



Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes
Board Meeting
October 19, 2014

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm by JBO President Rachael Skelton.

Introductions

Members present: Casey Humphrey, Shari Smith, Rachel Skelton, Alex Skelton, Brian Mills, Misty Gendhar, Lynn Robinson, Jason Seibel, Christy Wedding.

Members absent: Terrence Haimoto

Announcements: Brian Stinnett stepped down as Valley DC. Casey Humphrey is the new DC for the Valley district.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting approved via email and posted to the Website.

Clarifications to JBO Rulebook:

- ▶ Thunder and Lightning Guidelines. Taking it from the NFHS rulebook.
- ▶ Removing the \$200 fee for application and insurance paperwork being submitted late. Paperwork due to the secretary no later than April 1. If submitted late, there will be no activity allowed (tryouts, practices, games). Forfeits will be imposed.

Rule Proposals and Votes:

- ▶ Proposal #1: Pitch count rather than innings pitched.
In favor: 1 Opposed: 8 Proposal failed.
Reasoning behind the no votes:
 - how would you track the pitch count?
 - coaches coming from little league don't want to go back to pitch count
 - nothing mentioned on post tournament play
 - need a consistent pitch count across the levels for each division
- ▶ Proposal #2: Division breakdown by grade only, with no reference to age.
In favor: 4 Opposed: 5 Proposal failed.
- ▶ Proposal #3: Matrix Change-1st team for all associations would be American, if 2 teams, would be American then National. Remaining matrix remains the same.
In favor: 4 Opposed: 5 Proposal failed.
 - Main reason given for a no vote was that we had said there would be no matrix changes for 2 years.
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- ▶ Proposal #4: Playing Regulation by Age Division – Replacing Letter M
For midget national skill level, a player may not lead off 3rd base until the ball has passed the batter on a pitched ball.
In favor: 4 Opposed: 4 Abstain: 1 Tiebreaker: opposed Proposal failed.

**Rule Proposals and
Votes cont.**

Proposal #4 continued.

- Main reason given for a no vote was that this rule would completely replace Letter M. Would prefer if it was in addition to M.

► Proposal #5: Field Decorum and Conditions. If a homerun fence is present on a field it must be 2.5 time the base length per division. Example: Senior American 90 feet base path the homerun fence must be a minimum of 225 feet from home plate.

In favor: 3 Opposed: 5 Abstain: 1 Proposal failed.

Reasoning for no vote:

- proposal didn't state a minimum of 2.5 times.
- Some want to leave it up to the districts.

► Proposal #6: Game Playing Regulations. L. Addition - that all players are required to wear a protective cup during the game.

In favor: 3 Opposed: 6 Proposal failed.

► Proposal #7: Unsportsmanlike Conduct. C. Addition – However, notwithstanding the foregoing, if a player's suspension causes his team to forfeit their next game, then the suspension will be deemed to be served after the game is forfeit.

In favor: 2 Opposed: 7 Proposal failed.

Reasoning for no vote:

- Offending player must serve their suspension
- Associations need to consider this type of circumstance when considering less than a 12 man roster.

**Accident/Liability
Insurance:**

The requirement for both accident and liability insurance has been listed in the rulebook for years. Some associations may only be carrying liability insurance. Lynn will research and report back at November meeting.

**Championship
Tournament
Committee:**

► Game suspension/legal games due to darkness and/or weather. If game is in a tie, then should be suspended. Need to consider whether we want teams to come back next day to play ½ inning. If visitor scores in top half of current inning, suspend game. If not, call game. More discussion needed.

► Post season packets to include:

- JBO rules by division.
- Tournament info(check sheet)
- NFHS and JBO rulebooks (1 each)
- Forms and templates: t-shirt order form, program template, pitcher tracking sheet, t-shirt sales and raffle signage, signs for posting (no animals, tobacco <including e-cigs>, or alcohol) financial report form.

► Provide field binders and scorebooks,

► Need to better track pitching. Consider game summary cards to be signed by coaches, coaches to report both sitting players and pitchers each inning, post summary where coaches can review.

► Provide each host with printed out board bracket. Include every labels for filling in bracket.

► Requirements:

- Must have scorekeepers and quality announcers.
- Post tournament reports must be turned in before any payment goes out.
- Senior division: must have 1 field with lights, turf or grass infields, mounds, 2 fields for American and National, 1 field for federal. Must have dugouts. If dugouts are not covered, we need to know so teams can bring tents, etc. Outfield fence is a minimum of 225'.

**Championship
Tournament
Committee cont.**

Requirements, continued.

- Junior division same as Seniors, except no light requirement, outfield fence a minimum of 175'
- Midget division, same as above except mounds can be portable and the outfield fence is a minimum 150'

► Championship tournament dates: proposing 3 weekends. All midgets on 1st weekend, JN-JA-SN on 2nd weekend, and JF-SA-SF on the 3rd weekend.

