

CORNBELT "B/C" LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2016

1:00PM

- 1) Meeting Called to order at 1:06pm, Towns represented were Greg H. Gould (Advisor), B League were President Jason Fahrlander(HBR), Mike Davis(Earlville), Wayne Pierce(Paw Paw), Kyle Klatt(Plano 1), Dave Lee(Plano 2), Ian Adams(Sandwich Black), Geri Henne(Leland), Ryan Wells(Plano 4), Jacob Stark(Sheridan), Joe Lissman(Sandwich Grey), Dean Thomas(Sandwich Orange), C. Davidson(Lisbon/Newark), Ed Tornga(Sandwich Blue) "C" League were President Matt Kauffman(Sandwich Black), Jeremy Spoonmore(Leland), Jeff Bishop(Plano 2), Nick Santoria(Plano 1), Brian Hellebrand(HBR), Rob Zuttermeister (Plano 2), Ron McCaslin(Serena), Stephanie Thompson(Wedron), Jeff Cheek(Plano 3), Scott Sittler(Lisbon), Cory Davidson(Newark)
- 2) As of March 20 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) B League were 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
- 4) Election of Officers for "C" and "B" League
"C" League President – Matt Kauffman, 4 Junior Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548 Cell: 630-639-0284
Email: redman0284@yahoo.com
"B" League President – Jason Fahrlander, 7S273 Mary Drive, Big Rock, IL 60511
Cell: 574-532-6973 Email: Jason.fahrlander@DPSG.com
- 5) Jim Ward asked if the "C" League was willing to Change the Pitching Rule, Before Sandwich and Plano would commit to playing in the "C" League. The current "C" member Towns voted 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.
All Current Towns agreed to the change in Pitching to the "5-2 Rule", None Opposed, Motion Carried, and Sandwich and Plano have joined "C" League.
- 6) 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

- 7) Went over if any changes need to be made to the "C Rules year
After adopting the new "5-2 Rule", there was lots of discussions of changing the new pitching rule. Many ideas were thrown out there. 1 option was to have a player pitch all the time using the "5-2 Rule" and not alternate innings of the Coach pitching, only for the 2 pitches if needed. 2nd Option was to keep it the same as previously voted on, 3rd option was to use the original rule, and ask before each game if they wanted to use Option #1 or Option #2, where both coaches had to agree. A very lengthy discussion followed, the discussion was tabled until next meeting to have all options written out for discussing and voting on final decision.
- 8) Sandwich said they would hold an umpire clinic for kids or people willing to umpire games
- 9) Discuss any "B" League Rule Changes,
 - A) Sheridan wanted to Vote on 2 older players to be allowed to stay down in "B" Ball, No one opposed, but the players cannot pitch, and must note their birthdays on the roster
 - B) Bunt Rule was discussed and changed to "A" Ball rule as to "no fake bunting, then swinging" All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried
 - C) 14 to 16 year olds can umpire as long as they attend an umpire clinic, otherwise they must be at least 16 years old. All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried
 - D) Discussion on a "B" League Double elimination Tournament, One in Favor, 15 Opposed, Motion was Denied
 - E) Motion to use real Hard Balls instead of the Level 5 Ball, Lots of discussion, was tabled until next meeting.
 - F) Motion was presented to allow stealing, again tons of discussion getting nowhere, being over the time limit for "A" Ball meeting, stealing was tabled until next meeting.
- 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 Jason Fahrlander, 7S273 Mary Drive, Big Rock, IL 60511
- 11) "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
- 12) No other Business – website is www.rockcreekball.com
- 13) Next meeting Sunday April 3, 2016 at 1pm at Plano High School
- 14) Please email rockcreekball@aol.com with any coaches information
- 15) Meeting Adjourned at 2:25pm