

Red Lion 35 Baseball Meeting

February 19th, 2022

1:25 PM – 3:49 PM

All teams were present at the meeting with the following representatives:

- Angels – Kelso S. Haugh (K1)
- Athletics - Matt Bomberger
- Brewers – Randy Stambaugh
- Dodgers – Jason Miller
- Mountaineers (Possible Name Change Pending) – Robert Weaver
- Pirates - Bruce Aylward
- Red Sox – Jason Barmore
- Vikings – Kerry Hostetter
- Yankees – Anthony Simonetta

The Executive Board's statuses were as followed for the meeting:

- Jason Miller – Present
- Keith Garrigan – Absent
- Kelso E. Haugh (K2) – Present
- Michael Schaale – Present
- Tim Steinhauer – Present

Discussion was held on modified bats:

- There will be no modified bats. Vote unanimously from managers.
- If discovered, the bat is removed from the game and the player is ejected per MLB Rule Rule 6.03(a)(4).

Discussion on 5-year eligibility before moving teams:

- Motion presented to eliminate rule and require a release form from team that player is currently on. Vote unanimously from managers with the note that a manager can not agree to a release.
- If the manager does not agree, the matter will then be presented to the executive board if the player wishes to appeal. This is to keep the league competitive. The board can also prevent a player from leaving if the team that would receive them would not need the

help and would jeopardize his current ballclub.

Discussion on Jarrod Mattias:

- The information provided to the executive board was presented to the managers/reps for a vote. The vote was a majority of 8 to 1 to not allow him to play until he is eligible at age 30. If it had been presented last year prior to playing, he would have likely been allowed to play as an exception due to circumstances.

Grandfathering was discussed:

- Any player that played last year and is still under 30 is allowed to play even if they do not have a father on the team or their father is not available. This impacts two players – one on Robert Weaver's team (name TBD) and the Brewers, Garrett Moats. This ruling does not supersede the ruling above. They are two different scenarios.

Wording Change was discussed:

- Instead of father-son, change the wording to father-offspring or some variation. As the rules read, they do not allow daughters to play.
- The league is open to fathers or mothers playing with their children. Everyone signs the same form during signups.

Clarity of Baserunning Rule:

- You can get a secondary league. It is the same amount as oldtimers. (Someone please look this up for me so I can update this).

Schedule was discussed:

- There will be one division with all teams in it.
- The regular season is still 10 games. One team may not play the same number of games due to an odd number of teams. Scheduler will try to balance it, so it is even for all teams. There will be 4 games a day.
- There will be a play-in game for the playoffs. The 8th and 9th seed teams will play on Saturday with the winner playing the 1st seed team on Sunday.
- Reseeding will occur after the first round in the playoffs. The first round of playoffs is the first Sunday that we have playoffs.
- The championship game will begin with both teams starting at the top of their lineups. There was a vote on this with a majority agreeing 7 to 2.

Fields were discussed:

- Manchester will be available for use all season if the Central League men's team does not have a makeup game.
- Conrads is available every weekend. Ideally, we will use the men's field, but can use the upper field if necessary. If we use the field, the first home team **MUST** line the field and the last teams of the day **MUST** rake around the plate, bases, and the mound.
 - Mike Schaale offered to drag the field for games as necessary on Saturdays before the Sunday games.
- Dallastown should be 5 weeks and all day, but we are waiting on confirmation from them. K2 will follow-up with the individual at the high school soon.
- Michael Schaale is in talks with a representative for using Hellam and Long Level (Craley). He will follow-up soon with them.
- Mt. Wolf is an option depending on YAR.
- Michael Schaale presented an idea of trying to secure a field that is a field for our league and Oldtimers. It will not be this year, but it is an idea that received positive reviews and one to consider moving forward.

Financials were discussed:

- Manchester will want \$700 for the entire season to use their facility.
- Dallastown will want \$500 for 5 weeks for their facility.
- Conrads is negotiable and K2 can work with them. It was \$50 per week last year (This was not mentioned at the meeting but needs to be notated).
- Team fee is \$1100. The fee covers the following:
 - Umpires
 - Scorekeepers
 - Quarters
 - Baseballs
 - Umpire Assigner Fee
 - Field Costs
 - Maintenance supplies like lime and drying agent

Cutoff Date for the Season were discussed:

- **March 1st** – Cutoff for teams for the season. This will continue moving forward until a motion is presented to alter it.
- **March 27th** – Free Agency Draft
- **March 27th** – Schedule will be released to all managers to distribute to their teams. If it is finished earlier, it will be sent out earlier, but that is the latest date (This was not mentioned at the meeting but needs to be notated).

- **April 1st** – Payment for league fee (Please send a check to 43 Serenity Lane Brogue, PA 17309. That is K2's (Treasurer) home and he will confirm when he receives your check and do a direct deposit the same day, he receives it.
- **April 10th through 16th** – Checks will be sent out to managers for umpires, scorekeepers, and quarters for foul balls. K2 will send an email explaining the breakdown when he sends them out (This was not mentioned at the meeting but needs to be notated).
- **April 24th** – First Game of the season