

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, DISTRICT 18

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – March 5, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Milan Mrakich, DA, Diane Bowen, Tom Chavez, ADAs. Ray Aragon & John Seligman, Alhambra American, Billy Kobayashi, Temple City National, Sarah Kelley, Temple City American.

ABSENT: East Alhambra, El Monte National, South El Monte, Northeast Los Angeles, South Pasadena, El Monte Eastern, Los Angeles.

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Since only three leagues had representatives at the meeting, Milan modified the agenda to just discuss topics of interest.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS: Milan handed out the updated Required Submittals list. Milan discussed Residency Waivers and IId and IVh waivers. Milan explained the bill he sends to leagues for Player Assessment fees is based on the LL data center Registration Data Summary (copy handed out), and obviously there are some discrepancies. Leagues should go into the data base and check what is shown under their league. Milan discussed the ASAP plan, and the deadline for incentives from LL. Leagues receive a 15% discount on insurance if they have an approved ASAP plan, and District will receive an incentive if all leagues' plans are submitted before March 22, 2024 (moved from April 1st). Leagues are required to have approved ASAP plans in order to apply to host tournaments. Background checks were discussed, the formula is 3-4 checks should be done on each team chartered.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR ELECTION: As discussed at the last meeting, Milan again advised Presidents he would be stepping down from the DA position this next season. His term runs out at the end of April, and he will complete this 2024 season through tournaments. He has informed LL international he will not be running again. He discussed his personal and professional commitments and the reasons that have made it necessary for him to step down. As further discussed at the last meeting, all the current and former presidents have been told repeatedly that they were qualified to become staff on the District Board, and eventually we hoped to have someone who would fill Milan's shoes. Diane and Mike Goodrich will help with a transition, and will stay on staff as needed. Presidents will be sent information from headquarters in which they will nominate someone as DA, and then LL headquarters will contact the nominee(s) to see if they are willing to either run for or accept the position.

Further discussion was had regarding this issue, i.e. we need someone experienced in running leagues, we hope to not have someone who no one knows come in to run the District. Since LL headquarters is handling the election, Presidents will be contacted directly as indicated above.

RESIDENCY WAIVERS & INTERLEAGUE & COMBINED PLAY FORMS: Milan briefly explained waiver and interleague and combined play forms. The March 22nd meeting will go over these in detail and at that time leagues should know who they will be interlocking or combining with. Milan also discussed boundaries and free territory that leagues can draw from. Residency or Out of Bound Waivers must be approved before players are placed on teams. (Handouts were given re these subjects.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Milan emailed tournament date information to Presidents.

2025 SEASON REGULATION II CHANGE: Milan again discussed the ramifications of Regulation II, taking effect in 2025, in which all NEW first-time players age 7 and under may register in any LL program without respect to eligibility of residence or school, and they are able to stay at the league for their entire career. Further discussion was had on this subject.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Diane reported on the Junior District-wide Interlock. Mike will be sending out a schedule as soon as possible taking into account opening days and field availability and other issues. Presidents are asked for any information regarding breaks they may need for spring break, graduations, etc., and let us know, and Mike will work with the teams in an attempt to not have any forfeitures.

At the meeting on March 22nd, Milan will focus on interleague and combined play, Certification issues and TOC and All-Star information.

OPENING DAYS:

TCN – March 1 @ 6:00 p.m.

TCA – March 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

SP – March 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

AA – March 9 @ 10:00 a.m.

EA – March 9 @ 9:30 a.m.

NELA – March 9 @ 9:00 a.m.

EMN – March 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

SEM – March 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

LA – March 16 @ 11:00 a.m.

EME – March 15 or 29 @ 6:00 p.m.

Written by Diane Bowen, District Secretary