

DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 18, 2009

**MEMBER:** Don Hudon (Chairman), Pete Hayes, Wally Christensen, Nelson Cronkright, William Clark. Special Guest Jim Quinlan from National.

**GUESTS:** 23 guests present

**Resolution:** 9-7-F Resolution supporting post 165 Berryhill for regional Baseball tournament was reserved. Pete Hayes motioned, Wally Christensen seconded support of resolution. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Included in committee packets for there review.

**Budget:** Reviewed, \$21,000. Need a fundraiser to maintain program. Looking into conducting a raffle.

**Rules:** Chairman reminds everyone to read rule books and all paperwork. 99 % of all questions asked are in the rule books

**Check List:** Read and Follow checklist.

**Insurance:** 45 teams purchased insurance but only 37 have registered with the state. Mr Quinlan discussed the importance of getting insurance.

Jimmy Foster the leading candidate for National Commander was introduced by Thomas Cadmus and addressed the committee.

**Roster:** It was moved by Wally Christensen and seconded by Bill Clark to moved the deadline up a day to Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 5:00 PM. Motion carried.

**Fees:** State fee is \$50.00 per team and National fee is \$50.00 per team. Mr. Quinlan discussed rising costs of the baseball program. It was moved by Nels Cronkright and Seconded by Pete Hayes to set a \$50.00 late fee for any team that files a roster, up to 1 week late. Motion carried. Wally Christenson was the only ney.

**State Contract:** Need to cut down costs. Looking to change things and reflect them in the rule book. Nelson Cronkright suggested tears bring a set amount of ball to the tournament and eliminate the banquet. Subject is tabled until winter.

**Umpires:** It was moved by Wally Christensen and seconded by Bill Clark to keep Terry Meyers and the umpire crew from last year the same for the 2010 state tournament. Motion carried. It was discussed and agreed that the district and zone tournament will be funded on there own (balls, umpires, etc.) with out the help from the state baseball committee.

**Trophies:** 1<sup>st</sup> place received a trophy and polo shirt and 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> place received medals. T was Motioned by Nels Cronkright and seconded by Wally Christensen to give the first place a trophy and a t-shirt and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place medals to be purchased locally by the tournament host. Motion carried.

**Baseballs:** Revisiting the dozen baseballs and how to share cost at Winter meeting.

**Bracket Pairings:** Will be pulled at winter meeting.

**District Tournament:** July 15 -18

**Zone Tournaments:** July 22 – 25

**State Tournament:** July 28 – August 1 Chief Pontiac

**Regional tournament:** Aug 5 – 8 Mattoon, IL

**World Series:** Aug 13 – 17 Spokane, WA

It was moved by Nels Cronkright and supported by Pete Hayes to edit the Zone tournaments to state Zone Tournament (or combined Zone/District tournament) to be held on July 22 – 25.

**Decals:** Wally wants 800  
Bill wants 300  
Pete wants none  
Nels wants 100

**Scholarship:** Only three received, with only one eligible. (1 was on an illegal team, the other wasn't rostered on a team)

**Chain of Command:** Reviewed Team/Post/District/Zone/State Committee

**Other Business:** Talked about the state champions at the Tigers game. Discussed the tier system. Looking to get guides done at Winter meeting and to finalize them at 2010 convention. Looking at 2 tiers (1-2000) and (2000 & above) UP situation was discussed.

World Series commemorative coin for the Midland team was discussed. Pete Hayes motioned and Wally Christensen seconded the go ahead to create the metals. Motion carried. Discussion ensued to double check the gift would be under the allowable amount that they could accept in order to be legal with high school sports. And they are.

Ray Rollack addressed the room. He discussed his mission to boost Legion baseball in the Detroit area. He pleaded to the audience to become an ambassador for Legion Baseball.

Don read the awards that Midland one at the World Series. Michigan won 8 out of 11 awards.

Quinlan addressed the audience regarding the Legion program. More kids go into college for baseball from the Legion program than any other Legion program.

Don then addressed the committee and asked for any last thoughts.

Bill Clark had nothing more to add.

Wally Christenson discussed fundraising that also supported troops.

Pete Hayes brought up warm up times. The MSU coach would have liked to see a 9 min. warm up compared to the 6 mins. that were given. Talked about how we had the stats printed out at the state tournament also and how good and affordable that the baseball insurance is.

Nels Cronkright had nothing more to add.

Ray Rollack added that there was a PSA for Legion Baseball that was created and shown on Fox Sports in Detroit and that they are looking to add the Midland team on and start running them at Thanksgiving.

**Adjournment:** It was motioned by Wally Christensen and seconded by Bill Clark to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:



Don Hudon  
Baseball Chairman