

2021 K-18 Baseball Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/31/2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting at 2 pm.

(1) Dave Urban will call the meeting to order on Zoom.

(2) Reading of the 2020 Meeting Minutes

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed by sharing on Zoom.

Minutes were approved.

(3) Treasurers Report by Dave Urban. Dave reported \$18, 176.55 in checking.

(4) Dave Urban's update on what is going on with K-18 Baseball in Lucas and any issues or concerns that were brought to his attention.

Dave reported that Lucas continues to work toward new outfield lights, New dugouts and that home plate will be squared up as it is a little bit off center.

(5) John Walz's update.

K-18 Website: Jon Weinman Jr. will continue to maintain our website.

K-18 Rulebooks: Decided to order the same amount as last year.

NFHS High School Rule books: Hard copies will not be ordered, will have Regional Commissioners recommend to their teams to get the 2021 Rulebook on their phones at \$6.99 or order a hard copy.

Baseballs: Terry Bright ordered in a case of Diamond baseballs that have already arrived. Left four dozen at Ellis Rec for Rudy and Pete will take the other 6 dozen, dropping off two dozen at Lucas.

Scott City and Atwood have showed interest in having teams for 2021.

(6) Pete Falcon's east region report.

Pete will get East Regional Meeting scheduled. Location, dates and times of the East Regional to be determined at their meeting.

(7) Rudy Perez's west region report.

Rudy will determine location, days and times of his West Regional after seeing how many teams he has for 2021. May go back to three leagues if numbers allow.

Atwood and Scott City maybe adding teams to K-18 this summer.

(8) We have a team proposal to change K-18 Rule #2.01, player eligibility. The change would be to change April 30th to January 1st, giving players 4 more months of eligibility.

Wakeeney proposed the change and thought this could help smaller communities with extra players to fill a roster and hopefully add teams.

Dave Urban discussed that an age rule change needed to benefit the players and all teams, not just an individual team or parent. The thought was K-18 Baseball was aligned with American Legion Baseball but turned out we are aligned with the Pee Wee League. A January 1st date would align us with American Legion Baseball.

The concern was discussed that we could lose younger players due to the age difference and lack of playing time.

Also discussed was to require teams to play the three inning game first so that game is always played, allowing the younger players to get playing time. The concern is losing the younger players and not getting them out for K-18 Baseball or any other baseball due to a bad experience.

The K-18 Rulebook states in Rule 2.01 that any changes in the age for K-18 players will be a simple majority vote of the commissioners and ratified by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority by a secret ballot vote of member teams that are currently in the K-18 Association.

Kevin Marozas made a motion to align age eligibility with the January 1st American Legion date where a player cannot turn seventeen in the calendar year of play and that motion was seconded. The decision was made for each team to email or contact their Regional Commissioner with their vote, Rudy Perez or Pete Falcon. This would allow all member K-18 Baseball teams the opportunity to vote. One vote per team. This would

also provide for the secret ballot vote that 2.01 changes state needs to occur.

The secret ballot votes will go to the Regional Commissioners with a deadline of February 8th.

Rule 3.04a Run rule for 5 inning games needs to be removed as we do not play 5 inning games. This will be removed from the rule book.

Rule 3.09 Clearer clarification on what it means to be a K-18 Certified Umpire. We will clear up the language so hopefully the explanation is clearer.

Any other changes or modifications to K-18 Baseball rules?

None discussed besides the above proposals.

- (9) Rudy Perez discussed umpire training and requirements for the 2021 season.

Rudy wants to have several of his seasoned umpires conduct an umpire training clinic. There would be classroom and on the field instruction.

K-18 Baseball would be willing to pay expenses so communities could send their umpires at no charge.

Rudy will be working out details and get back with us. Probably two locations so we can cut driving distance down for the west and east regions.

- (10) 2021 State Tournament Dates and time.

Discussed times to start on Saturday, decided 0900 AM for 1st game and work the bracket so closer teams play at 0900 am on Saturday.

Saturday July 24th game#1 starts at 0900

Sunday July 25th starts at Noon

Wednesday July 28th Consolation Game starts at 3 pm

- (11) Meeting Adjourned

Those in attendance on Zoom.

1. Tim Wilson-Smith Center
2. Daryl Havlas-Quinter
3. Gene Tilton-Quinter
4. Kyle Level-Wakeeney
5. Kevin Rorabaugh-Wakeeney
6. Doug Sederstrom at Goodland
7. Gloria Lankas at Atwood
8. Rudy Perez-West Commissioner
9. Dan Pyle-Ellis
10. Pete Falcon-East Commissioner
11. John Walz-Asst. State Commissioner
12. Dave Urban-State Commissioner
13. Kevin Marozas-Beloit
14. Dustin Bender-Concordia
15. Terry Cunningham- Waconda (Glen Elder)
16. Anne Puckett, board member w/Colby Baseball Association
17. Ben Cramer-Scott City
18. Keith Smith Hays Rec
19. Erica Bletscher
20. Ryan Lewis
21. Brent Schroeder
22. Jim Welker
23. Anne Puckett

02/09/2021 Vote Update

Votes were sent to the East and West Regional Commissioners.

60% yes votes in favor of the age change. Rule 2.01 states there must be $\frac{3}{4}$ or 75% in favor.

2.01 Rule change proposal did not pass and will not change for the 2021 season. Below is the rule out of our K-18 Rule Book.

2.01 Eligibility of players of all team entries of this Association, for regular season and all tournaments, shall be as follows: A minimum of 12 years and a maximum of 15 years of age as of April 30 of the season of play. A Regional Commissioner may give special permission for 11 year olds to play, if needed to fill a team. Any changes in the age for K-18 players will be a simple majority vote of the commissioners and ratified by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority secret ballot vote of member teams that are currently in the K-18 Association.

