



Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes  
Board Meeting  
November 16, 2014

**Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by JBO President Rachael Skelton.**

**Introductions**

**Members present:** Christy Wedding, Misty Gendhar, Shari Smith, Rachel Skelton, Terrence Haimoto, Lynn Robinson, Brian Mills, Casey Humprey, Jason Seibel, Alex Skelton

**Members absent:**

**Guest:** Dave Kuhns

**Dave Kuhns:**

► This would have been the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of Running of the Bulls. Anywhere from 40-50 associations (90% JBO) have attended in the past, as well as 200-400 coaches attended or participated through the website. Why cancel Running of the Bulls?

\*JBO is not cancelling Running of the Bulls, we are suspending it for a year and then will re-evaluate. It is being suspended for the following reasons:

- Attendance has dropped in the last few years.
- Coaches were required to go to that meeting as well as district meetings. This will remove one mandatory meeting for them.
- More effective for the JBO executive board to go to the coaches at their district meetings.
- Majority of coaches sign up for tournaments before Running of the Bulls, or they already have the info from the prior year.

JBO will facilitate the advertising of the tournaments through the website, posting tournament information.

Dave wondered what associations should be told.

- The JBO executive board will attend their district meeting.
- They can send in their tournament information and we will post it on the JBO website.

We will re-evaluate at the end of the season, collecting feedback from each district. If we bring it back, we would most likely change how we run it.

► Dave reported that last year he ran into problems in league play and tournament play where catchers wore skullcaps with their mask. He would like to see a rule clarification in the JBO Rulebook. Currently, page 9, rule L reads "NOCSAE batting helmets are to be worn by all batters and runners in all leagues. All catchers must wear catcher's head and face protection, throat protector and protector cup during warm-ups and during games in all leagues. "

- We will clarify by stating in the rulebook that we follow the NFHS rule 1.5.4. That rule reads "The catcher's helmet and mask combination shall meet the NOCSAE standard. Any helmet or helmet and mask combination shall have full ear protection (dual ear flaps). A throat protector, which is either a part of or attached to the catcher's mask, is mandatory. A throat protector shall adequately cover the throat. The commercially manufactured catcher's head, face and throat protection may be a one-piece or multi-piece design. While in a crouch position, any non-adult warming up a pitcher at any location shall wear a head protector, a mask with a throat protector and a protective cup (male only).

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Terrance to approved October minutes  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Christy  
In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Motion passed.

**JBO Rulebooks:** If no Running of the Bulls, how will we get the rulebooks to the associations?

- We can print them up and bring them to the district meetings. Instead of charging for them, we can just make it our expense.

Clackamas County would like to receive the JBO rulebook word document and print it themselves, at their charge, combining it in one book with Clackamas' rules (one side JBO rules, other side Clackamas rules. Westside and Valley would like to do the same.

- We may give each district a stipend for printing costs. Possibly \$175/ea district, or find a sponsor to offset printing costs.
- Hoping to have all rulebook updates done by the end of November so the districts can receive their digital copy.

Motion by Christy to have the cover color of the JBO Rulebooks be hot pink.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason  
In favor: 8 Opposed: 1 Motion passed.

**Trico:** No Trico team has shown any interest in JBO; they are all playing Cal Ripken. A few kids from David Douglas would still like to play JBO—putting them under Barlow or whoever is the closest association. If any of the teams play Cal Ripken and then want to come back to JBO, they will be more than welcome.

**CYO:** They dropped off their application this afternoon and are supposed to attend the CCJBA meeting tonight.

**Insurance Report:** Given by Lynn. Looked at every certificate of insurance for every association in each of our 3 districts. I created a spreadsheet showing all expiration dates. All are covered by general liability insurance, and all but 16 associations have accident insurance. Checked Sadler Ins and K&K, and with \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 in general liability and \$25,000 in additional accident, the cost would be about \$6.20/player/12 and under, and about \$10.15/player, 13-15. Districts and Associations might consider acquiring group insurance, like most of Westside does, to get a better price. We need to speak to an insurance expert to have some things explained, especially the difference between General Liability Medical Expenses, and Additional or Excess Accident Insurance. We need to figure out if we need to require minimums, who has what liability, and make sure everyone is protected. Get educated, and then have something ready for the district meetings with requirements and/or recommendations.

