

# Minutes

District 5 Little League

Presidents Meeting

May 5, 2009

6:00 pm

Roadrunner LL Boardroom

- I. Presiding- Camilla Serrano, District Administrator. In attendance: Kim Kerschen, Antoinette Sabedra, Ger Demarest, Louis E. Adams Jr., Howard Cake, Suzanne Beck, Val Sisneros, Jeff Velasquez, Gary D. Eisenborg, Camilla Serrano, Sasha Allison, Bill Hendrick, Donna Buffett
- II. Motion to approve April 2009 minutes:-Kim Kerschen (ALL), 2<sup>nd</sup> Howard Cake (MHLL), all present in favor.
- III. Rosters: Due June 1, all leagues need to upload to Williamsport.
- III. Interleague Issues:
  - a. Please re-direct questions and concerns to Camilla at this time.
  - b. Moved and rescheduled interleague games from Atrisco are a result of an altercation between two Atrisco Junior Softball teams. The situation was handled promptly and by the book. Atrisco LL President and Board of Directors met with both team managers within hours following the altercation, and were decisive with disciplinary action. A written summary was submitted to Camilla Serrano District 5 Administrator, then forwarded to the Southwest Regional Director, and finally to main headquarters in Williamsport. The charter for Atrisco LL Junior Softball division was denied by Williamsport. This action prohibits Atrisco Junior Softball teams from play. It is not up to the managers of those teams to appeal, but the Atrisco Board of Directors to appeal this decision.
  - c. Camilla would like all Leagues to communicate with each other to reschedule games and locations to facilitate field play quickly. If there are conflicts please contact Camilla, and respond quickly to emails/ phone calls regarding interleague play.
  - d. Antoinette, Atrisco President: wants to thank all League Presidents in District 5 for their support and help with re-scheduling games quickly.
  - e. Field issues: A softball manager had an issue with softball being played on a baseball pitching mound. This issue has already been resolved by that leagues president.
  - f. Interleague RULE CHANGE: In general most lighted field games end at 9:50 pm per past rules. RRLL lighted field games end at 10:05pm. Please note this rule change, and do not walk off the field before the game ends or teams are dismissed by the umpire.
  - g. Interleague rules trump local little league rules. Interleague games/teams do not need to comply with local LL rules. Examples: #1. League A cannot enforce League B to work their concession stand or pick up trash around bleachers after games. #2. Two teams from the same league can decide amongst themselves whether local LL rules or Interleague rules apply. However, it would always be advantageous to display courtesy to the League sponsoring the game. Please use common sense and play nice with one another.
- IV. Junior Baseball Tournament:
  - a. 7-8 teams of 20 showed up to meeting on Sunday, May 3rd. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the new start day. Tournament will probably run June 1-15, with the 1<sup>st</sup> week being pool play, then 2<sup>nd</sup> week- single elimination. Championship game will be held at Roadrunner LL. Various leagues will need to host games. Most issues were resolved at meeting. Low attendance made it difficult to be sure about exact team numbers. All information about this provided by Bill Hendrick.
  - b. Are you participating? Please respond promptly to Ty Kattenhorn. If you need his contact info, please email District 5 Secretary.

- c. Camilla believes all presidents should have been discussing and preparing their managers 2 months ago rather than at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to avoid teams backing out.
- V. Dist 9 Softball Tournament: If your teams are interested, please let the coordinators know ASAP. These games are counted toward play eligibility. Please check the email sent out by D.A. or handouts today.
- VI. Website: [www.nmd5littleleague.org](http://www.nmd5littleleague.org) We are planning to put all tournament brackets on the site, please get accustomed to looking here for updates.
- VII. Elections
  - a. June or whenever your league elections are held is approaching. Please send out notices plenty in advance, so to avoid re-votes.\*\* See last months minutes for other District suggestions\*\*
- VIII. State D.A meeting: meeting was moved to a future date.
  - a. Meeting will include discussion about; all star tournaments, state tournament umpire selection, all state tournament sites, and more definitive tournament start dates. This info will be available after this meeting.
- X. District All Star Tournaments:
  - a. Softball games that originally were at Atrisco LL will be redirected to Thunderbird LL and Altamont LL.
  - b. Please look at the new tournament affidavit form, and make yourself familiar with it. Be prepared to give your parents and managers correct up to date information about what documentation is needed and when. Don't wait till the last minute to find out your league is not prepared.
  - c. Question from Val: IId & IVh waivers? All waivers must be completed by June 1, 09. The new affidavit now has the check list, please look at the new affidavit.
- XI. Next presidents meeting: Wed June 10, 6pm
- XII. Senior Baseball: Dist 1, 5, & 8 are combined. Ty is working on schedules. Games for teams that are ready have begun.
  - a. Zia LL/ Mile Hi LL = 1 team
  - b. Altamont = 2 teams
  - c. Roadrunner LL = 2 teams
  - d. East Mountain LL = 9 players
  - e. Atrisco LL = 2 players
  - f. Thunderbird LL = 0 teams/players (2 players all star eligible)
  - g. Lobo LL = 0 players

FYI:

- Swine flu: Stay tuned. At this time, District suggests no contact after games with the traditional handshake; instead try waiving or something comparable. Emails will be sent to Presidents regarding any changes.
- Umpire update: District 5 Chief Umpire, Bill Hendrick, was asked to umpire at Junior Baseball Regional play in Midland, TX.
- EMLL has question: The Junior Softball and Baseball waivers that were turned in for 17 players, were they approved? –solution Camilla will investigate

Adjourned at 6:56 pm.