**SOSLI LEAGUE MEETING NOTES**

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| Date: 3/14/21 |
| Location: GEORGETOWN |

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

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| **SOSLI BOARD MEMBERS:** |  | **PRESENT:** |
| PRESIDENT | RACHEL RAY | Yes |
| VICE PRESIDENT | KRISTIN BENNETT | Yes |
| TREASURER | LINDSEY BRANDENBURG | Yes |
| SECRETARY | AMBER TURNER | Yes |
| UMPIRE COORDINATOR | MICK MCMULLIN | Yes |

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| **SOSLI DISTRICT REPS:** |  | PRESENT: |
| BATAVIA | AMANDA MAHAM | Yes |
| BETHEL | KELLEY DOUGLAS | Yes |
| CNE | ANTHONY WILSON | Yes |
| EASTERN | JOSH TABOR | Yes |
| FAYETTEVILLE | KIM WADDLE | Yes |
| FELICITY | TIFFANY | No |
| GEORGETOWN | CHASITY FENDER | Yes |
| GOSHEN | MIKI MILLS | No- (Amber present) |
| LYNCHBURG | BETH GRIFFITH | Yes |
| MT. ORAB | NICK BROWN | Yes |
| NEW RICHMOND | BEN GREESON | Yes |
| TEALTOWN | BOBBY TYMINSKI | No |
| WILLIAMSBURG | MATT WATSON | Yes |
| WT | MELVIN ECKERT | Yes |

1. New Board Introductions
2. Guest Speaker Jerry Fick
3. Ohio District #23 USA Softball Commissioner

-USA Softball is a National governing body of softball that has organized the Olympic team for softball, does Championship play from age 8 to 80 and has Headquarters in Oklahoma City but state associations are in every state.

1. Ohio State Umpire in Chief Fast Pitch

-Knothole softball has had a big miscommunication with SOSLI and has told baseball and others that many are interested but there is a disconnect between baseball and softball.

-many leagues did not have enough to play and this league was meant to bridge the gap there.

-The Reds and this league tried to force this on many teams in SOSLI and meetings have been scheduled to clear up the confusion and there is no truth to this being a REDS only allocations funds only league.

-This league is meant to unify the leagues that are struggling and SOSLI is not a struggling league.

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| **TEAM COUNTS:** |

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|  | 5U | 6U | 7U | 8U | 9U | 10U | 12U | 14U |
| BATAVIA | 1 |  |  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| BETHEL | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |
| CNE | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| EASTERN | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| FELICITY | 2 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |
| GEORGETOWN | 2 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| GOSHEN |  | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |
| LYNCHBURG | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| MT. ORAB | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |
| NEW RICHMD | 1 |  | 2 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| TEALTOWN |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| WILLIAMSBURG | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| WT |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| TOTALS: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Important Dates:
2. Releases can be turned in for approval.
3. Rosters are due by 3/26.
4. Schedules will be released 3/29
5. Turn in your District can NOT play dates.

1. Umpire Training dates: 4/3 at 10:00am

2. Mid-season tournament dates: 5/6 to 5/10, hosted by: Fayetteville, Batavia .

3. End of season tournament dates: 6/24-6/27 hosted by Bethel, Felicity

4. Season starts 4/5 and ends 6/21. Only those games entered by 6/18 will count.

VI. Player Exceptions:

1. Batavia: Tball has two players that have never played before and are 6U eligible but want them to play T ball (5U)- none opposed; player approved.
2. Bethel: 7/14 DOB for 7U and wants to play with other 4th graders.- She has never played before- none opposed, approved.
3. CNE: no exceptions
4. Eastern: no exceptions
5. Fayetteville: 9U player misses DOB by 5 days and wants to play 9U but is 10U by 5 days. None opposed; approved.
6. Felicity: no exceptions
7. Georgetown: 14U DOB of 12/22/06 and has always been with her team and is not a pitcher. None opposed; approved.
8. Goshen: no exceptions
9. Lynchburg: 4th grader misses DOB by 4 mos and has never played before. None opposed; approved.
10. Mt. Orab: 8U eligible player with DOB of 2nd grader and wants to play. None opposed; all approved.
11. Williamsburg: 8U player wants to play 7U with DOB of 4/17/12 and has never played. None opposed; approved.

VII.Open Forum

1. MOTION:
2. If less than 8 players, we can make a “Gentleman’s agreement” to not take an out for only having 8 kids. Motion by Mel Eckert called the COVID short-handed rule that if only 8-9 players on a roster we will not take an out for this year only with only 8 players. Rosters with 10 or less if playing with less than 9 players can play without taking an out for all ages.

None opposed, all approved.

1. MOTION:
2. Tealtown: 9U team has 10 eight year old players, 2 seven year olds, and one 9 year old who misses the DOB for 8U with 6/1/11 DOB. Wants the 9U girl to play in 8U since her parents are coaches an not a pitcher. There are 11 new to softball. Motion by Bobby Tyminkski from Tealtown and Miki Mills seconds the motion. None opposed, all approved.

VII. Old Business Recap.

1. Recap rule changes from 2020-
2. 12U/14U- 12 game season and 14U can do both Jr. High an SOSLI
3. Reps set cut-off date for make up games.
4. Mid-season tournament is 2 random draw brackets with 8 or more teams.
5. EOS tournament is double elimination bracket.

IX. Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: 4/11/21 at 6pm