



Maryland District 2 2024 Winter Leadership Meeting

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Meeting Objective/Impetus: Staff reports from MD-2, registration status reports, Spring planning.

1. Meeting called to order by Marty McNeill, 2:00pm on January 14th 2024 at Holly Hills Country Club.



Opening remarks.

- Agenda
- East Region Roundtable, 2nd weekend in March
- East Region Zoom meeting, early February

2. League Introductions & Status:



FALL

- Registration is open, 25 so far.
- Player clinic at Athlete Factory, 19 Feb., 0900-1500.
- Opening Day is April 13th.
- New outfield fence for Braddock field.



BRLL

- Registration is open, closes 10 Feb.
- Winter workouts scheduled but starting slow due to weather.
- Local rules updates to the Board of Directors next Sunday.



FNLL

- Registration is open but slow.
- Recruiting new coaches and other volunteers.
- Conducting merger committee meetings with FNLL, merge planned for 2024 Fall.



EFLL

- Opening day is April 15th, 34 players so far.
- Winter workouts at Crucible and Athlete Factory
- Free Tee Ball clinic, 4 Feb. at Tuscarora H.S., 50 slots.
- Merger with FNLL delayed till 2024 Fall.



MCLL

- Registration is up 4%, 1400 players so far.
- Winter workouts going.
- Lower MoCo will likely have higher player registrations.
- Been modifying local rules for parity among divisions.
- Did not cut off 12 year olds on tournament team per 2019 Rule III. Rule no longer exists.

TLL

- Early registration started 1 Dec.
- Registration is up by 35 compared to 2023, 100 registered at present.
- Trying to get more volunteer involvement.
- Field upgrades (irrigation, sod, etc.) completed in Fall.
- Opening day is April 6th.

3. Minutes: No minutes provided from the previous meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report (R. Yamagata):

-  Reviewed financials.
-  Need a vote on the MD-2 budget that was presented at the last meeting.
-  Motion to accept: Adam Kurtz (BRLL)
 - Second: Todd Patterson (MCLL)

5. Safety Report (Marty for B. Longest):

-  Reminded all of credits for early ASAP submission.
-  Background checks!
-  Reminder of new child protection training requirement.
-  Reminded that Diamond Leader training isn't required by LL HQ for everyone, but leagues can require it if they wish.

6. Umpire Consultant's Report (J. Wagner):

-  Spoke about background checks and links to child protection training.
-  Softball now allows the "leap" by pitchers.
-  At-Bat rule is now better defined in rules for tournament play.
-  MSUA clinic 17 February, MD-2 to pay for all umps.
-  East Region and Williamsport clinics are announced and posted to site.
-  Announcement on MD-2 rules clinics coming soon.
-  Age for background checks was questioned. Jon will verify (all ages must be submitted, but minors may not get processed).

7. Challenger Report (G. Berry):

-  Not present.

8. Baseball Report (D. Hawes / M. Kline):

-  Must coordinate field availability for teenage game planning.
-  Let MD-2 staff know if any are interested in hosting tournaments this year!
 - 8-10 Softball State (BRLL)
 - TOC (TLL will host if no other is able)
-  Danny Miller YMCA HOF induction details given.
 - <https://frederickymca.org/47th-annual-alvin-g-quinn-sports-hall-of-fame-induction-cere>

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-  Marty proposed Zoom meetings to handle some game scheduling and field planning for leagues (hopefully by March, before season).
-  Tim (EFLL) proposed that leagues with less than 4 teams should coordinate schedules before reaching out to bigger leagues (BRLL, TLL, MCLL).
 - Agreement expressed my most.
 - Marty said the District will help coordinate those meetings.
-  Marty suggested that leagues send questions to be asked so that he can develop a questionnaire that would drive the scheduling discussion.

9. Softball Report (A. Roberts):

-  No softball at TLL.
-  BRLL & MCLL softball are growing.
-  9-11 year olds are increasing (State tournament will be help for this division in 2024).
-  EFLL announced Tee Ball for softball.
-  Looking at Minor hybrid rules to determine if they are working.

10. DA Report (M. McNeill):

-  Continuing on the “Grow Your League” discussion from November...
 - TLL has increased volunteer deposit to \$200 in an attempt to draw more volunteers vs. them abandoning their deposits.
 - MCLL (Annette) - started committees for coach and player development.
 - EFLL spoke about the FCPS “Peach Jar” program that gets ads and announcements out to students and parents. Andrew Wolfe seems to have info and will coordinate with Blaine, Mike K., and Kathy W. to find out how to get involved in the “Peach Jar” system.
-  Interleague Rules Discussion
 - Need to ensure that regular season tournament rules are clearly conveyed to all leagues (Fogle, TOC, etc...)
 - Post these to website!
-  Child Protection Program (new)
 - Not a huge burden.
 - All volunteers must complete.
 - Should link with Background Checks.
-  Tournament Season schedules
 - Schedule windows have been given by LL HQ.
 - Almost same as last year.
-  TOC
 - Host? (TLL if nobody else wants it). EFLL will ask at their next board meeting.
 - MD-2 gives \$500 to help with costs to host.
 - Friday-Monday (game counts: 2, 4, 2, 1)
 - June 14-17
-  Junior and Softball TOC’s will be the same structure as last year, similar timeframes.
-  State 8-10 softball host = BRLL
-  Wrap Up
 - Tim (EFLL) informed all that FredCo can now schedule fields for tournament use 2 years in advance.
 - CHARTERS & INSURANCE MUST GET DONE!

- Please submit Constitution, Bylaws, and Boundary Maps to Marty ASAP.
 - Suggestion was made to get local rules posted centrally and ensure better communication before the season starts.
- Get ahead of Waivers and Combined Team requests.
- FY25 7 year-old boundary rule to be discussed at the East Region roundtable meeting in March.
- Garrell Hauver Tournament at BRLL, March 23-24.

11. Next Leadership Meeting (Tournament) – March 17, 2024, 2pm @ Holly Hills

 Future meetings are May 5th and June 2nd.

12. Meeting Adjournment

 Motion to adjourn: Gerry Stevens (FNLL)

- Second: Rick Wilson (FALL)