

Baseball Committee Meeting Department of Illinois

October 9 , 2021

The Baseball committee met on a Zoom meeting hosted by the new 2nd Division Baseball Chairman Don Castella. The meeting started at 1000AM. Members present were Paul Knudston-1st Division Chairman, 2nd Division Chairman Don Castella and 5th Chairman Don Wallis who is the Committee Chairman. Excused was 3rd Division Chairman John Gosney who is the Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Harry Rakers who is the 4th Division Baseball Chairman.

We briefly discussed the 2021 season. Our Senior Legion Department Champion was Rock Island Post 200 and runner-up Barrington Post 158. They both advanced to the Great Lakes Regional held this year in Morgantown, West Virginia. The Junior State Champion was Danville Post 210.

Danville Post 210 hosted both the Senior and Junior State Tournaments this year. Special thanks to Alan Shepherd and his staff for all the work they did to make both of these tournaments a success.

We discussed some of the topics covered at the Americanism Conference that was held in Indianapolis, IN, September 24-26. There will be no National Rulebooks printed in 2022. They will be available online. There were several rule changes proposed. Five (5) were to be submitted to the NEC for their review and adoption/rejection. Midland, MI. will host the Great Lakes Regional in 2022,2023. We are asked to certify a Department Champion by August 1,2022.

We were again asked to work on adding Junior Legion teams and Prep teams in 2022 and in the future

Minutes of the conference were sent to all the Baseball Committee members.

Paul Knudston spoke about having some more Junior teams in his Division in 2022. These teams would advance to the Senior Legion program in time.

Don Castella was also appointed District 10 Baseball chairman.

The ISHA dates for 2022 to begin practice is February 28,2022. State Final Tournament dates are Class 1A/2A-June 3 and 4, Class 3A/4A- June 10-11. This is earlier than last year.

Our Post Season for Seniors will begin the week of July 18.

The Senior State Tournament will be July 27-30, Site is TBD

The Champion and possibly the runner-up will advance to Midland, MI for the Great Lakes Regional scheduled for August 3-7,2022

Our Post Season for Juniors will begin the week of July 18.

The Junior State Tournament will be held at Trenton, IL July 28-31.

We concluded the meeting with agreeing to have another meeting in November before Thanksgiving.

Special thanks to 2nd Division Don Castella for hosting the meeting on Zoom.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Respectfully submitted,

Don Wallis

Baseball Chairman-Department of Illinois