

**DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE**  
**January 31, 2016 Meeting**  
**Teener Field Clubhouse - 1:00 PM**

The general meeting of the Department Baseball Committee was called to order at 1:05 PM and opened with a salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Chairman: PDC Frank Calandrillo - PRESENT
- Vice Chairmen: Ron Krowiak - PRESENT  
Robert Briant - PRESENT  
PDC Richie Zalinkanskas - PRESENT  
Rick Freeman - PRESENT
- District Chairmen: #1 - Dave Kobrick - PRESENT  
#2 - PDC Richie Zalinkanskas - PRESENT  
#3 - Rick Freeman - PRESENT  
#4 - Dante Finocchi - PRESENT
- Counties: Atlantic - VACANT  
Bergen - Mario Lembo - PRESENT  
Burlington - Barbara Horowitz Rigg - ABSENT  
Camden - Francis Carr - EXCUSED  
Cape May - Tom Tumelty - ABSENT  
Cumberland - VACANT  
Essex - Darrel Collins - ABSENT  
Gloucester - VACANT  
Hudson - VACANT  
Hunterdon - VACANT  
Mercer - Rick Freeman - PRESENT  
Middlesex - Bob Dashnaw - ABSENT  
Monmouth - VACANT  
Morris - Bob Briant - PRESENT  
Ocean - PDC Chuck Robbins - EXCUSED  
Passaic - VACANT  
Salem - VACANT  
Somerset - VACANT  
Sussex - Dave Kobrick - PRESENT  
Union - Bernard Becht - PRESENT  
Warren - Richard Barry - ABSENT
- Consultants: Jeff Goldberg, Essex - PRESENT  
Steve Farsiou, Pyramid - ABSENT  
Bill Gore, Camden - PRESENT  
Carmen Morano, Union - EXCUSED

Minutes of this meeting will be emailed to all committee members. It is the responsibility of committee members to communicate this information within their leagues. Attendance at these meetings is necessary to keep up-to-date on

what's happening in the program.

### **BUSINESS**

A discussion opened about the Brooklawn team matter. It is now a closed matter. The end result was that the player in question had to write a letter of apology for his actions when he accused a hotel staff member of stealing his wallet. The player left disparaging notes accusing the maid (his wallet was found at the field). National demanded an apology to them, to the hotel staff, and to the player's sponsor team. There were also complaints about the team's coach, Dennis Barth; however, nothing could be done because there is nothing in National's rules that would provide Mr. Barth with due process. This matter was handed over to the Department Commander, the NEC, and the DEC for Camden County to address.

### **DEPT. SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications were received. Each district picked their top applicant and each were reviewed by the Committee at this meeting. After all reviewed the four applicants, two were selected.

The first winner is Vincent Dorio, who played for Lyndhurst Post 139. He is planing to pursue education at either William Paterson University or Centenary College.

The second winner is Sean Patrick O'Boyle, who played for Hamilton Post 31. He is planning to pursue marketing at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania.

Each winner will receive a \$4,000 scholarship, payable by Department Headquarters in annual \$1,000 payments to the college of record.

### **TEAM REGISTRATION**

As of this meeting, there are 18 teams registered so far. Some are not approved due to a lack of background checks. Please continue to register your team applications and getting the background checks as soon as possible.

Remember that all registration fees are to be mailed directly to the Trenton office:

**American Legion  
Department of New Jersey  
135 West Hanover Street  
Trenton, NJ 08618  
Attn: MaryLou Tancredi**

Checks should be payable to AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF NJ and earmarked for either Junior or Senior team!

Deadline for insurance is May 15.

Deadline for team registration is June 15, or whenever your first tryout or game is held.

### **POOL PLAY FOR STATE FINALS ONLY**

Last year, the final game of the State Finals finished after 1:00 AM. There was a two hour rain delay prior to that last game. The 4:00 game started at 6:00 PM, and the second game did not end until almost midnight. Awards were given out at 1:00 AM. This is not fair to our tournament hosts or the Ewing neighborhood.

Because of these reasons, it was suggested that we use a Pool Play format, which is used in the National World Series tournament. No more than three games are played per day, and each team in the tournament has a day off. Samples of the Pool Play format were passed out to the members. A discussion followed and points were made for Pool Play versus Double Elimination. A concern was the 7:00 PM team had to come back for the 11:00 AM game the next morning. This will be reviewed and times adjusted.

The tie breaker is still in place. Jeff Goldberg asked Chairman Calandrillo to call Steve Cloud, National Baseball Coordinator, and ask what their official tie breaker procedure is for the World Series. Districts will still follow their regular format so that they end in time for the State Finals.

Motion made by PDC Richie Zalinkanskas and seconded by Bob Briant to use Pool Play for the State finals. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried and approved.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

All locations for Districts and the Finals have been finalized. They are the same locations as last year; namely:

#### **SENIOR DISTRICT - Dates: July 16 through July 21,**

District 1: Riverside County Park, Breslin Field, Lyndhurst  
District 2: Teener Field, Union  
District 3: Mercer County Park, West Windsor  
District 4: Union Field, West Deptford  
FINALS: Moody Park, Ewing

Tournament Meeting: Friday, July 15, 7:00 - For all coaches in the tournament

Districts: Saturday, July 16 through Thursday, July 21 (rain date included)

Finals: Saturday, July 23 through Thursday, July 28

NOTE: Department Champion must be declared by midnight, August 1.

Rick Freeman said that District 3's games at Mercer County Park are played on two fields concurrently because Mercer County Park is not available on the weekend until 1:00 and the games start at 2:00. The park hosts an annual triathlon.

**RULE BOOKS**

These were handed out at the meeting. For Ocean and Pyramid Leagues, please call me to arrange pickup. PLEASE READ THE RULE BOOKS! Every year, I am asked the same questions. The answers are in the book.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM. No date has been set for the next Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Brenda Calandrillo**