

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, DISTRICT 18

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – April 11, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Milan Mrakich, DA, Diane Bowen, Mike Goodrich, ADAs. Ralph Hernandez, East Alhambra, George Anguiano, South El Monte, Eric Horn, Northeast Los Angeles, Alberto Ocon, South Pasadena, Josh Kelley, Marie Rivas, Temple City American, Billy Kobayashi, Temple City National, Debbie Garcia, El Monte Eastern, Miguel Ruelas, Cecy Perez, Los Angeles.

ABSENT: Alhambra American, El Monte National.

The meeting was called to order and held at the Temple City Community Center.

INTRODUCTIONS: The roll call was taken.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS: Milan handed out the Required Submittals list. Milan explained the waivers and combined and interleague play forms are pending regional approval, if in parentheses. Milan will update the data center on the SEM softball combined play. Some interleague forms with leagues outside District 18 are still awaiting approval from region.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Milan handed out a Calendar for the 2023 season. Leagues should close by June 10th and he will start TOCs June 12th, to take into account rainouts experienced this spring. He has also set District meetings throughout the season. At the meeting it was decided the Presidents' meeting set for April 25 will not be necessary and is cancelled.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Mike reported the schedule through April is out, he asked how far into May the leagues wanted to play. East Alhambra reported the last day for interleague games at Almansor will be May 12th as they will hold their own league playoffs before TOCs begin.

SOFTBALL: South Pasadena and South El Monte will be the only leagues with junior softball teams. Any junior softball players from other leagues could combine with SP or SEM. All Combined Play requests have to be approved through the data center before June 1st when it will shut down and no further changes can be made. If SP or SEM has any players from other leagues they need to fill out the combined play form in the data base. Juniors will probably interleague with leagues from Districts 19, 51 and 40. Juniors could pool the SP and SEM players to form one team to go into tournament play.

SPECIAL GAMES WITH NON-LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS: A special games request needs to be approved by Milan. Most issues with playing non-Little League teams is that LL requires the leagues to list LL on their insurance coverage in order to approve the games.

DATA CENTER FILING CABINET: Milan spoke again about the new *Filing Cabinet in Data Center*. He explained eventually all waivers will be permanently retained in the Data Center so that leagues will have access to prior waiver information, which will populate automatically. Until this is automatic, Milan will make sure presidents get a copy of approved waivers and they can upload it to their data center. This will also apply to league constitutions, bylaws, and other documents. The intent is to have all-star player verification eventually. It will also make it easier when leagues change management for the new board to have access to prior documents.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY ON SPORTS CONNECT: Milan noted now is the time to catch any residency changes. He asked how many leagues use Sports Connect to register; the majority do. He noted the map on Sports Connect will flag any out of boundary players. It was commented that some of the maps are not completely up to date and

Milan asked any discrepancies and/or corrections be sent to him so he can get them fixed. Any adjustments have to be done by May 15th this season.

REQUIRED DIAMOND LEADER TRAINING COURSE FOR TOURNAMENT TEAMS: This training course is required for all all-star managers and coaches. It can be accessed at LittleLeague.org/training. Leagues will be able to access a list of completion data from their data center. Coaches and Managers will have to put their certificate of completion in the all-star book.

CONTINUOUS BATTING TOURNAMENT RULE: Last meeting Milan handed out a flyer regarding *Continuous Batting Order*. He reminded presidents again that during All-Star tournaments continuous batting will be required at all levels (except senior), and that meets mandatory play rules. In other words, no defensive outs are required for mandatory play in tournaments. Scorekeepers will only track pitcher and catcher defensive changes. Most leagues are using continuous batting during regular season, and regular season rules still require mandatory play of 6 defensive outs.

2023 TOCs: The TOC brackets need to be created and approved by LL. Leagues will have until May 1st to enter teams. Presidents will draw for seeding at the May 9th meeting. Once approved they will not be changed. Milan has sent out entry forms to presidents. TCA will host 8-11 baseball, TCN will host 7-9 baseball, and SEM will host all the rest of the tournaments in baseball and softball. TOCs will be single elimination. Milan will create schedules so that leagues with multiple teams will not play their own teams at the beginning of the tournament. Rules from 2022 were handed out for input from presidents before they are finalized for this 2023 season.

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENTS: Milan noted he will need hosts for All-Star tournaments. Leagues may enter multiple teams. Seeding for all-stars will be drawn at the May 23rd meeting. Milan hopes to have a gap between TOCs and all-stars with the 4th of July off. He would like to have a week between District and Section tournaments. District 18 will host LL baseball (10-12) and Senior baseball Section tournaments.

The next meeting will be May 9th.

Written by Diane Bowen, District Secretary