

NORTH WASHINGTON BABE RUTH BASEBALL

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2016 – Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant, North Bend, WA

Attendees:

Bob Fojtik (District 4 Co-Commissioner); Jim Allen (District 1 Commissioner); Jim Marcotte (Umpire-In-Chief); Randy Boruff (State Commissioner); Sam Boruff (District 5 Commissioner); Brent Stenman (Assistant State Commissioner).

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 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 \$1,028 (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 that they have 10 teams this year. They lost two teams to Pony this year. They are usually at 11 or 12 teams. Burlington hosted the 2015 14 Year Old State Tournament in Mount Vernon and Jim said it went well. District 1 always does a good job with State Tournaments. All youth leagues continue to be affected by select teams.

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- District 3: District Commissioner Les Dow has resigned, and it is unknown at this time what is going to happen in that District. Dan Ohlson was not in attendance to report on the Pierce County area.
 - 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 (same as last year), and Port Angeles has 8 teams, one more than last year. 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 2015 13 State Tournament in Port Angeles and it went well. Port Angeles always does a good job with State and Regional Tournaments.
 - District 5: State Commissioner Randy Boruff and District 5 Commissioner Sam Boruff reported that their numbers are up a bit. They have 2 leagues comprising a total of 14-15 teams. The District has really taken a hit recently from other baseball organizations, just like the other Districts. District 5 hosted the 2015 15 State Tournament and the 16-18 State Tournament in Ephrata which went very well as usual. They always do a good job with Tournaments.
 - District 6: District Commissioner Dana Richardson was not able to attend, but Randy Boruff called him for information. Dana said they will have 8-10 teams in the 13 Year Old Division, and 6-8 teams in the 14-15 Year Old Division. They continue what they started a couple of years ago which is the combination of Babe Ruth, Pony and Spokane Youth Baseball under one umbrella organization, in coordination with the Spokane Indians minor league organization. District 6 will be hosting the 2016 13 Year Old Regional Tournament.
- Tournament Reports
 - State Tournament Reports
 - Port Angeles (13): Port Angeles (District 4) was the winner.
 - Mount Vernon (14): Mount Vernon (District 1) was the winner.
 - Ephrata (13-15): Columbia Basin Desert Dogs (District 5) was the winner.
 - Ephrata (16-18): Columbia Basin River Dogs (District 5) was the winner.
 - Regional Tournament Reports
 - Meridian, Idaho (13): Camas (Southern Washington) was the winner.
 - Lewiston, Idaho (14): Hazel Dell Metro (Southern Washington) was the winner.
 - The Dalles, Oregon (13-15): Glacier (Montana) was the winner.
 - Calgary, Alberta (16-18): Columbia Basin River Dogs (Northern Washington) was the winner.
 - World Series Reports
 - Jamestown, New York (13): Tri-Valley, California was the winner.
 - Pine Bluff, Arkansas (14): Atlantic Shore, New Jersey was the winner.
 - Lawrenceburg, Tennessee (13-15): Westchester, California was the winner.

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- Klamath Falls, Oregon (16-18): Columbia Basin River Dogs, Washington was the winner.
- Assistant State Commissioner Reports
 - Brent Stenman, 13-15 Assistant State Commissioner: Brent reminded everyone about the state website 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.
 - Bill Petersen, 16-18 Special Assistant: Bill was unable to attend.
- Umpire-in-Chief Report
 - Jim Marcotte said that nothing has changed with the umpire fee schedule, 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 rules and regulations. Also, all Tournament teams must now also pay a fee to register with National. Finally, Tournament Hosts may also send a team through the normal Tournament Trail.
- Old Business
 - Northern Washington and Southern Washington combining will come up again at the Regional Meeting in Reno and again later this year. Randy indicated that it would probably be best for our State Tournaments to combine so there are more teams per tournament, although some people in the room are of the opinion that we should keep the organizations separate and just combine the State Tournaments.
 - Other: No other old business.

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- New Business
 - State Tournament Interest: The 2016 State Tournament sites are already set for the 13-15's (Ephrata) and the 16-18's (Issaquah). Jim Allen will check and see if any of his leagues are interested in the 13's or the 14's, and Brent Stenman will check and see if North Kitsap is interested in the 14's. If not, the backup plan will be to hold the 13's and the 14's in Ephrata with the 13-15's. If Ephrata has to Host all of them, they will charge a gate fee in addition to the standard entry fee.
 - Regional Tournament Interest for 2017: Nobody at the meeting expressed any interest at this time. Spokane (District 6) is Hosting the 13 Regional Tournament in 2016, and Port Angeles (District 4) is Hosting the 14 Regional Tournament in 2016. If anyone becomes interested they can get an application off the Regional website.
 - Other: No other new business.
- 2016 State Tournament Sites/Dates
 - TBD (13) – District X; July x-x (sometime during the week of July 11 if in Ephrata)
 - ✓ District Allocation – District 1 will have 1 or 2 teams; District 3 is unknown; District 4 will have 1 team; District 5 will have the Host team, and at least 1 more team for a total of 2 teams; District 6 will have 1 team; Midland is unknown. Total = 6 teams (tentative, and pending the Midland information). It will be a double-elimination tournament.
 - TBD (14) – District X; July x-x (sometime during the week of July 11 if in Ephrata)
 - ✓ District Allocation – District 1 will have 2 teams; District 3 is unknown; District 4 will have 2 teams; District 5 will have the Host team, and probably 2 more teams for a total of 3 teams; District 6 may have 1 team (will either go to 14's or 15's); Midland is unknown at this time. Total = 8-10 teams (tentative, and pending the Spokane and Midland information). It will be a double-elimination tournament.
 - Ephrata (13-15) – District 5; July 14-17
 - ✓ District Allocation – District 1 will have 0 teams; District 3 is unknown; District 4 will have 2 teams; District 5 will have the Host plus 1 more team for a total of 2 teams; District 6 may have 1 team (will either go to 14's or 15's). Midland is unknown at this time. Total = 4-6 teams (tentative, and pending the Spokane and Midland information). It will be a double-elimination tournament.
 - Issaquah (16-18) – District 3; July 12-13
 - ✓ Randy said that it should be a 4 team Tournament. District 3 will have the Host team (Lakeside Recovery). The Olympic Peninsula will have 1 team (Wilder). Randy's area will have 2 teams (The Ephrata Rock Hounds and the Spokane Crew). Total = 4 teams. It will be a double-elimination tournament.

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- 2016 Regional Tournament Sites/Dates
 - Spokane, Washington (13) – July 27-31
 - Port Angeles, Washington (14) – July 26-31
 - Camas, Washington (13-15) – July 27-31
 - Quincy, Washington (16-18) – July 21-25
- 2016 World Series Sites/Dates
 - Ottumwa, Iowa (13) – August 11-18
 - Westfield, Massachusetts (14) – August 11-18
 - Williston, North Dakota (13-15) – August 13-20
 - Ephrata, Washington (16-18) – August 6-13
- 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.