:00 – 5:00 Board of Commissioners