



TRI-COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE Minutes of 3/21/21 Meeting

Roll Call of Representatives was taken and in attendance was sixteen of sixteen (100%) of active members

Present. We meet requirement under Operating Rule #3 “Meetings & Voting” and was able to conduct business.

Two towns will not be participating in league activities for 2021: Scribner-Snyder and Columbus Lakeview

Meeting called to order

Nomination of Officers for 2021 was taken current officers were elected again for 2021

President updated representatives on the following

- Will be moving our league account from Wells Fargo to Charter West over the next 30-45 days
- Account Balance – \$195.18 prior to meeting
 - Deduction for 3/21 meeting room \$140.00 and 3/21 website fee \$24.96
 - Acct balance as of 3/23 - \$25.04
 - Last year’s P&L was requested from Treasurer and will be forwarded as soon as received
- Informed representatives due to no league last year we had to cover a \$400 website software upgrade fee (\$400.00) and advance to cover website monthly fee (\$200.00). These were covered by League President and League will look to reimburse when feasible

Asked representatives if any new business to be entered into the meeting – No requests

League Business

- New Teams approved last year (Emerson-Hubbard and Winnebago)
- Took roll call from towns on the potential number of teams playing in league 2021
As of meeting: Didgets (24) Bronco(21) Pony (15)
Homer will provide their numbers to league President by 3/26/21
Note: teams were requested to submit rosters – fees – insurance documents as required by
- Following towns agreed to host upper tier League Tournament per rotation schedule
Didgets: Bancroft/Lyons
Broncos; Tekamah/Herman
Pony: Schuyler

These administrative dates were approved (dates slightly adjusted after looking at calendar):

1. Submission of roster documents prior to league participation 4/18 (no exceptions)
2. Coaches meeting (2 session) 5/2/21 (Prior coaches @ 1:00pm – New coaches @ 2:30pm)
3. Submission of Insurance Certificates and Registrations fees by 5/5

These league dates were approved:

- Date range for Regular Season:
 - Didget/Bronco: 5/17 – 6/28
 - Pony: 5/19 – 6/27
- Date range for League Tournament
 - Didget/Bronco: 7/6 – 7/15
 - Pony: 6/30 – 7/12
- Date for Pony All-Star Game: 7/14 (there will be no rain date)

Field Rule Considerations

1. **Representative APPROVED (carried 16-0) a Two-Tier Tournament starting in 2021. This was done to improve the parity of the teams and games.**
 - There will be two divisions: Upper Group 1 and Lower Group 2
 - The split for the two divisions will be determined prior to tournament play and handle by the League President
 - Upper Group 1 - Semi Final and Finals will remain the same as in past with Towns Hosting per Rotation Schedule
 - Lower Group 2 - The High Seed will be the home town though out entire tournament
2. **Discussed allowing teams to have all players bat regardless of the number of players in lineup. Decision: APPROVED (carried 16-0)**

Criteria:

 - This is available in every division in the league
 - Towns will determine whether to allow their respective teams the option of allowing their teams to use the “bat every player on the roster”
 - Must be declared before the game
 - Can’t Change during a game
 - In event a player cannot bat in the part of the line-up then it will be handled as an “OUT” – No Exceptions
 - If a Courtesy Runner is needed for the Catcher then that will be the last batter called out
 - Substitution is free will between all the players on the roster

Note: This does not change requirements for pitchers
3. **APPROVED (carried 16-0) the use of Chin Flap Guard on batting helmets.**

This would be in addition to the current requirement for face guards.
Towns will determine whether to allow their respective teams the use Chin Flap Guard
4. **Discuss considering to change the days the Pony Division play on in order to help Legion Teams with field enough players.**

Decision (carried 14-0): It was decided to deferred this to 2021. League will advance their meeting date to early January. If day changes are implemented it will allow time League Towns to implement these changes

Miscellaneous

Field Rules on website regarding BALK RULE for Didget Division has been addressed

THANKS – Ron Williams