

CORNBELT "B/C" LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2016

1:00PM

1) Meeting Called to order at 1:03pm, Towns represented were Greg H. Gould (Advisor), **B League** were President Jason Fahrlander(HBR), Matt Cook(Earlville), Wayne Pierce(Paw Paw), Jeff Cheek(Plano 3), Dave Lee(Plano 2), Kyle Klatt(Plano 1), Geri Henne(Leland), Ryan Wells(Plano 4), Jacob Stark(Sheridan), Dean Thomas(Sandwich Orange), C.Davidson (Lisbon/Newark), Ed Tornga(Sandwich Blue), Brad Eade(Somonauk), Aaron Grandgeorge (Somonauk), Jim Ward(Plano)

"C" League were President Matt Kauffman(Sandwich Black), Jeremy Spoonmore(Leland), Nick Santoria(Plano 1), Brian Hellebrand(HBR), Rob Zuttermeister, Lisa Baker(Serena), Lee Myer(Wedron), Cory Davidson(Newark), Wayne Pierce(Paw Paw), Brad Hardekopf(Sandwich Orange)

2) As of April 4, 2016 - teams playing in 2016 for C League are
18 Teams: Newark White, Newark/Lisbon Blue, Somonauk Blue, Somonauk Gold, Somonauk White, Waterman Red, Waterman Black, Wedron, Leland, HBR, Serena, Plano #1, Plano #2, Plano #3, Sandwich Black, Sandwich Orange, Sandwich Grey, Paw Paw

3) We would Discuss all "C" League Matters First, then do "B" League

4) First Item was going over the "C" League Pitching rule
(Option #1)Towns voted Last Meeting to Change the "C" League Rules #6 Lineups and Play 6H to: *H. The batter cannot walk, only strike out. Little league rules apply in regards to the strike out rule. If after 5 pitches the batter has not reached first base or struck out, a Coach will pitch 2 more pitches to the batter, if the batter still has not hit the ball, the batter will be called out. There are no called strikes.*

Change 7A to: 7A. Coach pitches from a line at least 30 feet away from home plate for innings 1-3-5, A player pitches from a pitching rubber of 34 feet and pitches innings 2-4-6. The Coach may pitch either over or under hand which ever they prefer, however the projection of the ball must be flat (no lobs or arcs). If while a player is pitching and a batter fails to reach base or strike out after 5 pitches a coach would pitch 2 more pitches.

Plano Submitted a Rule Change (**Option #2**), Sandwich Submitted Rule Change (**Option #3**), there was lots of discussions, Like going back to old Rule, and only coach pitch. But that was taken off the table real quick, as we didn't want the league moving backwards, but to find a common ground.

Still lots of discussing back and forth, towns gathered to hash out ideas that would be acceptable. Finally Paw Paw came up with a Rule to write down and get a vote on.

It was called "The Paw Paw Option" it was 2nd by Somonauk

PITCHING/BATTING

A. Players Pitch; 1st and 2nd Inning, (League Minimum) Coaches pitch in the 3rd thru 6th inning
At the start of the game both Head Coaches can agree on more innings pitched by Players, with the realization that if the opposing team says "NO", No means NO! If a Team wants to pitch more, then they can pitch to their own batters, instead of the Coach. With the Opposing team Pitchers is there only for fielding.

- B. Players limited to one inning per game or 50 pitches maximum. One pitch is considered one (1) inning.
- C. The coach/pitcher must pitch from the rubber (34 Feet), in a standing position, The Coach may pitch either over or under hand which ever they prefer, however the projection of the ball must be flat (no lobs or arcs)
- D. When the coach pitches, he will make no defensive plays. A player will stand next to the coach-pitcher to field the position. A batted ball striking the coach-pitcher is a dead ball, and is treated as a foul ball. After 7 Pitches and they do not reach base they are out.
- E. The pitcher will deliver (5) pitches. If this does not result in a strikeout or a ball put in play, the batter will then have (2) pitches from the batting team coach to put the ball in play. If the batter hits a ball foul after the last pitch, they will receive another pitch. If the batter does not put a ball in play, they will be out. They are no Walks.
- F. In order to develop batting skills and confidence, players are to be encouraged to swing at any hittable pitch. There are strike outs, if they swing and miss 3 times, no Called Strikes.
- G. A bat shall not be more than thirty-three (33) inches in length nor more than two and one-quarter (2¼) inches in diameter.
- H. Umpires are instructed that the strike zone is shoulders to below knees and three inches (about the diameter of a ball) inside and outside.
Each pitcher is allowed (1) hit batsman per inning, but they must be removed in the event of a second hit batsman. A player is awarded 1st base if they are hit by a pitch.
- I.. When the coach is the pitcher, no batter will take first base if hit by a pitch.

