

DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 21, 2012

The meeting of the Department Baseball Committee was called to order by Don Hudon, Chairman at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs, Michigan, on September 21, 2012 at 11:05 AM.

Members: All members present

Guests: 2

The Turner family is donating \$250 to the Department of Michigan for a baseball scholarship in memory of Robert Turner. It was moved and supported to place the money in a line item specifically for scholarship; so ordered.

Craig Zimmerman is chairing a National committee asking for a \$100 gift per/state for Jim Quinlan's retirement gift. Moved and supported to authorized \$100, so ordered.

Chairman Don reviewed the budget; total budget is \$36,000.00.

Chairman Don reviewed the state rule book. Concern is we need a protest rule that affects the administrative conduct.

Also, rule #33 was reviewed. A letter explaining fee is to be sent out to manager, post commander, zone baseball chair and district chair. Moved and supported to modify rule #33 to \$75.00 – 1st offence, \$150 – 2nd offense, and \$300 – 3rd offense; so ordered. This action will take effect immediately.

Reminded zone chairs of National Rule 4D regarding showcases once in post season tournament play. Also discussed was to new national balk rule.

Check list was reviewed by Chairman.

Insurance deadline date was mentioned.

State Contract – recommended 40 miles be adjusted to 50 miles: Moved and supported to table the matter.

Umpires – moved and supported to maintain same crew (Class AA) and Terry Myers act as umpire-in-chief; so ordered. Class A umpires shall be local as much as possible.

Baseball – Dave presented a proposal to reduce individual team costs on baseballs. Moved and supported to purchase Diamond 1NFHS logo balls \$43.50; so ordered. Deadline by October 25, 2012 for order and money. Delivery will occur in December at the Department of Michigan in Lansing.

Bracket issue tabled until February meeting.

State Tournament – July 31 – Aug. 4

Class A – Hudson – Jeremy Bell, Chairman

Class AA – Chief Pontiac

Scholarship – a committee should be establishing guidelines, future contributions and publication advertisement of the fund.

Mike O’Neal letter was raised and decided to table until February, 2013 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Hudson".

Don Hudson, Chairman

Dave Stanifer, Secretary