Board Meeting Date: 11/05/18

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Kristi Willis, Christine Gonzalez, Cliff Walker, Courtney Ploos Van Amstel, Gabe Johnston, Darin Phelps, Dave Wood, Rich Thomas, Denise Whitmire

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

***Review and Approve Minutes:***

Cliff motioned to approve the minutes from the last Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Kristi and carried by the Board.

***West Redding Little League:***

Kevin and his son Jacob arrived Saturday night (11/3/18) at 9 pm. Three people helped load the U-Haul truck which only took a few minutes. Kevin showed pictures. At 9:00 am Kevin met with West Redding Little League, he could see the burned hillsides, couple of burned homes and the red flame retardant, but the fields themselves were not burned. The Little League was surprised and grateful. 50 players lost their homes. Shasta Little League was also impacted. Kevin gave them ideas how we handled distribution of the equipment and they are following his idea and having a barbeque to pass out the equipment which filled their storage container.

***Background Checks:***

The Board members will have to complete background checks. A form will be emailed. According to Kristi and Cliff several people last year had an issue with inputting personal information (ie.g. social security numbers) on the paper forms. The new District Administrator discovered that the Board is supposed to update its charter, provide financials, end of year fiscal statement and budget to west regional which has not been done in past, but Angela is finalizing and will forward to the District.

***Local Rules (changes):***

* The reference to announcements in Mark West’s newsletter was deleted as we have no newsletter.
* We are increasing the number of innings pitched in Farms from 4 innings machine pitch and 2 innings kid pitch to 3 innings machine and 3 innings kid pitch at the beginning of the season, then after Picture Day increasing the number of kid pitch innings to 4 with the first 2 innings machine pitch.
* The Board of Directors meets once a month not twice a month.
* Doyle Park is not one of Mark West’s fields.
* Registration is the second weekend in January
* Remove all the residency requirements and add strict enforcement of boundaries (see website for details)
* Remove contact information for Home Run Hut
* Skills assessment is 7-14 not 7-13
* No time limit in any playoff or championship games, except Farms. No inning shall start after two hours.
* The official starting time of a game is when the Umpire puts first pitch in play.
* The Board discussed suspension of a coach after ejection from a game. League’s discretion behavior vs rule violations. We have to follow District 35 as an organization, but the District supported our handling of the issue Allison had last year with the player.
* Pitch count violations are not typically intentional, but the rule is to protect the player. Discussing moving 50/70 scoreboard to Farms and installing a new scoreboard with pitch count at 50/70 field. Add-on for pitch count to existing scoreboards is pricey so will table discussion to add pitch count to Majors and Minors scoreboards later on.
* The Little League is looking at changing the pitcher/catcher rule loophole, which can be circumvented when the player catches first.
* In Farm, each Coach will feed balls into machine for their own team.
* Edit to wording of a player withdrawing from Juniors, 50/70, Majors or Minors(if there is no wait list)
* Edit wording of suspensions being either the next game or remainder of the season. All suspensions will be determined by the Grievance Committee after a review of the circumstances.
* Kevin wants to add a T-ball day which pairs Majors and 50/70 players with incoming t-ball players
* Move 6 year olds under Peewee Division
* Delete the no stealing home rule in Minors
* Update penalties for violations of Maximum play and Maximum pitch.

Due to the length of the meeting, we will continue Local Rule Review and discuss hosting All Stars at the next Board meeting. Kevin will send out another copy of the rules with the current revisions.

***MISCELLANEOUS:***

Cliff is dealing with Dick’s Sporting Goods for a quote on Little League World Series Baseballs for 50/70, Juniors and Seniors.

Dave Wood was presented replacement photographs that had been destroyed in the fire from the boys on his 2016 & 2017 teams.

The County is discussing the installation of a restroom and water fountain by the playground at Maddux.

The leak in the sprinkler system that flooded the batting cages has been repaired.

The water fountain behind the Minors backstop is being replaced, in the same location, by the County.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

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Next Board Meeting: 12/10/18