Roll Call On VOTE was Plano-Yes, Sandwich-No, Newark-No, Lisbon-No, Somoanuk-Yes Waterman-No, Wedron-Yes, Leland-Yes, HBR-Yes, Serena-Yes, Paw Paw-Yes 7-YES and 4-NO Votes Motion Carried New Pitching Rule is in Place.

- 5) B League are 18 Teams: Newark, Somonauk Gold, Somonauk Blue, Sandwich Orange, Sandwich Grey, Sandwich Black, Sandwich Blue, Waterman Red, Waterman Black, Paw Paw, Earlville, Sheridan, HBR, Leland, Plano #1, Plano #2, Plano #3, Plano #4
- 6) Sandwich Volunteered to Host "B" League All-Star Game on July 9, 2016
- 7) There was a Motion by Plano and 2nd by Sandwich to Add Stealing in "B" League, the motion was: A runner can steal or advance on a pass ball for only one base after reaching base, on the base steal attempt the runner is not allowed to advance on an overthrow (this encourages the catcher to try and throw out the runner) The 7 Foot circle would be eliminated, and no stealing or advancing from third base to home. There is no advancement on overthrows to the pitcher.
Vote Totals were 7-YES, and 3-NO Votes, Motion Carried
- 8) Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher are allowed, with last out being the courtesy runner
- 9) Reporting scores and communicating with other teams is done by Facebook. All scores for "B" League and Pitchers inning pitched will be posted on facebook, Corn Belt League "B" Ball page, Each team will create a team page then post it on the Corn Belt League "B" Ball Page Roster will be sent in for "B" League to rockcreekball@aol.com No Scores are Kept for "C" League

- 10) \$135 Entry Fee for "B" League, Leave check blank so who ever needs to cash them can fill in their name. The fee to be used for: Umpires for All-Star Game, Umpires for final 4 League Tournament, 16 individual Trophies (per team) for all Players on a final 4 teams, Team Trophies for all Final Four finishing teams, Division Winner Trophy, A dozen balls for Final Four Games (3 balls per Game) "B" entry fee money goes for all of these items. Mail Entry Fee to "B" President Jason Fahrlander, 7S273 Mary Drive, Big Rock, IL 60511 Cell: 574-532-6973 Email: Jason.fahrlander@DPSG.com
- 11) "C" League President – Matt Kauffman, 4 Junior Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548 Cell: 630-639-0284 Email: redman0284@yahoo.com
- 12) "C" League will Play on Thursday at 6:00pm and Sat. at 10:00am
"B" League will play on Tuesday & Friday's at 6:00pm
- 13) Other Business – website is www.rockcreekball.com
Newark/Lisbon Has an Older Player for "B" Ball, everyone was ok with, just note on roster, and no pitching, Same goes for a Plano Kid
- 14) See Umpire Clinic Attached
- 15) Please email rockcreekball@aol.com with any coaches information
- 16) Meeting Adjourned at 2:10pm

SANDWICH UMPIRES

TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN

APRIL 10,17,&24
3PM -5PM

WHERE

TO BE DETERMINED

EMAIL: SANDWICHBOYSBASEBALL@GMAIL.COM

Phone

Denny Butler (630) 688-9714 Matt Frantzen (815) 482-9871



Second year 10u players are eligible to umpire 8u games

Must be 12 or older to umpire 10u level

You must attend 2 of the classes in order to be certified

Classes will last roughly 2 hours and consist of classroom and practical instruction

Training provided by patched umpires

Offered free to Corn Belt League