American Legion Department of Michigan
Baseball Committee Meeting
February 15, 2020

Meeting was held at: The Flint Holiday Inn Gateway Center in the Monroe room.

Meeting opened at: 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present: Nelson Cronkright, Jeff McGinnis (via phone), Bob Eggert, Dave Stanifer, Mike Trickey. Terry Myers was absent.

Guests: 7

The minutes from the September 2019 baseball meeting were read. Motion by Trickey to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Eggert. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Discussion on baseball contracts for 2020. Motion by Trickey to duplicate the 2019 contracts for 2020 and table any possible future changes to the contracts until Fall meeting due the already established 2019-2020 baseball budget. Seconded by Eggert.

Discussion on 8 and 10 team brackets to replace the current 6 team bracket for state tournaments. No changes were made for the 2020 state tournament brackets but the 2021 bracket will be on the agenda for the Fall 2020 meeting.

New Business:
2021 budget proposal presented by Chairman McGinnis.

Dave Stanifer presented the District Baseball Chairman Responsibility description. Motion by Cronkright to adopt the District Baseball Chairman Responsibilities as written. Seconded by Trickey.

Reports given by each zone chairman on number of teams expected to participate this season.
Zone 1- 5 teams
Zone 2- 8 or 9 teams with possibility of an additional 4 or 5 teams from district 5.
Zone 3- 1 team. Community conflicts are a barrier to growth.
Zone 4- 12 teams
Zone 5- 18 teams

Update from Programs Director, Ashley, on current number of teams registered and the new Abuse Awareness certification that all team coaches, managers, and volunteers will need to complete in order to participate in Legion Baseball.
Motion by Trickey to remove the following sentence from rule number 26 in the 2020 Michigan Baseball Rule book: “No Zone shall have more than two (2) representatives in this tournament” Seconded by Eggert. Motion passed.

Adjournment:
There being no further business meeting was adjourned 10:40 a.m. by Vice Chairman Nelson Cronkright.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nelson Cronkright, Vice Chairman
Minutes from the Dept Baseball Comm
Winter Conference February 15, 2020
Flint, MT

Call to Order
9:00 am

Roll Call: McGinnis (via phone), Cronkright, Eggert, Trudig
Absent: Myers
Guests present 7

Prev minutes read and approved, Motion Trudig/Eggert/Spt motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

1. Class AA Tournament dates shall be July 24 - 26 @ Michigan, MI State champ to be certified and reported to national by midnight 2 Aug 20. Motion by Eggert/Spt Trudig Motion passed for 2020.

2. Discussion of baseball contracts, current funding levels vs. proposals from zone chairs summarized. The committee tabled issue until Fall meeting, Motion Trudig/Spt Eggert. Motion passed. This issue could not send to change current funding approved by dept of MT

3. Discussion of brackets for state tournaments
   The committee considered an 8-Team Bracket, an NCAA style bracket, and retaining current bracket - 6 Team. A fee deemed on participating teams was considered. No changes to current rules were made for 2020. 2021 Bracket will be on agenda for Fall Mtg 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 budget presented by McGinnis. $144,000 budget will be requested by chairman in May 2020. To accommodate cost adjustments.
2. Rule change review implemented by National Hear Comm 2018 were reviewed. The major changes are: pitching rule, 19 year old graduates eligibility, starting population increase to 6,800 for IA, and player replacement due to documented injury. The committee will publish guidance to our teams to ensure the word gets out.

3. Zone 4 and Zone 5 tripod committee on set-up of respective state tournaments. Note that both state tournaments are aligned, where will the com members go? Members will speak off line.

4. The committee adopted a District chairman description, presented by Stamper. All members read the document and felt the guidance was good.

5. Zone chairman reports
   a) Zone 1: 15 teams
   b) Zone 2: 5-9 teams. District 5 was well represented at meeting as guests and are working diligently to fund raise and also raised up to an additional 4-5 teams.
   c) Zone 3: 1 team. Community conflicts and a barrier for growth.
   d) Zone 4: 12 teams
   e) Zone 5: 16 teams

6. Program director Ashley reported that state baseball held outside donations offered by SAH and ___. New player cards program will be implemented in 2021.

7. Awareness training now required of all team leaders with underlying background checks. Tucker recommends all committee members complete background check and the training requirement as a precaution for liability insurance.

8. Good of the committee: Zone 5 requested clarification of awards funding and meal money usage.
7. (cont.) Zone 5 may provide daily meals for all players and coaches rather than distribute the funds to the teams. Stamper mentioned that the State of MI Playing rules mentions that Class A Zone may not have more than 2 participants. Motion by sticky and spf adopted to strike this rule effective 2000. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. by Vice Chairman.