

State Meeting February 19, 2022, at Waverly United Methodist Church

Jim Williams opened the General Meeting followed with a prayer by James Tidwell. Alan Reed, State DYB Director introduced the baseball board. Aaron Prince, Assistant State Director; Phillip Dorris, District 1 and Billy Draper, Assistant Director; Mike Neisler, District 2 Director; Denise Lineberry, District 3 Director; Rory Osborne, District 4 Director; James Tidwell, District 5 Director and George Lankford, Assistant Director; David Conrad, District 7 Director; National Directors Tony Brown and Don Rudolph; and DYB Vice President David Jackson. There is still a vacancy for the National Director for the West region and a vacancy for District 8 director.

The Danny Jones plaque was awarded to Ray Hodges who was a long time National Director.

Softball introduced their board and presented their awards, and we went to separate meetings.

At the Dixie Youth meeting, Alan presented the ten-year service award to Don Rudolph.

Leagues in attendance from District 3 were Lewis, Perry, and Summertown. Charlotte Park attended for District 4. District 5 had Hickman, McEwen, Fairview, Humphreys, Centerville, and Houston counties attending.

Don Rudolph discussed the new rules for this year. T-Ball bats can only be used with a level 5 ball and not used with a baseball. For Ozone play there is a bunt rule exception. There will not be a penalty assessed if the batter swings after squaring to bunt only when the bases are loaded with a runner coming home, the count is two outs, and the batter has a three balls two strikes count.

Alan Reed announced that the dress code has been changed for coaches for state tournaments and world series. Shorts will be allowed but there are limitations. The changes can be found on the website for exact details.

David Jackson, Vice President of Dixie Youth addressed the group. He said the T-Ball bat change is a liability issue. USA dictates the bats. He said the national board has been discussing pitch counts vs innings. Also, they have been considering more tournament play during season using DYB rules. Leagues can give their thoughts to Alan.

David Conrad, District 7 Director explained how they accomplish this in his district. They have an invitational tournament the third week in April for all Class A and AA teams. The fourth week in April, they have an invitational tournament for all AAA and Ozone teams in the district. They have a rotation for the tournaments. Admission of \$3 for adults is charged. They play Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The games count against their season count. Every league must commit to do this. The first and second place teams get medallions. Concessions bring in money for the leagues.

Alan Reed told the leagues that the board voted to commit to one team for the Class A Regional World Series in Sterling Louisiana. The first-place team in the state tournament would be

offered the opportunity to go. If they decline, it will be offered to the second-place team. If they decline, the third-place team will be offered the opportunity to participate.

The national board has decided that we can no longer send our second-place ozone team to participate in the Majors World Series. You must have a team playing to participate. There will be two teams advancing to the World Series for AA, AAA, and Ozone.

The Franchise deadline is April 1st. Each league will have to check Division 1 or Division 2, also check Ozone since we do not play in Majors. Division one is ten teams (AA, AAA, and Ozone) and Division 2 is nine or less teams (AA, AAA, and Ozone). If you are division one, your league cannot move down. A division two team with nine teams can request to move up to division one. Billy will post the deadlines on the website. Please get your rosters in as soon as you can. The deadline for rosters is May 1st. Please also roster your Wee-ball players. There is not a charge, but it will add them on your insurance.

We have a new five team bracket for use this year.

The Class A state tournament will be hosted by Fairview, July 7th. It will be a sixteen-team bracket with two teams from each district participating. The winner will be offered the opportunity to participate in the Regional World Series in Sterling Louisiana, around July 21 or 22.

The AA state tournament will be hosted by Greenbrier, July 7th. It is estimated that there will be six to eight division one teams and twelve to sixteen division two teams participating.

The AAA state tournament will be hosted by Savannah, July 14. The Ozone state tournament will be hosted by Harriman, July 14th.

Official opening ceremonies and programs have been eliminated for 2022.

The 2023 rotation will have the Class A and AA hosted by the west region (Districts 2 and 3). The AAA will be hosted by the east region (District 7 and 8). The Ozone will be hosted by the middle region (District 1,4 and 5). If you are interested in bidding on one of these tournaments, please notify Alan Reed by August 1st.

Tony Brown announced that Tennessee donated \$22,000 to the national scholarship fund in 2021. We received ten national scholarships. There are one hundred available. The deadline to apply is March 1st. The state also gives a \$1000 award to each district if someone applies. To apply you need a transcript, letter from the league stating participation, picture of applicant, parent letter and applicant letter.

The state board has voted to establish a hall of fame like the one Softball has. A committee will review.

This is the year that each league will need to submit a new boundary map. This needs to be submitted before tournament time. Player releases are needed if the player does not live in

your boundary or go to school in your boundary. Waverly is having a tough time this year because of the flood. They have lost many players that had to move out the area. They lost everything they owned. We have some districts whose boundaries overlap. You do not need a release if you live in one boundary and go to school in another. For divorced parents living in different boundaries, the child can play at either location without a release.

McNairy County has three leagues. They have agreed that the players can play at any league but must stay at the location they pick. (Ramer, Selmer, and Adamsville)

Remember that Cardiac Arrest, Concussion, and Background checks are required.

In 2021, Savannah came in second in the Ozone World Series and received the sportsmanship award.

Greenbrier placed second in the Majors World Series. Sweetwater placed second in the AA World Series and received the sportsmanship award also.

It was decided that umpire test will not be required this year in Dixie Youth.

The brackets will be drawn by zoom this year after franchises are submitted and a number of teams is determined. We will take the first and second place team in the district for division two and one team for division one.

The National Board has a credentials checklist. Please make sure to check the expiration dates on the insurance for each team.

If you are interested in umpiring for the World Series, there is an application to complete. Alan must approve the application and rank the applicants.

The Division 1 World Series will be hosted by Lumberton, North Carolina.

The Division 2 World Series will be hosted by Anderson, South Carolina.

The AA World Series will be hosted by Dothan, Alabama.

The Regional Class A Invitational World Series will be hosted by Sterling, Louisiana.

James Tidwell placed a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Aaron Prince seconded the motion.