

Minutes

MJBSA Meeting

October 19, 2011

Attendees:

Craig Main, Brodie Rockenbaugh, Damon Sharp, Kira Simpson, Barb Scheiderer, Todd Ferguson, Scott Hamilton

MEETING MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item	Responsible Party	Date

FUTURE MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location
November 9, 2011	6:30 p.m.	Library

DISCUSSION

- Any rule changes
 - Bat rule changes
 - Discussed whether MJBSA should adopt the bat rules as the Little League International organization has done or wait one more year (allow last years bat for one more year). Also discussed whether we should just be ok with bats that are “Little League certified.” Little League does not back up the base distances like MJBSA does (as kids get older). Decision: Allow one more year with current bat regulation. This will give people more time to plan for a new bat for the 2013 season. Wooden bats are still going to be allowed in MJBSA.
 - Midget
 - Discussion around an issue where some coaches did not catch the ball when it comes back to the circle (to benefit their own team). For example, player makes it to 2nd on a hit ball. 3rd baseman throws to pitcher but the pitcher misses it on purpose and player runs from 2nd to 3rd. Rule should read: Once a player rounds the base and retreats back, the play is dead. Instruct umpires that once he sees the player retreat, to call time. Craig suggested that a line be drawn in between bases, and if the kid isn’t past it, play is dead.
 - 10U
 - Jeff Orr suggested we train coaches better on rules (one rule that wasn’t always known is when a player is stealing home and batter remains in box, the batter is obstructing). Suggestion to go over rules briefly (20 mins) at draft. Also, giving a handout with rules, suggestions on how to handle certain situations, list of phone numbers, etc.
 - Transitional League
 - Kira suggested we have a team of just girls. Craig agreed as long as we have the right number of girls – to have a full team (not having girls on the other teams).
 - Softball
 - 12U - Limit of 3 innings per pitcher (Craigs suggestion). Kira prefers 4 innings per pitcher.
- Schedule of events
 - January 30 online registrations open

- January 30 online umpire applications
- February 11 (12pm – 5pm) and February 18th (10am – 2pm) - walk-in registration
- March 16 last day for online registration– late fees start on 3/17 (then shut down registrations by league as they fill up)
- March 17 – evaluations
- March 18 – draft and equipment pickup (make sure you have balls, scorebooks, etc ready to give out). There was a suggestion to order these items now – maybe at a discount.
- TBD - Coaches clinic
- March 26 – practices start
- April 28 and 29 - Picture Day
- May 5 - Opening Day
- May 25, 26, 27 – Heart of Ohio Softball Tournament
- June 8 – League Night with the Clippers – doing everything at the box office – you order through them after walk-in registration.
- June 8, 9, 10 – Mitt’s tourney
- June 28 - Last regular season game
- July 4 – parade
- July 5, 6, 7 - Tournament
- July 8 - Jamboree
- Umpire’s Meeting – continue to have one
- Line fields – need to find someone (Randy’s son not available)
- Dry fields – Bob Gruenbaum will do it again
- Umpire manager – Randy Fox still
- Draft process review
 - Will discuss next time
- Uniform and picture schedule review
 - Discussed above
- Softball commissioners
 - 8u Todd Ferguson
 - 10u Kira Simpson
 - 12u Julie Van Hoose
 - 16u Joe Wellman
- Dick's Sporting Goods asked to meet with Craig. It is possible they will provide coupons to hand out to the teams. If they want to sponsor a team/league, it was decided we would let them pay a flat fee to have their logo on the sleeves of all transitional and tee-ball team jerseys. Another option would be for Dick's Sporting Goods to provide baseballs for our organization.
- November 9th next meeting
- Meeting adjourned