

2022 K-18 Baseball State Teams/Commissioner's Meeting

Date: 02/06/2022

2:00 PM call the Meeting to order at the K-18 Café in Lucas, Kansas. Zoom address will also be available, provided by Rudy Perez.

Started a little late as Rudy Perez was working on getting representatives onto zoom.

Reading of the 2021 K-18 Baseball State Meeting Minutes by John Walz.

We advised those on Zoom to review the 2021 State Meeting Minutes on the k18baseball.com website while we waited to get representatives onto zoom. Those that were at the meeting in person reviewed the minutes at this time.

Treasurers Report by Dave Urban.

K-18 Baseball has a balance of \$18,499.54

State Commissioner and Assistant State Commissioner Reports by Dave Urban and John Walz.

The field in Lucas will have the drifted shale/dirt lip removed between the outfield and infield by a professional heavy equipment company. Grass will be planted in the outfield.

2021 K-18 Baseball Season went well with successful Regionals and State Tournament.

Baseballs for 2022 Regional/State Tournaments have arrived, K-18 Rulebooks will be ordered from Lucas Publishing.

Set State K-18 Baseball Tournament Dates and times.

July 23rd, 2022 (Saturday) starting at 9 am, July 24th, 2022 (Sunday) starting at noon and July 27th, 2022 (Wednesday) starting at 3 pm

Game #1 East #2 vs. West #3 **Game #2** West #1 vs. East #4 **Game #3** West #2 vs. East #3 **Game #4** East #1 vs. West #4

West Region Report by Rudy Perez.

Discussed he may go back to a three leagues for the 2022 season and his upcoming regional meeting that will be in Ellis on March

East Region Report by Derrick Hittle.

Discussed getting teams committed and upcoming regional meeting.

Discussion Items:

Moving K-18 Baseball cutoff date to January 1st to align with American Legion Baseball Rules. Basically any 16 year olds would be eligible in the year of play in K-18 Baseball.

Concerns were made that making this change needed to be done for next year, if voted to do so, as baseball sign up has already been started for many recreation departments. Regional Commissioners will discuss the change at their 2022 Regional Meetings. All teams will get their vote to their regional commissioner. If K-18 Commissioner's voted in favor and ¾ of the teams voted in favor of the change it would start in the 2023 season of play.

Discuss announcing before every game a location for fans to go if Severe Weather is approaching. Have someone designated to get fans to that shelter before severe weather conditions arrive.

Before each game locations and directions will be announced to relocate fans if severe weather would become an issue. The Lucas Theatre and Lucas School will be the designated locations.

Discuss any teams or leagues that could be looking for a baseball organization to join. The intent is not to take any teams of other organizations but allow communities to provide the opportunity for post season play.

Rudy is looking at several Nebraska communities to form a league and discussed with Garden City of possibly forming a league of recreation teams. Derrick just came back in as the East Regional Commissioner but believes Clay Center may have two teams and will be working on adding teams that are not affiliated with other organizations.

Discuss the use of Game Changer to ease problems for our League Recorders.

This will be discussed at their Regional Meetings.

Discuss NFHS Rulebook purchase or have teams purchase their own hard copy or electronic copy on their phone.

If teams would like a NFHS Rulebook the K-18 Association will leave the purchase up to each team. Can be done by purchasing a hard copy of a cheaper option is electronically on your phone.

Discussion from the floor on any rule issues, season of play issues, Regional Tournament issues or State Tournament issues.

No one on Zoom or in person had any issues to address at this time.

Adjournment

Those attending the meeting by zoom and in person:

Dave Urban-State Commissioner

John Walz-Assistant State Commissioner

Dan Pyle-West Region League Recorder

Dustin Bender-Concordia

Rudy Perez-West Commissioner

Derrick Hittle-East Commissioner

Ben Cramer-Scott City

Kyle Level-Wakeeney

Chad Boyle-Phillipsburg

Chris Ganzel-Hill City

Daryl Havlas-Quinter

Doug Sederston-Goodland

Rick-Colby

Wade Park-Hays

Jarik-Linn

Chris Cyr-Clay Center

Tim Wilson-Smith Center