**Field Standards:**

- ▶ Mounds, pitching rubbers, batter's boxes
  - We cannot mandate what each district uses for field standards. We can only mandate what the field standards will be for Championship Tournaments.
  - Westside is now discussing field standards for their district; will be voting soon.
  - We can set JBO standards for Championship Tournaments, and then let the districts decide what they want to do.
- ▶ Field standards for Championship Tournaments
  - Pitching rubbers: 6"x18" (portable mounds may come with smaller rubbers)
  - Batter's boxes: 4'x6'
  - Mounds: All levels, may be portable for midgets.

Motion by Brian to set pitching rubber standards at 6"x18" at all levels and batter's boxes at 4'x6' at all levels, for the Championship Tournaments.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Shari  
In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Motion passed.

**Championship Design:**

Start trying to find a design for the Championship tournament t-shirt. It will be posted on the website and on facebook that we are looking for a design. Standard for design: 3 color, JBO Championship Tournament, 2015. Deadline will be December 31.

**Sponsorship:**

Dick's

- If we team up with Dick's for "Dick's Days", we would like to schedule it for the end of February, before try-outs. We will need a flyer to email out and put on the website/facebook. We'll need some hard copies to take to District meetings.
- As a sponsor, they would consider donating some items for championship tournaments (water bottles, cinch bags, etc.) If that happens, we'll need to try and get sponsor banners.
- See if Dick's would come to our district meetings with stuff for the coaches.
- Rachel to make sure that there would be no penalty for associations who decide to use Sports Authority instead, since this is a JBO sponsorship, not a district one.
- Rachel will also check with Sports Authority and see what they have to offer JBO.

Wilson: Line Drive Program

- Buy items at a discounted price and also receive a kick back to the association
- Go to approved local retailers and order your item(s). Tell them your association is part of the line drive program.
- For every \$2500 ordered by the association, they will receive \$500 kick back in the form of a check.
- They tally your expenses for a calendar year. You can request your kick back any time during the year, or wait until the end.
- After the calendar year, the program starts over.
- Wilson product, DeMarini product. Anything that Wilson is a part of.
- Alex will email us a product list with pricing.
- If you have small associations, they can combine to purchase under one name, and then share the kick back funds.

**Marketing/ Advertising:**

Brian has been researching Billboard marketing

- Hwy 34 near Corvallis, I-5 in the Northern areas
- Can we co-sponsor with Dick's, Eugene Emeralds, Corvallis Knights to market in those areas? We need to decide if JBO can give some money to those areas to help with the marketing. Cannot make that decision until we know what kind of cost that would be.
- Minor league baseball season doesn't start until June. Can we co-brand by putting JBO information on a sign (sponsored by whomever) for just a couple of months. Then revert back to that minor league team with a notation that they sponsor JBO.
- Rachel will check with Dick's to see if that is something they would be interested in.
- What areas do we need to target in the northern areas? Gresham.

**Website Update:**

Jason is hoping to have it up and functioning this week.

**Protime Sports:**

They dropped off some marketing information to take back to the districts; 11 cinch bags per district. Each bag has uniform shirt samples, catalogs, etc.

**Old Business:**

► We have an updated Application for Participation. It will be posted on the website soon.

- ▶ Use of the term “midget”
  - Over the year, we have received several complaints about the term “midgets”, but no one has offered any suggestion for a different term.
  - Districts will take this to their associations and see what their feelings are.
- ▶ Championship Tournament – 3-weekend format. Feedback from districts: only a couple responded, and they said “go for it”.
  - Dates: July 9-12 MN, MA, MF July 16-19 JN, JA, SN July 23-26 JF, SA, SF
  - Mandatory coaches meetings will be July 7, July 14, July 21. Wellspring is available to July 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Lynn will check on availability for July 21.
- ▶ Board shirts: Shari and Jay will work on it. We will need to order in January.

**New Business:**

- ▶ We need to vote on executive board positions.
  - Currently, the by-laws state that the officers have 1-year terms, not rotating.
  - It would be a good idea to go to 2-year terms, staggered, so we don't end up replacing all of the officers at once.

Motion by Jason to change the by-laws to have alternating 2-year terms for the executive committee, with the President and Treasurer in odd numbered years, Vice President and Secretary in even numbered years.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian

In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Motion passed.

Misty nominates to keep the board as it is.

Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. the nomination

In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Board remains as is.

- ▶ District Meetings: DC's, please let the executive board know when your district meeting will be so we can attend.

- ▶ Eugene Ems have reached out to Valley District wanting to get Eugene/Springfield area more involved with JBO. Will be meeting with them soon.

- ▶ NFHS Rulebooks: purchase some for the JBO board.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:01 pm**

**Next Meeting:** January 18, 2015  
3:00pm  
Wilsonville Library