

## **Organizational Meeting**

January 08, 2017

Started at 6:36 PM

Closed at 8:26 PM

### **Roll Call**

Bethlehem Township – Mike Palovich

Bushkill –Carol Anthony

Easton – Bill Stocker

Forks – Absent – Shawn Swartz

Lower Nazareth – Jared King

Northeast – Greg Ehret

Palisades – Bill Ryker / Heidi Deem

Palmer – Paul Cinoa

Pen Argyl –Ann Weaver

Saucon Valley – Joe Trudnak *(Present, error in original minutes)*

St. Jane – Joe Clymire

UMBT – Ariel Beltrano / David Baggett

Upper Nazareth – Chad Forsyth

Williams – Eric Torgerson

Wilson – David Hoff

Wind Gap – Kevin Black

### **Old Business**

- 1) Proposal will be made on rule change at all levels, except for 2/3 coach pitch (replaces instructional). See below for more details.
- 2) Validate that Rich Sheffer is statistician at 2/3 levels, Ann Weaver is statistician at 4/5 levels, Gary Metzger is statistician at 6/7 levels. We still have this open at the upper levels.

### **2017 Liability Insurance**

Reminder, due before the start of the season. Few organizations already have 2017 evidence filed with the league, thanks.

### **Treasure Report**

The lower level treasure report was presented to the organizational reps.

- 1) Org reps approved \$50 per 2/3 advanced teams submitted. (K/1 and 2/3 coach pitch are free due to no umpires).
- 2) Org reps approved \$90 per 4/5 and 6/7 teams submitted.
- 3) Recommendation by Dennis Grube is the upper level per team fee is \$155. Organizational reps approved recommendation.

EASTERN LEHIGH VALLEY SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
2017 2/3, 4/5 & 6/7 BUDGET – PROPOSED

2015 STARTING BALANCE				\$ 9,973.41
2016 STARTING BALANCE				\$10,269.77
2017 STARTING BALANCE			\$13,977.81	
Less Unsubmitted 2016 Expenses			\$ 1,354.06	\$12,623.75
REVENUE		Quantity	Amount	
Team Fees (4/5 & 6/7)		40	\$90.00	\$3,600.00
(2/3 Adv,)		16	\$50.00	\$ 800.00
Fall Ball Profit				\$1,000.00
All-Star Tournament Profit				\$ 800.00
Organizational Fines				<u>\$ 150.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE				\$6,350.00
EXPENSES				
Assignors Fee		40	\$65.00	\$ 2,600.00
PIAA Rulebooks		60	\$ 8.50	\$ 510.00
Scorebooks		60	\$ 4.25	\$ 255.00
Rental Fees				\$ 400.00
Umpiring Fees				
Playoffs (4/5 & 6/7)		35	\$48.00	\$1,657.00
Administrative				\$ 650.00
Medals				
Senior Individual Champ. & 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Place		48	\$ 3.50	\$ 168.00
Website				\$ 225.00
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$6,465.00
DEFICIT				\$ 115.00
NOT INCLUDED IN 2017 BEGINNING BALANCE				
Unsubmitted Administrative Expenses for 2016			\$421.34	
#293 Payment to Mike Demasi for 2016 Website Fee			\$193.90	
PIAA Rules Books for 2016			<u>\$738.82</u>	
			\$1,354.06	

**Admission of new members**

No immediate changes with on-going discussions with southern Lehigh and Phillipsburg.

**2017 Sign-ups**

Look at all ways to market your softball organization, including flyers to schools, talking to current and past players. With cold months, girls are not thinking spring sports.

## New Rules

- **2/3 ADVANCED LEVEL**

- Baserunning
  - **ADD - #8** - A 2/3's line shall be placed vertically 18 feet 4 inches before Home Plate, third base and second base, The line shall be 2 feet long and 2 inches wide. This will allow the umpire to better determine where the runners shall be placed.

- **4/5 LEVEL**

- General Rules – 4,a,1
  - **ADD** - A 2/3's line shall be placed vertically 18 feet 4 inches before Home Plate, third base and second base. The line shall be 2 feet long and 2 inches wide. This will allow the umpire to better determine where the runners shall be placed.
- Batting – 5 and 6
  - **CHANGE #5** to: The ninth batter will maintain a regular pitching count. Should the batter have four balls thrown to her she will walk and the inning shall be completed. A pitched ball may not be rolled into the plate intentionally.
  - **DELETE #6** *It will no longer be necessary to throw one strike to the 9<sup>th</sup>. batter. She may be walked.*
- Baserunning – 7,d.
  - **ADD** – The defensive team may retire the batter/runner using only the white base when the ball is thrown in the inside of the baseline in fair territory. In the event the ball is thrown outside of fair territory the yellow/red (Safety) base may be used.
- Baserunning 9-A
  - Proposal to change the number of steals from 8 to 6 was reject by org reps.
- Baserunning - 4,a,4
  - *“In the event of a force play the runner may go to the base but may not go any further.”* **CHANGE** - In the event of a force play the runners may advance one base at their own risk on an overthrow. In the event of a non-force play the runners may not advance on an overthrow.
- Baserunning – 4,a,5
  - **ADD** – No advancement may take place on a return throw from the catcher to the pitcher.
- Baserunning – 12

- **ADD NEW DEFINITION** – One base will be allowed on a base on balls. Once the runner has touched first base play shall be declared dead. *[no give me play of walk and running to second base]*
- **8/9 LEVEL**
  - Complete Games – 4,2
    - **CHANGE TO:** In the event the home team is leading by 10 runs after four and one half innings or the visiting team is leading by five (5) innings.
    - **6,c,8 – CHANGE** - 5 Pitching appearances to 35 innings.

### Umpires Contract

League is discussion with Jon Adams and BUA on umpire contact. Jon is now aware of the BUA offer. Both Jon and BUA have been asked to bring best offer to the table. We'll present the offers to the membership once in final form.

### Organization Representation Material Distributed

Packets provided. Roster Sheets, Field Info, Organization Bad dates, Waivers, etc. Discussed the flow of upcoming meetings through April.

1. Reminders for February 12<sup>th</sup> Meetings
  - a. Championship locations, Annual tournament locations, stacking rules review, season playing dates, etc.
  - b. Reminder on potential fines.
    - i. During Organization Rep meetings, if you miss and not represented, this is \$25 fine
    - ii. During coaches meeting, if you miss and not represented, this is \$10 fine for the first offense, \$25 for the second offense, and third offense goes before the board for disciplinary action.
2. Reminder on Forms due to March Meeting
  - a. Head Coaches Form for Coach Directory (2/3, 4/5, 6/7, 8/9B (Nationals)
    - i. Provide Team Name. (no name, no schedule)
    - ii. Please keep name short to fit on schedule
    - iii. Head Coaches form for K/1 will be due in April
  - b. Field Availability
    - i. Also include additional information on location (description or GPS) to update the website, if needed.
  - c. Organization Bad Dates
    - i. Coach's Bad date forms will be provided in March meeting
3. Reminder for April Meetings:
  - a. Submission of Rosters and First Mandatory coach's meetings.