



**Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
August 26, 2015  
6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by JBO President Rachael Skelton.**

**Members Present:** Rachael Skelton, Casey Humphrey, Alex Skelton, Jason Seibel, Lynn Robinson, Terrence Haimoto, Dwayne Bates, Michael Read.

**Members Absent:** Shari Smith, Brian Mills

**Guests Present:** Nick Kemper

**Announcements:** Christy Wedding and Misty Gendhar, DC's from CCJBA, have stepped down. New CCJBA District Commissioners are Michael Read and Dwayne Bates.

**Meeting Minutes:** June meeting minutes were approved via email and are posted on the website.

**Cubs Proposal:** Nick Kemper made a proposal to revive the Cubs program.

- ◆ Nick will contact OSAA to see if they would support it
- ◆ DCs will start contacting HS ADs and/or coaches to see the interest
- ◆ DCs will check the interest of their Area Heads
- ◆ Rachael will make sure everyone has each other's contact information so we can communicate the progress.

**Debrief of Season:** Player eligibility (grade vs age)

- ◆ Issues again this year. This needs to be a hard and fast rule.
- ◆ We may get a rule proposal from the Districts or we could change the rule as a board.

**Waivers**

- ◆ The Board will review and sign all approved waivers to help alleviate any issues that may arise during the season.

**Umpires/Coaches/Parents**

- ◆ Code of Conduct is not being taken seriously. Makes it difficult to have a good umpire pool because they don't want to come out due to the behavior of coaches and parents.
- ◆ We need to make sure the umpires know the JBO rules, the JBO Code of Conduct, and that we support them.
- ◆ Require umpires attend a 4-hour JBO Umpire class, in addition to their certification by their umpire association. Maybe umpire associations could help organize the class. Could any of it be done online?
- ◆ Issue a card to show they've taken the JBO umpire class.

## Debrief Season cont.

- ◆ We moved in the right direction having adult umpires at Championship Tournaments who can take control. Now we can focus on quality standards.
- ◆ Create a better, shortened form to be filled out for ejections. Rachael will modify the one she created for Championship Tournaments and place it in dropbox.
- ◆ We need to make sure umpires have current JBO rulebooks.
- ◆ Umpire associations need to do a better job recruiting. Maybe there's something we can do to help with that.

Post-season - If a team qualifies for post-season tournament, they should be playing on the best fields, have the best umpires, etc. All 3 districts need to provide fields for championship tournaments. We want to provide the best experience and one that is memorable.

- ◆ If an association applies to host, we must go out to the facilities to ensure they are great for the championship tournament experience.
- ◆ Clackamas County has some beautiful fields and a lot of their coaches want to host. We held 5 tournaments in Westside: 4 tournaments in Valley.
- ◆ Associations who host get stipends, concession sales, and t-shirt sales: we provide umpires, baseballs, and multiple raffle items.
- ◆ At your next district meetings, please talk to your Area Heads and find out who has the best fields and what are the issues, if any, for not hosting.
- ◆ Last year, it came down to outfield fencing and lights. Lights are only required at the senior levels.
- ◆ If there is something that an association thinks they can't do, let us see what we can do. Possibility of renting fencing or borrowing from another association.
- ◆ Terrence is going to provide financial spreadsheets for each of the championship tournaments so that the districts and associations can see what kind of benefit there is to hosting.
- ◆ What are the issues and how can we help?

### National Level

- ◆ We would like to see the National divisions finish their Championship Tournaments before July 4th.
- ◆ It would eliminate the problem of filling teams for county and championship tournaments.

**Dropbox:** 2016 is set up. Lynn will send out invites for each board member to join.

**Calendar:** 2015-2016 Calendar to be approved.  
Motion by Jason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terrence      Approved

**Bylaws:** Lynn contacted the Secretary of State's office and learned that we do not have to submit bylaw changes to them. They do not keep copies of the bylaws. We do have to report to the IRS if we make any structural changes.

- ◆ The Executive Committee made some grammatical corrections and wrote in some clarifications.
- ◆ The bylaws will be placed in dropbox and posted on the website.

**Rule Proposals:** Rule proposals are due at September's meeting. Then they go to the Districts for discussion, then to be voted on in October. There will also be some rule clarifications and administrative rule proposals that will be presented to the Board. Please email any rule proposals to Lynn and Rachael.

**Rule Proposal cont.**

- ◆ Pitch Count: OSAA is headed in the direction of a pitch count. We are going to have to do something soon. Lynn has started writing a proposal. She will email it out to everyone so it can be edited to be the best possible proposal to go out to the Districts.
- ◆ Carelessly Thrown Bat: We need to adjust this rule to accommodate the National level.

**Participant Code  
of Conduct:**

We created a new, updated Participant Code of Conduct. It will be put in dropbox and on the website.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm**

**Next Meeting:** September 20, 2015  
3:00 pm-5:00pm  
Wilsonville Public Library