

## DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 19, 2011

The meeting of the Department Baseball Committee was called to order by Donald Hudon , Chairman in Flint, Michigan, on February 19, 2011 at 10:00 am. The following people were present:

**MEMBERS:** Donald Hudon, Chairman, William Clark, Peter Hayes, Walter Christensen, Nelson Cronkright, David Stanifer

**GUESTS:** 7 Guests were present

### **Minutes:**

Were reviewed

### **Communications:**

Rusty Frank will be getting the baseballs for the State Tournament and also requesting a change in base schools. The change in base school will be tabled for 30 days till the committee members from that area can investigate more.

Rich Anger submitted a letter of resignation to the committee and the committee recommends Pete Hayes to replace him. DEC will hopefully pass that motion at tonight's meeting.

Lugnuts contacted Don to see if we were still interesting in purchasing tickets for the State Champion team. Committee decided to discontinue the tradition.

### **Budget:**

At the finance meeting earlier today baseball was granted a \$2000 budget increase. Don will be working with the new finance employee to finalize a detailed budget.

### **Rules:**

The rule book is up to date with one change being reducing umpires from 3 to 2 on state tournament. A third tier was asked to be added and will be working on rules to include them for the 2012 year.

### **Insurance:**

Reminder, insurance is purchased online along with baseball fees.

### **Roster:**

Deadline for submitting roster and all paperwork is June 27 by 2:00 pm

### **Fees:**

Fees for this year remain \$50 state \$50 national. An increase was discussed but was tabled until fall meeting to see where we are at cost wise after 2011 tournament.

### **State Contract:**

Changes were suggested and the ones approved were: Under housing scorekeeper be removed. Under baseball, reduce number to 4 dozen and require each team to supply 2 Diamond 1 balls for each game they played. Under trophy, State will cover the cost up to \$150 for 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies.

**Umpires:**

It was discussed and agreed upon to reduce umpires to two (2) a game.

**Trophies:**

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Host will get but the state will reimburse up to \$150 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> medals host covers entirely. Don will get the Championship t-shirts.

**Pairings/Brackets:**

Pairings were drawn and will be used for both A and AA tournaments.

Game 1: Home 5<sup>th</sup> Zone, Away 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone

Game 2: Home 3<sup>rd</sup> Zone, Away 4<sup>th</sup> Zone

Game 3: Home 1<sup>st</sup> Zone, Away Winner Game 2

Game 4: Home Host, Winner Game 1

**Tournaments:**

District: July 14 – 17

Zone: July 21 – 24

State: July 27 – 31 Midland

Regional: Aug. 4 – 8 Midland

**Decal:**

In packet Committee members will have the amount due to HQ for their decals.

**Scholarship:**

Please promote the scholarship; each team is able to submit one application. We only received 4 out of 50 last year.

**Chain of Command:**

As always questions should be sent through the chain of command. Team, Post, District, Zone, State Committee

**Other Business:**

Class A needs to develop a procedure on handling tournament. A group of state baseball reps that can clarify issues with rules during the Class A tournament. District baseball chairman will be asked to attend tournament and be the sounding board when issues occur. This is a no compensation position.

State Tournament costs will now be sent to HQ for processing.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted by,



Don Hudon  
Baseball Chairman