

The American Legion, Dept. of Michigan
Baseball Committee
November 30, 2021 Meeting at Dept. HQ
Lansing, MI

Meeting called to order at 10 AM.

Members present : Jeff McGinnis, Nels Cronkright, Terry Myers, Bob Eggert, Mike Trickey via phone, Ashley Zimmer Program Coordinator, Commander Richard Dubay

Motion by Eggert to approve Minutes of Sept. 17 and Sept. 22nd minutes. Seconded by Cronkright. Motion passed.

Deadline dates established for the 2021-2022 season. They are as follows:

Certification of State champion to National by June 25, 2022.

State Tournament for both Class A and AA July 27- 30, 2022

Class AA tournament will be hosted by Mt. Pleasant.
Class A tournament to be hosted by Trenton.

Registration of teams from Jan. 1 to May 15, 2022. Insurance must be purchased by May 15.

Meeting June 21 at Headquarters to turn in all paperwork and money for teams.

Midland won't play in State Tournament due to the fact that they are hosting Regionals which gives them an automatic bid. Approved by Steve Cloud, National Baseball.

McGinnis requested for committee vote to approve drafted resolution on changing Class A and Class AA baseball to Junior and Senior baseball. Junior player ages will be 13-17 and Senior will be 13-19. Will be instituted for the 2022-2023 baseball season. This is to better align with National's Baseball Rules. A Copy of resolution to be provided to department for further action. Committee voted as follows; Myers, Eggert, and Cronkright approved the resolution. Trickey rejected resolution. Resolution was approved 3-1. (full resolution attached)

Both A and AA tournaments are budgeted for \$18,000.

Meals \$15 per person per day. Rooms \$90 per day. Jeff stated he was going to try and get that raised to \$100.

SAL is going to give baseball \$1000 - \$1500 which will be utilized to support both A and AA tournaments equally.

Make sure we recognize dates for submitting Scholarship entries.

Starting with 2023 Abuse Awareness will be done yearly and will no longer be good for 2 years.

Red patches for previous tournament winners may be worn on chest of uniforms.

National Budget 1.4 Million

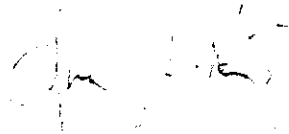
Suggested that we work with Little League Baseball teams. Good way to get new incoming players.

National pitch count 105 pitches total for a day.

Discussion at National to raise enrollment from 6K to 7500.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff McGinnis".

Jeff McGinnis, Chairman
Bob Eggert Secretary

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #22-4
SUBMITTED BY: Department Baseball Committee
SUBJECT: Change Name and Classification of Class AA and Class A Baseball

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Baseball Committee is to operate and control The American Legion Baseball program in such a manner as to reflect credit on The American Legion, Department of Michigan, and to set rules of play, in accordance with National rules, which will allow an orderly operation of the program in the Department; and

WHEREAS, To better align with National Baseball Rules, the names of our two baseball classes will change from Class AA to Seniors and Class A to Juniors. Player ages for Juniors will be 13-17 year olds. Player ages for Seniors will be 13-19 year olds; with 19-year old eligibility being outlined by the National Baseball Rules; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the change is to more closely follow the rules outlined by the National Baseball Committee and to set age limits on the two classes of baseball teams, which most of the Nation currently has in place; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Winter Meeting, assembled in Lansing, Michigan, February 11-13, 2022, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan change the name and classification of Class AA to Seniors and Class A to Juniors Baseball; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, This change in age and nomenclature will take effect beginning with the 2022-2023 baseball season.

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FOR COMMITTEE USE

APPROVED REJECTED REFERRED TO DEC APPROVED w/AMEND

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(Chairman)

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