

MINUTES
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
October 27th, 2024
9:00AM TEAMS-VIRTUAL

1. Call to Order 9:00 A.M.
Department Chairman Emmons opened the meeting of the Department Athletic Committee at 9:00 A.M.
2. The colors were saluted
3. Baseball Code of Conduct
All present recited the Baseball Code of Conduct.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Chris Emmons, Department Athletic Chairman- PRESENT
Marv Shamhart, Asst Athletic Chairman- PRESENT
Phil Lightfoot, Junior Baseball Director- PRESENT
Bryce Agner, Region 1 Baseball Director- PRESENT
Mel Cantrell, Region 2 Baseball Director- PRESENT
Bret Mavis, Region 3 Baseball Director- PRESENT
VACANT, Region 4 Baseball Director- VACANT
VACANT, District 1 Baseball Chair- VACANT
Bill Lonsbury, District 2 Baseball Chair- PRESENT
Gaylen Blosser, District 3 Baseball Chair- PRESENT
Jerry Wilson, District 4 Baseball Chair- NOT PRESENT
VACANT, District 5 Baseball Chair- VACANT
William Little, District 6 Baseball Chair-PRESENT
VACANT, District 7 Baseball Chair- VACANT
VACANT, District 8 Baseball Chair- VACANT
VACANT, District 9 Baseball Chair- VACANT
BJ Long, District 10 Baseball Chair- NOT PRESENT
Doug Wainwright, District 11 Baseball Chair- PRESENT
Michael Higgins, District 12 Baseball Chair- NOT PRESENT
VACANT, District 13 Baseball Chair- VACANT
VACANT, District 14 Baseball Chair- VACANT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Tyler Sisson, Beavers Field
Jeff Vrabel Jr, SAL 1st Vice Detachment Commander

6. Reading of previous minutes- Phil Lightfoot, Junior Baseball Director moved, seconded by Doug Wainwright, District 11 Baseball Chairman to accept the minutes from the previous Baseball Committee Meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Approval of Committee Rules-

Athletic Committee suggested that the first paragraph in the Committee Rules, add Junior Baseball Director and Asst Department Athletic Chairman. Also change the names of the Commissioners to Region Directors. Change the Spring Meeting date to February.

Marv Shamhart, Asst Athletic Chairman moved, seconded by Phil Lightfoot, Junior Baseball Director to accept the Committee Rules with all changes.

MOTION PASSED

7. Rulebook

Chris Emmons, Department Chairman, would like to have the Region Directors, Phil and Marv at mid-winter for a in person rulebook meeting. There was 1 rule change from National since it is an off year. National extra inning rule- After 9 innings, the last out goes to second base.

8. Super Regional Tournament Dates and Junior and Senior Tournament Dates-

The Junior Tournament starts on Thursday and ends on Sunday. The Senior tournament starts on Friday and ends on Monday.

Sunday February 16th- Athletic Committee and coaches meeting/state bracket draw- in person and virtual.

Tuesday June 3rd – 6pm Teams Calls with Athletic committee to seed all brackets.

Jr Regionals week of July 7th, 2025

Sr Regionals week of July 14th, 2025

State Jr Tournament July 17th- 20th, 2025

State Sr Tournament July 25th- 28th, 2025

Junior Region Winners need to be sent in to Department by Sunday July 13th, 2025.

Senior Region Winners need to be sent in to Department by Sunday July 20th, 2025.

9. Team Fees

a. Junior- \$600.00

b. Senior- \$700.00

Discussion was had on registration fees and increasing registration fees by \$100 so teams will not have to pay extra in their Region Tournaments. Also encouraging Region Directors to ask for District donations of \$250.00+.

The Committee will table the decision of team fees until the Region Directors decide on where their super regionals will be played and how much their local umpires will cost.

The Junior Tournament will mirror the Senior Tournament, and the Junior teams will stay overnight at the hotels during the Tournament and Department will take care of the bill with their team fees.

10. Background Checks and Abuse Awareness Training- nothing has changed.

11. National Updates-

Rules updates for extra innings. There is also a marketing kit for the 100th Anniversary

a. Governor DeWine Proclamation- July 17th National American Legion Baseball Day.

b. Regional Tournament Mayor Proclamation - Reach out to local Mayors for each Super Regional Tournament for Proclamations.

12. State Tournament Review-

Asking SAL to sponsor the Junior Tournament and will have the SAL Detachment Commander throw out the first pitch. Family Fun Day was a hit.

13. Locating Former Legion/MLB Baseball Players-

Invite them to the Friday night game to be recognized for the 100th Anniversary.

14. New Business

a. Community Fun Day- Christie, Chris and Tyler will work together to help plan next year's Community Fun Day. We will also make the times for Family Fun Day coincide with the games so the community can experience both.

b. Friday Games- The runner-up from each Region will play Friday and the winner of either game will complete the 6-team bracket.

c. Brackets- Region Directors will meet virtually to discuss their Region brackets based off the number of teams they will have in each Region.

Phil Lightfoot is having wooden bats made for each team for the Senior Tournament. There will be 2 that are raffled off by the Department.

Christie will also check the cost of making pins for the 100th year of American Legion Baseball to sell.

Region 4 does not have a Director. Jeff Vrabel Jr was suggested as the District 9 Baseball Chair. The Committee wants Christie to ask the 9th District Commander to appoint Jeff Vrabel Jr as the 9th District Baseball Chair.

Regis Kern and Jeff Vrabel Jr will work together for the Region 4 Super Regional Tournament.

Phil Lightfoot, Junior Baseball Director moved, seconded by Doug Wainwright, District 11 Baseball Chair to appoint Regis Kern and Jeff Vrabel Jr as Co-Directors of Region 4.

MOTION PASSED

15. Unfinished Business- Chris Emmons will come up with suggested prices for raffle tickets for the 2 bats to raffle off. William Little asked if coaches need to be Legion or SAL members to coach. The answer is no.

16. Salute the colors

17. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:38AM