2023 SWCL Spring Meeting
April 5th @ 7pm
Dodger Bowl

1. Roll Call/ Introductions-**All Communities Present including representative from Darlington**
2. Review/Approval of Fall 2022 Meeting Minutes-**Reviewed and Approved**
3. Report Of Officers
    a. Financial Report-Whitney Runde-**Beginning Balance $5418.03**
    b. Webmaster-Dustin Myers-**Information related to the season will be found on SWCL.org website. Please check website before emailing board members. All Usernames for SWCL website will be NEW this Year and will be sent out to each coach closer to the beginning of the season. Final Coaches List MUST be submitted by 4/7 @ Midnight.**
    *Communities need to complete Field Availability Sheet-Dustin will be creating on and be found on the SWCL.org website
    c. Baseball VP-Brent Sheckler-**Suggested to try and avoid scheduling same teams in the communities playing each other. Keep games between their own "Division", AVOID interdivision Play.**
    d. Softball VP-Randy Hoffman-**The rule to allow 2nd Graders to play up in the 3/4 group is to allow communities to complete a whole team. This rule is not meant to have multiple 2nd graders to make more teams.**
    *Belmont is willing to have "scrimmages" with 2nd grade athletes to get them more experience.
    e. Commissioner-Quinn Schultz-**Coaches are responsible for making sure umpires are qualified and are not being harassed by coaching staff and/or spectators. If complaints, there may be consequences to the coaches/teams. We need to encourage our young umpires to continue.**
4. Discussion to Add Communities-**Heath Hartwig from Darlington present to propose adding their community. At this time, they would like to add a 7/8 Baseball Team to the SWCL. Proposal PASSED 20-0.**
5. Softball/Baseball Rule Review from 2022
    *Rules can only be changed in the fall meeting
    a. Baseball
        i. Discussion on approved bats- **BBCOR is an APPROVED bat to use in the SWCL.**

      ii. ***If a NON-APPROVED/ILLEGAL bat is brought onto the playing field (inside the fence) batter is to take an out for that at bat. If a team has repeated offenses disciplinary action may occur.***

   b. Softball- ***No questions/comments/concerns***

6. Tally Number of Team for each Community https://www.signupgenius.com/go/swcl

   a. Baseball-***Highland number issues. Requested that they move 3-5th Graders down to 3/4 Grade Group and move 3-6th Graders up to 7/8 Grade Group.- UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED***

   b. Softball- ***Highland number issues. Requested that they move 2-5th Graders down to 3/4 Grade Group. -UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED***

      i. Rosters DUE May 14th

         1. Baseball- Brent Sheckler brent@suppz.com

         2. Softball- Randy Hoffman hoffman.mpsoftball@gmail.com

   c. Late Fee will be charged if Team fee is not paid by May 14th. Fee/team $100

7. SWCL End of Year Tournament Dates/Locations

   a. Baseball

      i. 3/4th Grade- **July 10th – July 15th** - ***@ LIVINGSTON***

         1. ***Communities Considered-Highland-5, Livingston-8, Cazenovia-4***

      ii. 5/6th Grade-**July 17th-July 22nd** – ***@ LANCASTER***

         1. ***Communities Considered-Barneveld-8, Lancaster-10***

      iii. 7/8th Grade- **July 6th or July 7th – July 15th** - ***@ BOSCOBEL***

         1. ***Communities Considered- Boscobel-7, Highland-7, Cazanovia-5***

   b. Softball

      i. 3/4th Grade-**July 17th-July 22nd**- ***@ BARNEVELD***

         1. ***Communities Considered- Barneveld-No Vote***

      ii. 5/6th Grade- **July 10th – July 15th** - ***@HIGHLAND***

         1. ***Communities Considered- Belmont-7, Highland-10***

      iii. 7/8th Grade-**July 17th-July 22nd** - ***@ BELMONT***

         1. ***Communities Considered- Belmont-No Vote***

All regular season games must be made up by the following:

3/4 Grade Baseball- *July 5th*

5/6 Grade Baseball-*July 12th*

7/8 Grade Baseball-*June 30th*

3/4 Grade Softball-*July 12th*

5/6 Grade Softball-*July 5th*

7/8 Grade Softball-*July 12th*

8. Fall Meeting-Proposed Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 @ 7pm. Site TBD
    a. *Date Proposed Aug. 9th and Sept. 13th*
        i. *VOTE- Aug.-3, Sept.-18*
    b. *Location Proposed Spring Green and Dodger Bowl*
        i. *VOTE- Spring Green-9, Dodger Bowl- 12*

    FALL MEETING WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 13TH @ 7pm. SITE DODGER BOWL

9. *MEETING ADJOURNED*

5. Rule Changes for 2023

    a. Baseball

        i. **3/4 Grade Baseball**, NO WALKS. If a pitcher throws 4 balls to a batter, it is not a walk. A coach from the batting team will come in to pitch to each batter with 4 balls. Called strikes count as well as swings. A batter CAN strike out. Batters hit by pitches from opposing pitcher do count. Batters are not rewarded a base when hit by a pitch thrown by a coach. Coach will pitch from the rubber. Max of 4 pitches from the coach unless foul ball. After the fourth pitch from coach, the batter will be out. If a player fouls off on the 4th Coach's pitch it will be treated like a foul ball on a second strike. The batter will be allowed another pitch. If the batter does not swing on the 4th pitch, the batter is out.

        ii. **3/4 Grade Baseball**, if the catcher throws a ball to a base, the runner an advance. However, home is closed so the runner cannot advance to home.

        iii. **7/8 Grade Baseball** – Portable Mounds can be used if both coaches agree to use them. Homemade mounds will not be allowed. – Passed

        iv. **5/6 Grade Baseball** – Home is closed

        v. **5/6 Grade Baseball** – Number of players allowed for the SWCL tournament on defense: 10 players (a team may start with 8 players but forfeits with less than 8 players). i. No out will be assessed for the 9th and 10th position of the batting order if a team only has 8 players. If you have at least 10 players in the dugout, you must play all 10. – Passed

        vi. **3/4 Grade and 5/6 Grade Baseball** go back to first 3 innings closed, 4 runs per inning.

    b. Softball

        i. **5/6 & 7/8 Grade Softball**, Removing "Batter must make an attempt to get out of the way of a pitch" for 5th through 8th Grade.

        ii. **5/6 Grade Softball**, Home is closed for

        iii. **7/8 grade Softball** (Tournament Only) WIAA Rules for pitching.

        iv. **3/4 Grade Softball**, first 3 innings limited to 4 runs per inning

3/4, 5/6 & 7/8 Grade Softball, 15 Run rule after 3 innings, 10 runs after 5 Innings for all age levels.

v.   Point of emphasis on communities adding a pitcher circle and batter's box.