REASONING:

- Midgets would go 1st so their season is not extended.
- Availability of umpires, field availability, and board availability.

Taking 3 weekend format back to districts to get some input.

- Each district can bid to host 3 tournaments; 1 at each level. If not filled, then they would be opened to all districts for bidding.

► State berths/seeding

- 2 berths/district. The rest will be determined by the weight of the teams.
- We need to make sure the seeding process is clearly defined and posted.

► T-shirts:

- Tshirts: provide an order form for each team. We will have their sizes ahead of time and no more tshirt exchanges at the tournament. Les & Bob's will co-sponsor t-shirts (need to find another sponsor). Participant shirts would have logos, concession stand shirts, no logos. Checking on possibility of having team names listed on back of participation. shirts.

► Umpire contract and requirements

- Must be at least 18 yrs of age and have at least 2 yrs experience.
- Pay will remain the same as last year.
- Umpire commissioners---\$150 umpire scheduling fee.
- Umpires may have water/Gatorade during games. Concession stand is not free for umpires.
- No travel pay, no stipends.

► Umpires and tournament hosts need to be in place no later than February.

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► Pin and trophies. Same pins as last year. Jay is getting bids on pins and trophies.

Website update:

Blue Sombrero is owned by Dicks; it is their community marketing tool and offer free sports websites. We are signed up with them, have picked a design and are working to get it up and running. Districts and associations can sign up too, completely free of charge. Individual teams can have their own website within an association website. There are merchant fees if you need to process payments, but they are relatively low. State site address will not change. The move should be complete in 30 days.

**Sponsorship/
Marketing:**

► Dick's would like to put together a couple of "Dick's Days" for JBO. They would bring in extra product, give a 20% discount, Wilson reps to steam gloves, etc.

- Run it over 2 weekends.
- 9 locations, but 3 would be the main hubs: Clackamas, WA Square, and Salem
- Discount would be available at all stores, but the extra stuff would only be at the 3 main hubs.
- Firming up information so we can relay to our districts/associations.

► Working to see what kind of sponsorship we could get from them.

- Sponsor Championship tournaments
- Ideas: give each participant a water bottle or cinch bag or possibly create championship hats and shirts for winning teams.

**Sponsorship/
Marketing, cont.:**
contacting

▶ Marketing ideas – check into using Dick’s billboards for JBO marketing. Valley Corvallis Knights about marketing on I-5 and Hwy 34.

- ▶ Meeting with Wilson later this week about their line drive program.
- Each association can purchase Wilson products at specific retailers, including discounted equipment, and receive a kickback at the end of the season.
 - Dick’s is not included, but there is Frye’s and OC Sporting Goods.
 - Clackamas County previously voted to use only Wilson balls. DC’s will take this back to their associations for a vote. If each district votes to require only Wilson balls, we should be able to go to the Wilson rep and get a better price for our associations.

Clarifications needed from Wilson:

- Can individual players order or does each association need to do the ordering?
- When do the baseballs need to be ordered?
- Is there a discount on some equipment?
- Can they expand the list of approved vendors?

Board Apparel: Shari will ask Jay to bring samples to the next meeting.

Running of the Bulls: Motion by Jason to suspend Running of the Bulls for the 2015 season with the understanding that the executive board will make it to the mandatory coaches meetings at the district levels, bringing the same information.

2nd by Alex

In favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1 Motion passed.

▶ Reasoning:

- Attendance has dropped dramatically.
- Cuts out travel time and late night meeting for coaches.
- Savings of facility and insurance charges.
- Tournament information will be listed on the website.

Old Business:

▶ Former Trico associations have been emailed CCJBA contact info, Misty sent a follow up email and hasn’t heard back. A news item will be put on the JBO website that directs former Trico associations to contact CCJBA.

▶ CYO- they were informed about where to get the necessary paperwork and the contact info for both Westside and Clackamas. Westside has approved them, Clackamas hasn’t heard from them. Rachel will send CYO an email tonight to include Misty’s contact info.

▶ JBO Calendar. June meeting is scheduled too late.

Motion by Alex to have JBO host the annual JBO Executive Board meeting at the Ram in Salem, June 8th, 6:30pm.

2nd by Lynn

All in favor. Motion passed.

▶ Standardizing batter’s boxes and pitching rubbers. We need to have suggested sizes for each division.

New Business:

▶ South Bend wants to create a Senior National League, probably 7 teams. League play at South Bend, county with Valley.

▶ Newport is in contact with Valley.

▶ Westside is getting Seaside. Trying to set up a coast league with Astoria, Tillamook, Vernonia.

Committee for

General Paperwork: Season paperwork will be forwarded to each committee member for input and approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm

Next Meeting: November 16th, 2014
3:00pm
Wilsonville Library