

Minutes to Tennessee State Dixie Youth Baseball Board Fall Meeting by Zoom 12/3/20

The fall state board meeting was conducted by zoom due to Covid 19. Commissioner William Wade attended the meeting. State Director Alan Reed opened the meeting followed by a prayer by James Tidwell. Alan mentioned that this has been a particularly hard year this year not just from baseball not being able to play but also from the loss of multiple family members. The board has been hit extremely hard.

National Director Don Rudolph gave the finance report. Funds are low due to the lack of franchise fees and state fees. The use of zoom for our meetings is cost efficient.

Tony gave the scholarship report. Deadlines for application is February 1st. Contact the local guidance counselors and ask them to encourage any senior that has played in Dixie Youth at least a year to apply for a scholarship. Tennessee donated \$3,000 in 2020 since we did not play ball to collect money.

Tournament Dates:

Due to the virus in 2020, the tournaments have been moved forward to 2021.

Class A Sweetwater July 1st.

Class AA Division 2 - Harriman July 8th.

Class AA Division 1 – Kingston July 15th.

AAA Division 2 – Fairview July 8th.

AAA Division 1 – Greenbrier July 15th.

Ozone Division 2 – Summertown July 8th

Ozone Division 1 – Savannah July 15th.

Elections:

The District Directors are due for election in 2021. Elections should take place in January for a fall beginning.

Richard Clark will oversee the election for District 2, Mike Neisler.

Don Rudolph will oversee the elections for District 3 and District 5, Janice Harris, and James Tidwell.

Aaron Prince will oversee the elections for District 1 and District 4, Phillip Dorris and Rory Osborne

With the loss of teams in District 6, Cindy Church has submitted her resignation on October 27th. A motion was put on the floor by Aaron Prince to accept Cindy's resignation. The motion was seconded by Rory Osborne. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan said that there should be an email coming out regarding the information for Directors and Assistant Directors. Check your information. Two changes needed are: change email for James to Jamestidwell120@gmail.com. Also, the mailing information for Megan French's assistant will be needed.

Division I and Division II:

Discussion was made regarding the lack of teams to participate in Division I in Tennessee. Since Tennessee did not play in 2020, we do not know how many teams that we will have. Don Rudolph put a motion on the floor, Division I and Division II for 2021 will be determined by the number of teams franchised by the April 1st deadline.

There was much discussion regarding the teams. Commissioner Wade said that it did not seem that the Division I and II split is serving Tennessee well. Everything is still in pencil regarding deadlines right now. We may need a contingency plan. We will see how the numbers look in April. We may need to revert if the numbers are too small.

Don is checking with Softball to see if they still plan to have a combined State Meeting in 2021. He suggested that we should have our district meetings in January for elections and to see where we stand with the leagues. This will give us a better idea if they are planning to play in 2021. Tony Brown said that many of the schools are going back to virtual learning and the ones that are meeting are requiring masks.

Everything was put on hold until after the meetings in January. We can meet again by zoom February 2nd, 2021. Alan said to send meeting information to Billy Draper to put on the website.

Commissioner Wade was asked about the state meeting. He said that Alabama and Mississippi are not planning a state meeting this year. They may work with Jock Jive to do a brief infomercial to post on the website. We are unsure about a Tennessee spring meeting currently. We are leaving everything on hold.

World Series Division II is scheduled to start July 30th.

World Series Division I is scheduled to start August 7th.

Aaron Prince put the motion on the floor to adjourn. James Tidwell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

