

Good evening! Appreciate the commissioners that attended our meeting last night. Several of our discussions on the agenda topics were insightful.

Meeting minutes for Sunday Sept. 10, 2023:

- **Attendees:**
 - Chuck Johnson, Jim Moran, Russ Klicker, Scott Dye, Mark Lewis, Mike Hartsook and Josh Lisle. Commissioners not attending: David Voyles,, Scott Dye and Michael Wrinkle.
- **Hall of Fame**
 - Alex Shelton and John Yallaly were voted in as this year's Hall of Fame inductees.
- **Prospect League**
 - Chuck Johnson advised that these teams could put a patch on their sleeve and represent Missouri American Legion Baseball..
 - Interview process and programs discussed. More discussion to follow.
- **Evaluate special events that occurred this year and suggest improvements.**
 - A State Tournament – Mike Hartsook and Mark Lewis
 - Tournament information needs to be sent out ahead of time to reduce complaints of host hotel either not being identified or too late.
 - If there are complaints, tournament attendees need to send these to the respective tournament director.
 - AA State Tournament – Jim Moran
 - Number 1 thing is to have more than one commissioner at these tournaments.
 - You need to review the host hotel information with attendees ahead of time.
 - AAA State Tournament – Jim Moran
 - Attendees this year really liked the increase to (6) six teams.
 - Teams did not like paying for umpires.
 - Teams did like the hours for the games and the time between games (10am, 1pm, 4pm and 7pm)
 - D2 State Tournament – Josh Lisle
 - Played championship on Sunday.
 - Tournament ran very well.
 - Sr. Metro Collegiate League
 - This year we will have tryouts.
 - Already have interest in the team.
 - Sent out a flyer to all AAA Allstar members about this league
 - Allstar game had (6) six pro scouts at it.
 - Allstar Game at Busch Stadium
 - For our first year at this, things went well.
 - Plans with Illinois and Cardinals are set for doing this again next year.
- **Who's interested in attending Fall Conference in Jefferson City, on October 28th?**
 - Myself, Jim Moran, Russ Klicker, Chuck Johnson, Scott Dye and Michael Wrinkle.
 - Brian French was invited and he will be at this conference. He has suggested that he will bring his podcast equipment to interview Conference attendees.

- Tom checked with Lowry Jackson and there will be no charge for the room at the conference.
- **Topics to be covered in the Missouri Baseball Commissioner Meeting at Fall Conference:**
 - Rule Book
 - Discussed if the rule book should be identified as a Guideline rather than a Missouri Rule Book
 - Team Paper work
 - Chuck advised that he would begin working on the “Paperwork” logistics that have been discussed the past few months.
 - ***He and Russ are going to attempt to develop this initiative prior to the Fall Conference Meeting.***
- **Rule Changes – National**
 - National meeting is set for September 23-24.
 - No discussions on this at this meeting due to time.
 - There is a meeting planned for Wednesday with Chuck Johnson to review these rule proposals. I’ve asked all commissioners to respond to me before that meeting.
- **Chuck Johnson’s expenses to attend the Nation Conference this fall in Indiana will be covered by Missouri Baseball.**
 - Jim Moran will get him a commissioner shirt that will reflect this name.
- **Mike Hartsook**
 - St. Louis Inner City Post has expressed interest in joining our program.
 - Mike is following up with them.

At this point, the meeting had reached one hour, and we decided to stop the meeting. The agenda items that were not discussed will be discussed at our next meeting on September, 24th.

These items that we did not cover are listed below.

- ❖ **Missouri State D2 League – Chuck Johnson/Josh Lisle**
- ❖ **Prospect League Hillsboro – Chuck Johnson**
- ❖ **Review expenses and income YTD – All Commissioners**
 - Set up a budget for next 12 months
- ❖ **Quarterly Review with Red Earth Productions**
 - **All commissioners can expect a call from Brian French on the following:**
 - **What are you doing in your respective programs to develop it? – All Commissioners**
 - Community events?
 - Legion functions e.g. dinners at post, events to help the needy, monthly post meetings and quarterly district meetings.
 - Team building events for teams.
 - **Developing communication with Baseball District Chairman and their respective teams and managers is key to our progress in growing this program.**
 - Next month we will start an “E-Letter”.
 - In this letter there will be State information and Zone information.

- District Chairman sharing stories from their teams.
 - These will be used by Red Earth to share on social platforms.
- Suggest that starting next month, a quarterly meeting will be held between the Zone Commissioners and their respective District Chairman.
 - This means there will be four such meetings.
 - ***The Zone Commissioners should identify District Baseball Chairmen.***
 - ***If there is no Baseball District Chairman, contact that District Chairman and ask them to appoint someone.***
- Need an email listing of all posts in the state
 - ***Tom will contact State office and begin work on developing this listing.***