

Meeting Minutes

Call to order.

A meeting of the Arkansas DYB/DYS was held in Hope, Arkansas on Feb. 1, 2025. Officials attending were State Director Jesse Buchanan, Asst. State Director Mike Sherman, National Directors Lynn Story, Robert Hudgins, Charles Jackson. DYB/DYS President Kent Bruxvoort and DYB/DYS Commissioner William Wade, DYB/DYS Treasurer Wes Skelton were also in attendance.

Reports

Jesse Buchanan reported on the new leagues that joined Ark DYB/DYS and discussed all the new rule changes listed in the rule book. He urged each league to get their Franchise fees in before the April 1 deadline. Jesse reminded everyone that the background checks were a federal law and not just a DYB requirement.

Commissioner William Wade discussed our new Diamond Youth Softball program and thanked everyone for helping DYS for having a good first year. He thanked Mike Sherman for helping our state. Commissioner Wade reminded everyone of the resources available on the DYBUSA.org website to assist leagues in complying with the Safe Sport Act. These can be located on the Child Protection Program on the web site.

State Director Jesse Buchanan encouraged each league to use TeamPass for rosters and player registration. He also discussed Sadler Insurance as endorsed by DYB, but leagues may use other insurance companies if they meet DYB minimum requirements. Director Buchanan showed a short video from John Sadler about what to look for in league insurance.

DYB will hold a 6U Coach Pitch World Series starting in 2025. Director Buchanan discussed with leagues how we will handle the option for leagues to play 6U Coach Pitch or 6U T-Ball. If we have enough leagues, we will have a state tournament for each division. The winner of the 6U Coach Pitch State Tournament will advance to the 6U Coach Pitch World Series in Dunn, NC. The winner and possibly two runners-up in the 6U T-Ball State Tournament will advance to the Regional World Series in Texarkana, Ar.

State Director Buchanan distributed current requirements to host our state tournaments and ask each league that wished to host should let him know by Feb. 15 in Dunn, NC

Director Jackson reviewed the scholarship program and emphasized that March 1st is the deadline for scholarship applications to be received in the DYB office. Wes Skelton reviewed the league registration and player roster procedures on Teampass. Rosters must be submitted by May 1 and the roster process will be locked out on May 15.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1- Deadline for Scholarship applications.

April 1 – Latest date for filing Annual Billing for Franchise with Fees. Leagues filling late have a \$50 late fee.

May 1 – Team rosters for all age divisions must be filed by this date.

June 19-23- Arkansas DYB State Tournaments- AA (8U), (6U), AAA(10u), Ozone(12u): Location TBA

June 27-29- Arkansas DYS State Tournaments- All divisions: Location TBA

July 16-21- DYB Regional World Series- 11U, 9U, 7U, 6U T-Ball: Texarkana,Ar.

July 25-29 - DYB World Series –Div I and II, A (6U) Coach Pitch, AA (8U): Dunn, NC

Aug 2-Aug 7- DYB World Series-Ozone(12U) , Majors(12u),and AAA (10U) Division I and II: Lexington, SC

DYB/DYS has teamed up with TEAMPASS to help leagues register their players. Our State Website can be found at DybUSA.org and the select state sites.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles L. Jackson

Secretary

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Date of approval