Clackamas County Junior Baseball Minutes
Area Heads Meeting
January 7, 2008

Meeting called to order: 7:35 p.m.

Areas Present: Canby, Clackamas, Colton, Country Christian, Gladstone, Jackson, Lake Oswego, Lakeridge, Mid-Valley, Milwaukie, North Marion, Oregon City, Putnam, Redland, Sellwood, Silverton, South Clackamas,Tualatin, West Linn-Juniors, West Linn-Seniors, Whiskey Hill and Wilsonville.
Absent: Molalla

Treasurers Report: $4,330.43 remains in the account.

State Meeting:

Chris Young is the new JBO Umpire in Chief. Chris is requesting contact information (names, phone numbers) for all of the umpire coordinators from all member Areas. **Area Heads should e-mail this information to Todd.**

State decisions on proposed **2008 rule changes**:

- Proposal to increase the length of Midget Federal and Midget American games to six innings - **FAILED**
- Proposal to limit the number of innings pitched at the State Tournament - **FAILED**

State considered several proposals to change rules regarding team waivers and the team matrix to reduce teams being inappropriately placed or waived to lower levels:

- Teams may not be waived down to a lower level until after the team completes at least 25% of their league schedule, and the team win-loss record is below .500 - **PASSED**
- Retain the current matrix but allow Areas with single teams at a given Division (i.e. Midget, Junior, Senior) to field the team at the National level rather than American - **PASSED**
- Revert back to the team matrix in place before 2005 (CCJBA proposal) - **FAILED**
- District Commissioners would be allowed to waive teams down but only after the team completes at least 45% of their league schedule, and win-loss record and run differential in losses supports that the team is not competitive at the level required by the matrix (CCJBA alternative to a related proposal) - **FAILED**
- In addition to the previous rule, allow Districts the ability to waive down 2-3% of the total teams without requiring league play and review of game results (CCJBA alternative) - **FAILED**

State selected sites and dates for the 2008 **State Tournaments**:

Senior Federal	Beaverton (THPR)	July 24-27
Senior American	St. Paul	July 24-27
Senior National	Camas, WA	July 24-27
Junior Federal	Canby	July 24-27
Junior American	Hillsboro	July 17-20
Junior National	Putnam	July 17-20
Midget Federal	Gladstone	July 17-20
Midget American	Putnam	July 17-20
Midget National	Eugene	July 17-20

State JOB is now officially **"Junior Baseball Organization, Inc."** Areas must assure that their insurance policies and Proof of Insurance documents are modified to reflect this name change.

State is developing a new website, juniorbaseballorg.com. The new website should be active by February. The new website will have an automated, **electronic team roster function**. Teams will complete their rosters online. When submitted, the roster will be automatically delivered to State JBO, the District Commissioner (CCJBA) and the coach. Coaches should forward a copy of the roster they receive to their Area Head. Completion of the JBO **Code of Conduct form will also be automated** as part of the roster process. It is currently unknown how Player Waiver Forms will be processed since these require signatures from parents and two local Associations before being submitted to the District Commissioner.

State Application / Proof of Insurance: The State JBO Application for Participation and Proof of Insurance are **due to CCJBA next month**. The application form is available of the State website. Areas are reminded that the **Proof of Insurance needs to be modified to reflect the name change for JBO.**

2008 CCJBA Calendar: The 2008 CCJBA Calendar is nearly final, and will be e-mailed to all Areas this week.

CCJBA Board Vacancies: The CCJBA Board now has two vacancies: Secretary and Member at Large. Tracy encouraged Area Heads to go back to their local Areas and solicit experienced members to consider these positions. Ideally, we can recruit individuals with younger children so they would be available to serve on the Board for a longer period. **Areas are asked to e-mail the names of interested individuals to Tracy and Jeff.**

County Tournament Bids: Bids to host 2008 County Tournaments are **due at the next meeting**. Areas should review the site requirements on page 11 of the 2007 County Book. Areas were also advised to consider the next three meeting topics when considering bids.

County Tournament Format: It has been suggested that the format of all County Tournaments be changed to true **double-elimination** format. Currently, this format is only used for Federal level tournaments. If changed, a double elimination format would be used for the "final 8" tournaments at all other levels (i.e. single elimination would still apply for the pre-qualification games). This change would add at least one more date (Fridays) to the length of tournaments; a factor Areas should consider since they host these events. **Areas need to discuss this issue with their local Boards and provide feedback to the CCJBA Board next month.**

County Tournament T-Shirts: The Board has received complaints from Areas hosting tournaments regarding the sale of t-shirts promoting participation in the County Tournament. The Board is considering decreasing the number of t-shirts distributed to tournaments, likely a 50% reduction.

County Tournament Reimbursement/Team Fees: The Board will be considering increasing the reimbursement rate for Areas hosting tournaments. Several Areas have reported losing money hosting tournaments and recommend increasing the rate and/or team entry fee. The Board noted an effort has been made to minimize the entry fee since many teams are "out of money" by the end of the season, and we don't want any teams participation precluded by an inability to pay the entry fee. The Board will assess potential reimbursement rates and team entry fees concurrently to develop a reimbursement rate that fits within the CCJBA budget and reduces hosting area costs as much as possible. It was noted that changing to a double elimination format increases costs.

Directory Updates: Thank You! To all the Areas that responded to the request for updated Directory information. An updated version of the Directory will be sent to all Areas soon.

Q&A

Jackson noted that they will be changing their name to **Wilson** this year to better reflect the area they serve. Areas should anticipate this change when schedules come out this spring.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday, February 11, 2008, 7:30 p.m.**

DUE NEXT MEETING: **County Tournament Bids**
State Application and Proof of Insurance