



TRI-COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE MINUTES 1/29/23 MEETING

- Representatives Sign Log Sheet
- Seventeen (17) of nineteen (19) towns were in attendance. We met Operating Rule #2 which required attendance of thirteen (13) representatives to conduct business.
- Quorum met - Meeting started at 1:05pm
- Asked if any New Business needs to be added to agenda?
 - Pender Representative asked that discussion be held on possible clarification or changing the current Didget Division time limit wording.
- Provided update on League Checking Account Balance - \$416.31
- Distributed a Pre-Game Checklist for review – Will finalized at the 4/2/23 meeting by representatives and then distributed to coaches at 4/23/23 mandatory coaches meeting.

REMINDER

Switched for 2023: Pony games on Wednesdays with Didget / Bronco games on Thursday.

GENERAL LEAGUE BUSINESS

- 2023 Officers nominated and approve 17-0
- Estimate from representatives on number of teams potentially playing in 2023
 - Didget – 25
 - Bronco – 22
 - Pony – 15
- Following Towns will host the Upper Level Tournament games for 2023
DIDGET: Battle Creek
BRONCO: Pierce
PONY: Stanton

MEMBERSHIP - Denied request for membership from Norfolk Steel Group by a vote 13-4

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed need to shorten Pony games 9 (time limit or other option)
DOT Decision: Approved the following Mercy Rule for 2023 season
15 run's after 3 innings
10 run's after 4 innings
8 run's after 5 innings

2. Discussed need to clarify the current wording and/or set a firm time to convert to Open Inning in Didget Division games.
DOT Decision: Approved the following for 2023
After 80 minutes from start time (estimated around 7:20pm) any inning started after that this will become the "OPEN INNING" – No Exceptions
3. Approved flexibility of start times on Sunday's for Pony coaches
Action: Some basic criteria will be prepared by the League President and presented to representatives at the 4/2/23 meeting and then the coaches meeting on 4/23/23
4. Change Field Rule #12d
Current Rule: Every pitcher that BALKS in a game gets a warning
Request to Change: One WARNING per game per team
DOT Decision: NO CHANGE TO CURRENT RULE
5. Discuss Field Rule #10(2) – Substitution Rule
Current Rule: If substitution infraction is found for NOT REPORTING there is no penalty other than the entry will count as part of the re-entry rule
Request: To discuss some type of penalty if an infraction is identified
Action: Reviewed concerns and potential options for representatives
Was decided to defer any decision till the 4/2/23 meeting
Some basic criteria will be prepared by the League President and presented to representatives in April meeting and then at coaches meeting on 4/23/23
6. Discussed advancing the start date for all divisions.
Pony Division players needed for Legion participation and b) have the season end earlier for other divisions to allow a little more time for family summer activities
Action: President reviewed with representatives various scenarios and agreed to make a decision at the 4/2/23 meeting
7. Agreed to following upcoming dates
04/2/23 – Town Representative meeting
4/23/23 – Mandatory Coaches Meeting

REVIEWED FOLLOWING TOPICS

- Coaches need to gain a better understanding of the rules.
- Quit making rules up or providing their own interpretation.
- Need to improve of reporting of scores in a timely fashion.
- Sportsmanship Concerns
 - Chanting at other team / pitchers
- Pitching as batter steps into batter's box
- Have backup equipment supplies (extra pitching mound etc).

ADJOUNED
@ 3:15pm