

# **NORTH WASHINGTON BABE RUTH BASEBALL**

## **SPRING MEETING MINUTES**

**April 11, 2015 – Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant, North Bend, WA**

Attendees:

Bill Peterson (Special Assistant State Commissioner); Les Dow (District 3 Commissioner); Jim Allen (District 1 Commissioner); Bob Fojtik (District 4 Co-Commissioner); Jim Marcotte (Umpire-In-Chief); Randy Boruff (State Commissioner); Brent Stenman (Assistant State Commissioner).

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by State Commissioner Randy Boruff.

- Opening Remarks, Welcome & Introduction
  - State Commissioner Randy Boruff introduced himself, welcomed everyone, and had some brief opening comments.
  - Randy had everyone around the table introduce themselves.
- Acceptance of Agenda
  - Randy presented the meeting agenda and asked for acceptance. There was a motion, a second, and a vote for approval (“MSA”).
- Secretary’s Report
  - Randy asked for approval of the 2014 Spring Meeting minutes (there was no Fall Meeting) previously distributed. MSA.
- Financial Report
  - Randy reported that the balance is currently \$1,924 (bank statement provided), but pending some expenses. Randy said that our annual revenue is about \$5,000. Expenses are usually about the same. Randy pays Jim Marcotte for umpire expenses, he pays for the website, he pays for the trip for him and Brent to the Regional Tournament in Reno, and he pays for his own expenses (phone, etc.) associated with being the State Commissioner. Randy said he will always try and keep a balance of around \$1,000 to \$1,500. MSA.
- District Reports
  - District 1: District Commissioner Jim Allen reported their team number is 12 teams this year. They are usually at 11 or 12 teams. He reported that there is a rumor that American Legion in that area is going to start dipping down to 13 year old level starting this year. They have the usual battles for players with Little League, select/club baseball, and Lacrosse. District 1 hosted the 2014 13 Year Old State Tournament in Mount

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Vernon, and it went very well, although the team that won it is not playing Babe Ruth this year. District 1 always does a good job with State Tournaments.

- District 3: District Commissioner Les Dow reported that their numbers are down again this year. They have 9 teams at the 18 level, 7 teams at the 15 level, 30 teams at the 14 level, and 30 teams at the 13 level. Dan Ohlson was not in attendance to report on the Pierce County area. Les reported that their 15 year old team was not treated well at the World Series in Longview.
  - District 4: District Co-Commissioner Dan Estes was unable to attend, but Co-Commissioner Bob Fojtik was and he reported that North Kitsap has 6 teams, and Port Angeles has 7 teams. North Kitsap and Central Kitsap have merged, as have Port Angeles and Sequim. It's getting lower every year, due to usual problem of select teams, Lacrosse, high school coaches that don't want their kids playing Babe Ruth ball, etc. District 4 hosted the 2014 16-18 State Tournament in Port Angeles and it went mostly very smoothly, with the exception of one team having trouble getting their tournament documents prepared correctly. Port Angeles always does a good job with State and Regional Tournaments.
  - District 5: State Commissioner Randy Boruff reported that their numbers are about the same, or maybe slightly up. They have 2 leagues comprising a total of 7-8 teams. The District has really taken a hit recently from other baseball organizations, just like the other Districts. District 5 hosted the 2014 16-18 World Series in Ephrata which went very well as usual. They always do a good job with Tournaments.
  - District 6: District Commissioner Dan Peck was not able to attend. Dana Richardson called in and said they will have a 13U team and a 14U team at the State Tournaments. He was not certain how many teams they will have overall in the league this year, but last year they combined Babe Ruth, Pony and Spokane Youth Baseball under one umbrella organization, in coordination with the Spokane Indians minor league organization. Hopefully this will continue to result in a lot more kids being involved. District 6 hosted the 2014 State Tournament in Spokane and it went well, especially with the Host team winning the Tournament. Dana also said that they may be interested in hosting a Regional Tournament in 2016.
- Tournament Reports
    - State Tournament Reports
      - Mount Vernon (13): Sedro-Woolley (District 1) was the winner.
      - Spokane (14): Inland Select (District 6) was the winner.
      - Spokane (13-15): Boys of Summer Hurricanes (District 3) was the winner.
      - Port Angeles (16-18): Columbia Basin Desert Dogs (District 5) was the winner.
    - Regional Tournament Reports
      - Helena, Montana (13): Glacier (Montana) was the winner.
      - White Fish, Montana (14): Inland Select (Northern Washington) was the winner.
      - Baker City, Oregon (13-15): Boys of Summer Hurricanes (Northern Washington) was the winner.

