



TRI-COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE

Minutes for 1-16-22 Meeting

Representatives sign Attendance Log

Opened Meeting @ 1:00pm

Roll Call of Representatives - Operating Rule #2 required that a minimum of twelve representatives be present to meet the 2/3 of entitled active member's requirement. As of meeting total number of active members was eighteen. Minimum Quorum was met to conduct business.

Update Status of Town membership: Columbus Lakeview and Scribner-Snyder both informed the league they would no longer be members of the league due to low participation numbers

Submission of any new business not on agenda: There were a couple of requests to add to the agenda. One was deferred to 2023 and other addressed quickly in the meeting.

Nomination and Approval of Officers for 2022

All Current Officers were nominated and approved for 2022

Update of Current Items

- Income – Expense Report for 2021 was distributed and reviewed

New Business

- Item: Discuss increasing current annual team registration fees
DECISION: Approved raising team fees \$10.00 effective 2022
Didget and Broncos will increase to \$55.00 per team
Ponies will increase to \$70.00 per team

Review Business deferred from 2021

1. The 2020 vote (14-0) approved discussing in 2022 the possibility of changing the days the Pony Division play on in order to help Legion Teams field enough players.
DECISION: Deferred discussion to a date later in the year (October or November 2022)

Consideration of Two New Membership Requests

DECISION: Both towns were APPROVED MEMBERSHIP starting 2022

- BATTLE CREEK and TILDEN

After approval additional dialog by the representatives and league officers surrounded the league format and potential tournament options for 2022

President agreed to have a draft(s) prepared at the next scheduled meeting for representatives to consider and ultimately approve for the 2022 season.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest members

New Business

Protect Background Checks (League or individual town responsibility)

DECISION: Leave that decision with each league member town

Certified Umpire and Minimum Field Expectations for Tournament Semi Finals and Finals Games

DECISION: Contact PSOA to discuss providing an Umpire Clinic for league members who wish to send local umpires from their towns – Free-of-Charge

Portable Pitching Mounds (revisited after approving use in 2020)

DECISION: to continue to allow portable mounds with clarification that they MUST be in use during regular season in order to be used during tournament play

The bigger concern of members was the safety of portable mounds. It was noted that are a variety of styles and sizes and not all it was felt is safe to use for games. Many are made for practice situations.

League President agreed to look into portable mounds and come back with potential league minimum specification requirements for the representatives at the April meeting. It IS RECOMMENDED THAT TOWNS HOLD OF PURCHASING UNTIL AFTER THE April meeting

Review Annual League Business

- Update: Operating and Field Rules sections of the website are is being updated for 2022 which includes the format and a Table of Contents
- DEFERRED to April Meeting: A review of areas needing improvement and areas of success in 2021
- Roll Call from towns on the potential number of teams playing in league 2022
Didgets () Bronco () Pony ()
- Feedback on two Tier Tournament Format used in 2021
Good response and agreed to continue for 2022
- Host Towns for Upper Tier League Tournament for 2022
Didgets: Oakland / Craig Broncos: Pierce Pony: Stanton

Review Dates

Pre-Season Meeting(Registrations etc.): APRIL 3RD @ 1:00pm – Nielsen Center West point

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: MAY 1ST (Meetings @ 1:00pm and 3:00pm)

Start of Regular Season Games (tentative)

Potential start dates regular season games for Didget / Broncos: 5/16 or 5/18

Potential start dates regular season games for Ponies: 5/18 or 5/22

Start of Tournament Games (tentative)

Didget / Broncos to start 7/5/22

Pony Division could start on 6/28 or 6/30

Pony All-Star date: 7/14/22

Following Items were discussed

- Prepare a checklist of rules to review for each division to be used prior to the start of a game. To be used by coaches and umpires
- Nebraska Legion Rule related to players playing both in Tri-Co League and Legion games:
State Legion may need to provide permission to allow a player to play in both organizations during the regular season.
It also requires that pitches be counted in both organizations
It prevents a player from playing in any other organization during tournament games
More information will be provided after more discussion with the State. Updates will be provided at the April meeting and then shared with Pony Division coaches at the Coaches meeting in May

THANKS – Ron Williams