

**Baseball Committee Meeting**  
**Oct. 8, 2016**  
**Bloomington, IL.**

1 ST Division Paul Knudston, absent (excused)  
2 ND Division Ray Powroznik, Acting Recorder  
3 RD Division Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman  
4 TH Division Harry Rakers  
5 TH Division Don Wallis, Chairman  
Junior Legion Butch Ogle, absent (excused)

Meeting started at 10:10 AM with a salute to the colors and prayer.

A recap of the 2016 season; State tournament at Jerseyville was discussed and how well everything was done. Danville (4<sup>th</sup> Division) was the Department winner. Mt Prospect represented the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Fox Lake the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Quincy the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Highland the 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Great Lakes Regional was held at SIU Edwardsville Baseball complex with the BEARS hosting for Illinois. Rockport, IN beat the host in the championship game.

At the National Tournament, there were over 316,000 viewers recorded on ESPN TV.

August 10 to 15, 2017 will be when the World Series will be held next year. Diamond Inc. will still be sponsoring scholarships for Legion players. There were 3,698 Teams registered last year, in both Jr. & Sr. Leagues. There was an increase in Junior Legion teams over last year.

January 1st. start registration background checks. Next year a back-ground check must be made completed before buying team insurance. There might be a \$5.00 decrease in team insurance next year. Same cut-off date for insurance of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ages of players was discussed. Some teams last year tried to allow players that where over the age limit. A check with National will determine if the new State Driver License will be allowed as proof of age being it has a picture and may be acceptable to Home-Land Security. It would be suggested that all players get one of these new type of Licenses.

On appeals decisions made by National are final, and there will be no law suits on the final decisions. Managers/coaches agree to this to participate in the program.

At the Senior State Tournament and above, you must have 12 players to begin the tournament from the teams Form 1 roster. Junior Legion players from the same teams program may be brought up at Regional in order to make the 12 player minimum.

The Taylor Hooter Foundation was discussed. It is a foundation to increase awareness of the use of drugs/steroids/supplements to improve an athlete's Performance. Coaches must watch out for these performance enhancing drugs. Coaches must be aware, and watch out for players that show signs of the behavior that the drugs produce. The website: ALLMELEAGUE.COM promotes taking a pledge against a Performance Enhancing Drug Lifestyle. Also look at <http://taylorhooton.org> for more information.

Department website was discussed. The cost of start-up might up to \$ 500.00. Sponsored by NBC, 8500 teams are currently promoted, and advertising can be used to help pay for the site, standings could be posted, and all team information available for each individual team. This would also be available on Mobil App's.

Pitch Smart was discussed; still pending at national at this time.

Will most likely follow these rules;

120 pitches for Sr. League, 19 years old and younger.

105 pitches for all Jr. League.

1-30 pitches must follow with 0 days off

31-45 pitches must have 1 days off.

46-60 pitches must have 2 days off

61-75 pitches must have 3 days off.

76+ pitches must have 4 days off.

When implemented, it will be followed with penalties TBD.

Discussion on how and who will count pitches.

Also discussed the change post season games to 7 innings, at District/Division Level.

Danville may host the Senior State Tournament.

Discussion held to check ALL players Driver License/IDs with pictures at State Senior Tournament with the roster to prove players eligibility and identity..

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Minute taken by Ray Powroznik

2nd Division Baseball Chairman

Minutes taken were reviewed with some changes made:

Don Wallis

Department of Illinois Baseball Chairman