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- Vancouver, Washington (16-18): Crater Lake Cardinals (Southern Oregon) was the winner.
- World Series Reports
  - Glen Allen, Virginia (13): Broomall-Newtown, Pennsylvania was the winner.
  - Ocala, Florida (14): Tri-Counties, Texas was the winner.
  - Longview, Washington (13-15): Broomall-Newtown, Pennsylvania was the winner.
  - Ephrata, Washington (16-18): Gulf Coast, Alabama was the winner.
- Assistant State Commissioner Reports
  - Brent Stenman, 13-15 Assistant State Commissioner: Brent reminded everyone about the state website [www.nwbaberuth.com](http://www.nwbaberuth.com) and reminded them that the information on the website is only as good as the information provided to him from the Districts and Leagues across the state. Please report District and State Tournament schedules and scores, as well as any Invitational Tournaments that you know about. He also reminded everyone about the regional website [www.pnwbaberuth.com](http://www.pnwbaberuth.com).
  - Bill Petersen, 16-18 Special Assistant: Bill reported that he helped out at the 16-18 State Tournament in Port Angeles, and has stated it went well, except for some of the team documentation. Bill has no other concerns.
- Umpire-in-Chief Report
  - Jim Marcotte passed out the umpire fee schedule and selection form again, with no changes, outlined as follows:
    - All age bracket 13-15 year old tournaments will have 2 man mechanics at \$120 per game until the championship game which will be 3 man mechanics at the same \$120 per game.
    - All age bracket 16-18 year old tournaments will have 2 man mechanics at \$120 per game until the semi-championship and championship games which will be 3 man mechanics at \$150 per game.
    - If desired, a 3 man crew will be provided throughout the entire tournament at a cost of \$150 per game which may involve additional accommodations.
    - A one-time travel fee of \$60 per out of town umpire will be charged.
    - Accommodations will be provided for the out of town umpires either as a 1 room, 2 bed hotel/motel or, upon approval of the UIC, housing arrangements.
    - All arrangements will be made with the UIC, Jim Marcotte.
  - Jim spent some time reviewing some of the current bat rules as stated on page 18 of the official rule book, as well as some other rule updates (catcher's mask, contact rule, extra hitter, etc.). Randy Boruff called Robert Faherty to clarify that the Extra Player is now the rule for all divisions, and there is no longer a DH at any division.
- Old Business
  - There was no old business.

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- New Business
  - Babe Ruth Revival/Survival
    - Randy talked about a potential merger between Northern Washington and Southern Washington. Randy will be having discussions with Dan Riley (Southern Washington State Commissioner) at the Regional Meeting in Reno. Randy asked for input from the District Commissioners about what they would like to see in this area. After much discussion Randy will continue with discussions, but no decision will be made on the matter without a joint meeting between Northern Washington and Southern Washington being held first.
  - State Tournament Interest: The 2015 State Tournament sites have already been set. Nobody expressed any interest at this time for any 2016 State Tournaments.
  - Regional Tournament Interest for 2016: Nobody at the meeting expressed any interest at this time, although Dana Richardson said on the telephone prior to the meeting that Spokane may be interested in the 13U or 14U Regional in 2016. If anyone becomes interested they can get an application off the Regional website.
  - Other: No other new business.
- 2015 State Tournament Sites/Dates
  - Port Angeles (13) – District 4; July 9-12 or 15-18
    - ✓ District Allocation – District 1 will have 2 teams; District 3 will have 2 teams; District 4 will have 1 team (the Host team); District 5 will have 2 teams; District 6 will have 1 team; Midland will have ? teams. Total = 8 teams (pending the Midland information). Tournament format will be decided by the Host.
  - Moses Lake (14) – District 5; July 16-19 (tentative)
    - ✓ District Allocation – District 1 will have 2 or 3 teams; District 3 will have 2 teams; District 4 will have 2 teams; District 5 will have 1 team (the Host team); District 6 will have 1 team. Midland will have ? teams. Total = 8-10 teams (pending the Midland information). Tournament format will be decided by the Host.
  - Ephrata (13-15) – District 5 or 6; July 16-18
    - ✓ District Allocation – District 1 will have 0 teams; District 3 will have 2 teams; District 4 will have 1 team; District 5 will have 1 team plus the Host team; District 6 will have 0 teams. Midland will have ? teams. Total = 4-6 teams (pending the Midland information). Tournament format will be decided by the Host.
  - Ephrata (16-18) – District 5; July 13-15

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- ✓ Randy said that he is hoping to have a 6 team Tournament. Les Dow will have 2 teams. The Olympic Peninsula will have 1 team. Randy's area will have 3 teams. Total = 6 teams. It will be a double-elimination tournament.
- 2015 Regional Tournament Sites/Dates
  - Meridian, Idaho (13) – July 22-24
  - Lewiston, Idaho (14) – July 25-30
  - The Dalles, Oregon (13-15) – July 29-August 2
  - Calgary, Alberta (16-18) – July 21-July 26
- 2015 World Series Sites/Dates
  - Jamestown, New York (13) – August 15-22
  - Pine Bluff, Arkansas (14) – August 15-22
  - Lawrenceburg, Tennessee (13-15) – August 13-20
  - Klamath Falls, Oregon (16-18) – August 8-15
- Fall Meeting
  - The Fall Meeting may or may not be held. To be determined. The Spring meeting will probably be held around the same time next year. The location will continue to be the Los Cabos Family Mexican Restaurant in North Bend.
- Closing remarks
  - Randy thanked everyone for coming, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.