

# Southwest Coaches League Fall Meeting Agenda

August 11, 2021 7:00 PM

## Dodger Bowl

### 1. Roll Call

-Meeting was called to order at 7:10PM. Communities present were as follows:

Highland, Lancaster, Riverdale, River Valley, Barneveld, Mineral Point, Fennimore

### 2. Report of Officers:

a. Secretary: Brian Michek

b. Treasurer: Brian Michek

(Treasurer's report can be found on last page of minutes)

#### Additional comments:

-More Teams and more divisions this year doubled the cost of T-Shirts. Medals were also more expensive this year.

-Best Target of funds to end the year is \$1500 - \$3000.

-Will need to get an additional name to sign checks in 2022

-Late Fee's need to be collected.

-T-Shirts will not be delivered. If your community was not present at the meeting, all the T-Shirts were collected by a neighboring community. They should reach out to you to make arrangements.

c. Baseball VP: Butch Layton

-Coaches need to report scores. There were issues throughout the season. During tournament time it went well.

-There was a situation during the season where Lancaster requested to bring up 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to have enough players to make a team. This was brought up to the SWCL board and approved at the time.

d. Softball VP: Randy Hoffman

-Provided update on the outcome of the 2021 season. Reported tournament winners for each age group.

-Thank you to all the communities who hosted the SWCL Softball Tournaments this year (Mineral Point and Highland).

-Made a suggestion that each community needs a designated contact lead for better and more effective communication.

-Reported that we did have issues with coaches reporting scores.

-Code of Conduct. When dealing with umpires, please do not fly off the handle. Use it as a teaching opportunity. We need to continue to encourage young umpires as it is getting increasingly difficult to find volunteers.

Base Obstruction. We need to teach the kids the right way on this rule as we are preparing them for the next level.

e. Webmaster: Dustin Myers

-Please use the SWCL website as your one-stop shop for information and updates. Valuable info can be found on the main page, so extensive searching is not necessary.

-If you have any ideas for improvements, please feel free out to Dustin at any time.

-Please provide coaching contact info as soon as possible in the spring. Without coaches contact info, we are unable to release the schedule or load the games onto the website. The sooner you have your information out, the sooner the info will be on the website.

f. Commissioner: Quinn Schultz

-Expressed thank you's to all board members and coaches who helped make the league a success in 2021.

-2021 will be Butch Layton's and Brian Michek's last season as members of the SWCL Board.

-Did have a couple of parent and coach issues this year that were handled by the board.

-Happy to see the number teams back up in 2021.

-We did have to COVID issues with communities this year.

-Teams must report any COVID issues to the SWCL immediately. This will be necessary in 2022.

Please note: only sending a communication out to the opposing team will not suffice.

Report all COVID Issues to the SWCL.

### 3. Review of the 2020 Season

Tournament winners:

#### BASEBALL CHAMPIONS



#### SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS



#### 4. Rule Change Proposals

##### a. Baseball

-Lancaster proposed: 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders may be brought up during the season to participate in 3/4 Grade to help make a complete team. It will be required that the player participate in that community's rec program. (All Communities voted yes. – Rule passed)

- Lancaster proposed: Host seeding for SWCL Tournament. All winner bracket and losing bracket games will be played at the host site Thursday – Saturday. This is the same process that Softball uses for the SWCL tournament. (All Communities voted yes. – Rule passed)

- Lancaster proposed: There were issues with coaches delayed in reporting scores if at all. This caused issues with team seeding in the SWCL bracket. A motion was brought up to make the following rule: Any team with 2 or more unreported scores by the deadline, the current head coach will not be allowed to coach the next year unless a \$150 fine is paid to the SWCL. (All Communities voted yes. – Rule passed)

-Lancaster questioned the need to report rosters if other coaches are unable to see them prior to the game played. (This will be revisited at the spring meeting)

-Lancaster requested the league to start June 1<sup>st</sup> due to conflicts with high school. (This will be revisited at the spring meeting)

-Lancaster requested the league not schedule multiple community games against each other. (No vote on this as the coach of that team can make requests to the Commissioner.)

-Lancaster requested to have all grade levels to pitch from a mound. (This could possibly have a significant financial impact, therefore with lack of communities present, it was decided that it would be best to revisit at the spring meeting)

-Mineral Point proposed: For 3/4 Grade, base runners can lead off when it leaves the pitcher's hand. The base runner is not allowed to advance to the next base under any circumstances. It will be a force out at the base the runner led off from if any play attempts are made. If base runners leave base too early, a warning will be made the first time. Any additional times it will be an out. (All Communities voted yes. – Rule passed)

-Mineral Point proposed: For 5/6 Grade the field dimensions be changed to 70 foot bases. Pitching Rubber will be at 50 Feet. Home is open. Regular leading off. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is out. Balk warning, no advancement. (All Communities voted yes. – Rule passed)

-Highland proposed: first two innings are closed to a limit of 4 runs, all remaining innings are open for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades. (All Communities voted yes. – Rule passed)

-River Valley proposed: All Grade Levels, catchers cannot come into pitch unless there is an injury.

-Lancaster proposed: For 3/4 grade, No outs will be taken for less than 10 players in the tournament. Teams can play with 8 players. (All communities voted yes. -Rule passed.)

##### b. Softball

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-River Valley brought up: there were questions regarding 3/4 grade Coach's 4<sup>th</sup> pitch. The rule will be clarified at the spring meeting.

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-Mineral Point proposed: The use of metal cleats. (This was not voted on and the rule was not passed)

-Mineral Point proposed: For 7/8 Grade softball. All innings are open. 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 run rule after 5. (Highland Voted no, all other communities voted yes. -Rule passed.)

-Mineral Point proposed: For 5/6 Grade softball. Home is open. (River Valley Voted no, All other communities voted yes. -Rule passed.)

-River Valley proposed: If the ball hits the ground on a pitch, the batter must make an attempt to avoid getting hit by the ball. If the batter does not make an attempt, they will not be rewarded 1st base. (All communities voted yes. -Rule passed.)

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#### 5. Election of Officers

- a. Secretary – **Dustin Myers (River Valley)**
- b. Treasurer – **No nominations – Will be moved to Spring Meeting**
- c. Baseball VP – **Brent Sheckler (Fennimore)**
- d. Softball VP – **Randy Hoffman (Mineral Point)**

#### 6. Proposed Spring Meeting: Wednesday April 6, 2022: 7 PM Location TBD

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 PM**

# SWCL BALANCE SHEET

## 8/11/2021

STARTING BALANCE 5924.38

REVENUE 10510.00

### EXPENSES

COMMISSIONER	500	
VP BASEBALL	300	
VP SOFTBALL	300	
SCHEDULER	400	
SECRETARY	200	
TREASURER	200	
WEBMASTER	<u>1000</u>	2900.00

WEB FEES	690.30	
TOURNAMENT FEES	5620.00	
MEDALS	1709.10	
TROPHIES	157.61	
T-SHIRTS	2178.84	
DONATION	<u>50.00</u>	<u>10405.85</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 13305.85

ENDING BALANCE 3128.53  
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BRIAN MICHEK, SWCL TREASURER

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