

Minutes to the Tennessee State DYB Meeting at Waverly, TN on February 3rd, 2023

Attending: Alan Reed, State Director; Aaron Prince, Asst. State Director; National Directors Don Rudolph and James Tidwell; District 1 Director Phillip Dorris; District 2 Director Mike Neisler; District 3 Director Denise Lineberry; District 4 Director Rory Osborne; District 7 Director David Conrad; District 8 Asst. Director Robert Puckett; Marilyn Tidwell Secretary and guest Kyle Smith. Absent were Tony Brown and Matt Reed due to sickness.

Alan Reed called the meeting to order followed by a prayer by James Tidwell. Don Rudolph gave the financial report. We have \$17,074 before state meeting expenses. He also gave the scholarship report for Tony. We have \$16,400 in the awards fund. We discussed the World Series. Don went to the D-2 in Anderson, South Carolina. He said our teams Springfield and Humphreys County were competitive and it was a great tournament. Springfield won the sportsmanship award. Phillip Dorris worked at the AA tournament in Dothan. It was a nice facility and our teams did well. The AAA and Ozone tournaments for Division 1 were hosted by Lumberton, North Carolina. The tournaments went well.

Update on State Tournaments:

Class "A" at Chester County. July 6th. Coaches meeting at 8:00 a.m. C.S.T. at the building at the ballpark. The address is 1095 E. Main Street, Henderson, TN. Mike Neisler will be the Tournament Director. Alan will attend.

Alan discussed the East Regional "A" World Series to be hosted by Rockwood, TN July 20-22. Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Georgia are participating. Florida has not answered yet. Unless Florida joins, we will take the top 4 teams from the State A tournament. They will start with pool play and 4 games are guaranteed. Directors, let Alan know if you want to help with this tournament. Tony Brown will be the Tournament Director for the World Series.

Kyle Smith presented the update for the AA State Tournament at Decatur County starting July 6th. The park is located at West 9th Street, Parsons, TN. The coaches meeting will be at the Municipal building. Kyle will be the chairperson and Don Rudolph will be the Tournament Director.

The AAA tournament will be hosted by Loudon. The address is 1470 Roberson Spring Road, Loudon, TN. The coaches meeting will be at 7:00 a.m. E.S.T. on July 13, 2023 at the Loudon High School located at 1039 Mulberry Street, Loudon, TN. David Conrad will be the Tournament Director.

The Ozone tournament will be hosted by Springfield, TN beginning on July 13th, 2023. The coaches' meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. C.S.T. Seth Owen will be the chairperson and Aaron Prince will be the Tournament Director.

Directors, please let Alan know which tournaments you will be able to help with.

Division 1 and Division 2 Tournaments:

Discussion was made regarding the number of teams in the AA State Tournament. In order to have equal numbers in the pool play, we need to reduce the number of teams in Division 2 to twelve teams. James Tidwell put the motion on the floor to amend the AA bracket. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried. There will be Eight teams in the Division 1 pools. There will be twelve teams in the

Division 2 pools. Regarding the Host fees and Scholarship money, we need to collect and send in the hosting fees as soon as possible. We are now paying for the awards for the state tournaments up front, so it is important to collect the host fees promptly. The scholarship money is due before August 1st because we turn it in to DYB National.

We have two new leagues joining us. Cumberland County and Marshall County. We welcome them.

We have heard that a couple of states are interested in taking over the softball program in their states. Tennessee is not interested in doing this. We work with our softball to help increase their programs.

One of our leagues, Coopertown, has lost its fields and will need to rebuild in a new location. The players that have signed up will be eligible for a conditional release for this year. They will need to return to that league next year.

New Business:

Discussion was made regarding the East Regional World Series rules. The pitcher will pitch from thirty-six feet overhanded to the batters. Also there will be a ten foot arc that will help determine foul balls. We will play with twelve players as we do in Tennessee Class A. Alan asked if we would like to change our rules for Class A to thirty-six feet for pitching. Discussion was made but no motion came from the discussion.

We received a resignation from George Lankford for District 5 Director due to health issues. David Conrad put the motion on the floor to accept his resignation. James Tidwell seconded the motion. Aaron Prince put the motion on the floor to appoint Marilyn Tidwell to the District 5 Director. Phillip Dorris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also, Alan received a resignation for Billy Draper for Assistant District 1 Director. He will continue to post the information to the website.

District One and District Four will have a meeting next week to discuss league issues.

The General Meeting will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Robert Puckett put a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Prince seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.