

West Region Board Meeting – Friday, October 28 at Wyoming Recreational Center (10AM until 12 Noon)

Attendees: Glen Schaaf; Gene Drozd; Brian Hill; and Bill O'Brien

Glenn circulated an Agenda – copied below

Meeting Minutes from the 9/28/2016 meeting were reviewed and approved

1. AA Fees and tournament fees
 - a. \$225 for AA per team/ same cost as City Wide or Regional Tournament (also \$225)
2. Webmaster
 - a. At present do not have anyone (at end of meeting Gene conducted a brief tutorial on how to use/access the West Region website – need to be able to upload documents and send emails to area/district representatives.
 - b. Jeff's goal is master email system this is not done and may not happen in 2017.
 - c. Green Diamond - \$15k grant – perhaps use to reduce post season tournament fees (currently \$225).
 - i. Use of funds to encourage participation
 - ii. Assumption is that \$15k will be equally divided amongst the 4 regions
 - d. Regional webmaster will NOT act as a conduit for all registrations in the West Region/ each area/district will handle
 - e. Need a 4th Board Member to comply with the revised formation documents of GCK.
3. Rules:
 - a. No Pitch Intentional Walk – revised in light of catcher's balk call in Citywide Tournament (catcher lined up more than 6' outside of batter's box – allowed winning run to score)
 - i. GCK expanded Rule 17 to allow for automatic intentional walks (with the ball being in play). No impact on pitch count as well.
 - ii. This modification approved.
 - b. Bat Rule (re-write of Rule 15)
 - i. Discussed in some detail – particularly the penalty provision (ejection of manager).
 - ii. Rule approved for West Region
 - c. Hurdling/Plowing Rule
 - i. Also discussed in some detail was the re-write of Rule 29).
 - ii. Key is that any attempt on the part of the offensive player to slide will eliminate applicability of this Rule.
 - iii. Judgment call – presumption is intention of offensive player not to hurdle/plow into the runner – but this presumption is rebuttable – based on the actions of the offensive player
 - d. Rule 2 was also modified – player can only play in a game if he/she can perform all of the actions required in a baseball game (run, throw, swing a bat, and catch a ball).
 - i. Any player who can not perform these functions (each of them) is not eligible to play.

- ii. Adaptive baseball programs available for kids with disabilities.
 - e. A copy of the Rule Modifications needs to be posted to the website (West Region)
 - f. All proposed rule modifications approved and will be reviewed and discussed at the next West Region Wide Meeting.
 - g. But this will NOT happen until final approval is forthcoming (and it is anticipated it will occur) from GCK.
 - h. New rules will require some additional umpire training.
 - i. GCK will conduct an open meeting on Monday, November 21 to discuss the rule changes and obtain any feedback
- 4. CRC may appoint one person to coordinate use of all CRC fields by GCK teams located within the City.
 - a. Goal is to encourage efficient use of fields.
 - b. Discussion of need for fields for practice and game time and non usage is not necessarily an indicator of importance of the field being available.
- 5. West Region Board Meeting Dates – start time is 10:30 unless otherwise noted (meetings not to exceed 90 minutes):
 - a. Wednesday, November 30 at PYO;
 - b. Wednesday, December 21 at Wyoming Recreational Center;
 - c. REGION WIDE MEETING: Tuesday, January 10 (7PM) at Springdale Recreational Center;
 - d. Wednesday, February 22 at PYO;
 - e. REGION WIDE MEETING – Wednesday, March 1 (7PM) at Springdale Recreational Center
 - i. All districts to return completed scheduled forms and team fees for each team playing in their district/community(does not apply to T-Ball or Coach Pitch).
 - f. Wednesday, April 19 at Wyoming Recreational Center;
 - g. Wednesday, May 17 at PYO;
 - h. Wednesday, June 21 at Wyoming Recreational Center;
 - i. Wednesday, July 19 at PYO;
 - j. Wednesday, August 23 at Wyoming Recreational Center'
 - k. REGION WIDE MEETING – Wednesday, September 20 (7PM) at Springdale Recreational Center
- 6. Umpire Training
 - a. Umpire coordinator and provider: Ken Gallow 513-379-9045
 - i. Adult umpires
 - ii. \$55 per game fee
 - iii. \$50 per team scheduling fee

(Ken is used by Wyoming and experience has been positive)
- 7. Board Approvals
 - a. Minutes of September 28 Region Wide Meeting;
 - b. Updated Treasurer's Report
 - i. Copy of listing of expense provided (minimal since 9/28)

- ii. \$1,287.20 in the bank.
 - iii. All expenditures approved.
- 8. Forest Park
 - a. Gene and Glenn met with officials from Forest Park
 - i. Past director of program has been re-engaged.
 - ii. Enthusiasm exists
 - iii. Up to community to 'get off the ground.'
 - iv. Build from the bottom-up/ start with younger teams
 - v. Taffy Jackson is the coordinator
- 9. Next Meeting (Wednesday, November 30):
 - a. Bring existing rules and proposed rule changes
 - b. Focus will be on review of any proposed modifications
 - c. Anticipated we will have final approval of Rule Changes discussed above from GCK
 - d. We may make some wording changes to clarify and/or simplify and/or eliminate any inconsistencies or redundancies.
- 10. Computer Training – West Region Website
 - a. Quick review conducted by Gene
 - b. Key elements upload documents and send out emails to west region district/area reps.
 - c. Gene provide a separate listing of emails of all district representatives.
- 11. 5 Kid Glove Games this year – dates: (1 in April and 4 in May).

Agenda for 10/28 Meeting

1. KBB ORGANIZATION AA FEES \$225.00
2. NEEDS FOR 2017 BOARD POSITIONS WEBMASTER?
3. REGISTRATIONS ONLINE KBB.COM
4. RULE CHANGES **15. BATS 17. THE KNOTHOLE PITCHER SECTION H. NO PITCH WALKS
29. HURLING OR PLOWING OVER THE CATCHER OR OTHER FIELDERS OVER FIELDERS. (IS A JUDGMENT CALL)**
5. MODIFY REGIONAL RULES FOR THE ABOVE CHANGES (IF NEEDED)
6. UMPIRE TRAINING HOW TO HANDLE RULE CHANGES
7. REGION NEXT MEETING DATE BOARD AND MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS
8. KBB GENERAL MEETING MONDAY NOV. 21 TIME AND PLACE PENDING

