



Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes
Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 22, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:15pm by JBO President Rachael Skelton.

Introductions

Members Present: Casey Humphrey, Shari Smith, Rachael Skelton, Brian Mills, Lynn Robinson, Alex Skelton, Jason Seibel, Christy Wedding, and Misty Gendhar

Member Absent: Terrence Haimoto

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve January meeting minutes by Shari 2nd by Casey
In favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Motion approved

Rulebook Stipend: Clackamas County, Westside, and Valley will be printing their own JBO Rulebook. We can take what we paid for last year's printing and divide it equally between each District. Motioned by Lynn. 2nd by Brian
Approved: 8 Opposed: 0 Motioned passed

Championship Bids: Midget National – Glencoe Midget American – Aloha Midget Federal – Lebanon
Junior National – Lebanon Junior American – Sherwood Junior Federal – Sherwood
Senior National – Corvallis? Senior American – Corvallis Senior Federal – Sunset?

Need to get confirmation for Senior Nat and Senior Fed.

Motion to approve said championship tournament hosts by Lynn. 2nd by Christy.
Approved: 8 Opposed: 0 Motion approved.

Championship Packet:

All looked over the packet. Everyone is good with the expectations. After discussions, a few minor changes were made. Nice job to the Championship Tournament Committee in providing our tournament hosts with all the tools they need to succeed.

Umpire Packet:

Changing the way we pay the umpires. Instead of so much per game, paying a flat amount and let the UIC pay the umpires as he chooses. One concern is that we need to remind the umpires not to expect the snack shacks to provide them with free food. Concessions are how our hosts make a good portion of their money. Umpire bids for championship tournaments are due April 10, we decide at April 12th meeting, and they will need to attend the May 17th meeting.

Championship Logo:

Reviewed 6 logos. Picked a design (labeled as #1) with modifications ('JBO' on a baseball, colors red, white, navy blue.

District Meetings:

Westside is April 7th (nat coaches) and 8th (amer/fed coaches) Please make it to one of those meetings at Century HS 6:00-8:00; Valley is April 12th at the Boys & Girl's Club in Corvallis at 7:00; Clackamas is tentatively April 1st. Clackamas does not want JBO

District Meetings

Continued:

speaking at their meeting, so we will put out a point-by-point of what we would like covered from a state standpoint.

Website Update:

Ready to go, EXCEPT, Jason needs to be able to get the domain transferred to us from Todd so that we can point that domain to our new website. In the meantime, Lynn asked Jason if he could put the new 'Application for Participation' on the old website so the Associations will have access to the new document. He said he could and Lynn will email him the new document.

Timeline:

A question was posed on if we are going to be handling rule proposals earlier this year. The suggestion to the Districts is that if they have issues/ideas during the season, that is the time to write down a proposal while it is fresh on the mind. We still plan on proposals being due at the September meeting and then vote on them at the October meeting.

Team Counts:

Rachael requesting a rough team count from each District. Sports Authority is providing all head coaches with clipboards and needs an idea of how many there are. Westside anticipates being up by about 50 teams. Clackamas County is not sure. They will email Rachael a count after their meeting tonight. Valley should be up by about 10.

Rulebook

Clarifications:

A) Would like to add the text in red: II. Player Eligibility Letter L. Any player may go to the next closest association as long as their home association cannot provide services. This means if a program does not have enough players to field a team at that player's level and must turn away a player, that player may go to the next association without a waiver, **becoming a resident of that association for the season**. It must be verified that the home association cannot service the child, but it will not count against the 3-waiver rule, as the player does not require a waiver to go the next closest association that can provide a team to be played on.

Reasoning: We would not be changing the rule, just clarifying it to fend off issues of team movement. Example: a district cannot service 7 kids so they go to the next closest association and play on an American level team. Their skill level shows to be above the American level and the District wants to move them to the Federal level. They can be moved because their new association is their home association for the season (they would meet the 50% mark for a Fed team). The statement in red clarifies that.

Motioned by Jason. 2nd by Shari.

Approved: 8 Opposed: 0 Motion passed.

B) Would like to strike the text in red: DEFINITION OF TERMS. D. Officers. Officers are elected members on the JBO Board. Officers may consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and **nonvoting** At-Large members.

Reasoning: The by-laws state that At-Large members are voting members. In recent history, they have been non-voting members. Striking the clarification in the rulebook and as we are updating the by-laws, we will amend the information.

C) We spoke last spring about ramifications for coaches not following rule IX. Playing Regulations by Age Division. 1. Midget Division Letter C., 2. Junior Division Letter C., 3. Senior Division Letter C., and 4. Cub Division Letter C., which states that "Two adult coaches may coach on the bases, providing an adult is on the bench for supervision". Districts please let your umpires know that they need to enforce this rule by stopping play until it is followed. Adult must be background checked.

Player Eligibility:

It is a question every year about age or grade. Conversation continues. We are not making any clarifications/changes to this rule because the Districts voted on a change and turned it down. The Districts will decide the placement of the players. If there is a

Player Eligibility**Continued:**

protest to the JBO Board, we will decide based on age, not on grade. We will actively pursue a new rule proposal on this for next year.

Matrix:

Districts addressed how they are handling the matrix. Using the matrix as a starting point. Per the rulebook, teams are allowed to waiver to play under the matrix. Everyone needs to take the time to evaluate teams and place them where they should be.

Email Voting:

Email voting is undesirable because of lack of discussion time. If at all possible, we should wait until our next board meeting to make decisions, other than minor things like approving the minutes. If we find it necessary to conduct an email vote, there are Oregon laws which state how to do it. Lynn has researched it and when reviewing our by-laws, will amend them to reflect OR law.

Mission Statement:

Everyone received a copy of the current mission statement as well as proposed new mission statement from Lynn. Please review and comment on, and we'll discuss at the next meeting.

Duties and Roles of the Board:

We all received a copy of this a while ago. It will be emailed out to everyone again to review and comment on. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Board Apparel:

We are getting zipper, grey hoodies. Each person can pick grey on the bottom 2/3 and blue on the top 1/3, or pick all grey. Jay is cutting down on the stitching of the logo so it won't be so stiff. Shari took our preferences and sizes.

Men already chose their shirts and gave their sizes.

Women do not want dry fit shirts---maybe something cotton. Shari is continuing to look for something we will like.

Dropbox:

Lynn will set up a folder called JBO Board. Please use it to put documents in that we can all have access to.

Old Business:

- Clarification: We are not having a fed tournament like last year. All levels will have the same tournament t-shirt and bracketing.
- Brian will follow up with the Barber's to see if they are indeed going to sponsor t-shirts.
- Rachael hasn't heard back from Friends of Baseball about sponsoring our brackets.
- Dick's Discount Days: no response from them
- Even with CCJBA doing Running of the Bulls, we will still have the tournament info on the JBO website.
- NFHS rulebooks will be purchased locally. Rachael will inquire about getting books.

New Business:

- Keizer went to Jay and asked if they could have the JBO logo. If anyone wants to use our logo, we need to know what they would be using it for before we would approve the use.
- Westside passed a requirement that all of their fields will have mounds (real or portable). Requirement must be met in 2 years.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm**Next Meeting:**

March 8, 2015
Wilsonville Public Library
3:00 – 5:00