

**MINUTES of
Baseball Committee, Department of Michigan
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Saturday February 17, 2018
Eagle Crest Marriott, Ypsilanti**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cronkright called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Nelson Cronkright, Tom Romain, Bob Eggert, Mike Trickey, and Dave Stanifer. Jeff McGinnis was present via telephone.

GUESTS

3 guests were present

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 22, 2017, meeting were approved as published.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

The financial report was presented by Chairman Cronkright. \$27,536 budget this year. Last year, \$20,986 was spent of the \$27,536 budget.

The Class A State Tournament will be in Menominee, August 1-4, 2018. Class AA will be in Sault Ste Marie, July 25-29, 2018.

Class A request per Don Hudon. Committee discussed the request.

Motion to increase room reimbursement to \$85 per room. Motion died for lack of second. Motion made to increase lodging from \$45 to \$65, seconded and passed. Teams will be reimbursed up to three (3) nights as long as they remain in the tournament. Moved and supported. Teams will be reimbursed only at the hotel designated as host hotel. Motion carried.

Motion that meal money would be equal. Motion died.

Moved that meal money for Class A be set at \$10. Motion died.

Motion to increase Class AA lodging to \$85. Motion carried.

Tom requested the ability to overrule if a team refuses to release. It is the State interpretation that the State Chair has the ability to decide on a release decision if the two (2) teams cannot resolve the issue themselves.

National Rules: 6,000 population not approved at this time.

Brackets: Discussed alternate possibilities. Matter tabled until June meeting.

Concerns were expressed as to recruiting more Class AA teams.

Zone One: Jeff submitted report (see report).

Zone Two: Four (4) Class AA teams and three (3) Class A teams. Will work on more teams in Districts 4 and 5.

Zone Three: Bob hopes to have three (3) teams this year. The only team for sure is Chief Pontiac.

Zone Four: Will have twelve (12) teams (six (6) Class AA and six (6) Class A teams).

Zone Five: Have three (3) divisions. Had nineteen (19) teams last year. Working to get more than one (1) Class AA team.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Cronkright, Chairman

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