

K-18 Baseball ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

01/27/2020

K-18 Café in Lucas, Ks. 2 p.m.

- 1. Meeting was called to Order by Dave Urban.**
- 2. Reading of the 2019 K-18 State Baseball Meeting Minutes by John Walz**
 - 1. Motion to approve minutes by Dustin Bender – Concordia CNB**
 - 2. 2nd by Jon Weinman - Philipsburg**
- 3. Reading of 2019 K-18 State Baseball Post Meeting Minutes by John Walz**
- 4. Treasurers Report by Dave Urban.**
- 5. Report on field improvements by Dave Urban.**
- 6. Discussion Items.**
 - a. Seeding teams during the regular season for the Regional Tournament was discussed. Consensus was to mirror the State Tournament but will be left up to the commissioner's discretion.**
 - b. Dates for Regional Tournaments. Possibly mirror the state tournament to help pitch count. (Sat., Sun. Wed.) Maybe play the Regional over two weekends?**
 - c. Weather was discussed. Discussed having one person designated to monitor weather and make announcements where fans, players, umpires will go during a weather emergency.**
 - d. Discussed games times for State Tourney. It was decided to keep times the same:**
 - 1. Saturday – start at 10:00 am**
 - 2. Sunday – start at 2:00 pm**
 - 3. Wednesday -start at 5:00 pm**
 - d. Discussed the startup of a K-18 Softball League. East and West Commissioner's had a lot of interest. Would use NFHS High School Rules. Eligible players would be girls entering 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade in the upcoming school year. Ron Haag, FHSU Intramural Director, will be organizing the program. Would look to play State Tournament in Lucas July 18th and 19th, 2020, the week prior to K-18 Baseball State Tournament.**
 - 1. There will be a meeting on February 16 in Lucas**
 - e. FOUR PITCH WALK. No pitches will be thrown and will not be counted against pitch count. Coach or catcher will signal umpire for "no pitch walk". APPROVED RULE CHANGE**
 - 1. Motion by Jon Weinman – Phillipsburg**
 - 2. 2nd by Kevin Marozas – Beloit Red**
 - f. Ways to speed up games were discussed. Run rule changes, regular season time limit on games, 2 hour or 90 minute time limit or cut innings played. No action taken.**
 - g. NFHS Rule Changes and how we will adopt them? Talked about a three year grace period after High school adopts new equipment rules, to allow teams to replace equipment, other rules would be adopted immediately. Decision was made that adoption if new equipment rules would be immediately.**
 - h. Hosting Regional Discussion. Possibly team registration fees go up to offset gate and not charge a gate fee at regional and state tournaments. If changes made a vote will be needed. No action taken**

- i. Ambulance on standby during state tournament games. Dave will check it out with Russell EMS.
- j. Raising League recorders compensation per team. Possibly raising \$5.00 per team. APPROVED
 - 1. Motion made by Dustin Bender – Concordia CNB
 - 2. 2nd by Cade Winter – Clifton Clyde
- k. Mandatory Game Changer or similar program to enter game information? If changes made a vote will be needed. No action taken
- l. Umpire will be required to be registered with K-18 and have taken the umpires test in order to be eligible to umpire Regionals and State.
 - 1. There is no cost to register or take the test. It can be found on the K-18 website
 - 2. Upon successful completion of the test, each umpire will receive a K-18 rule book and two K-18 Umpire patches.
 - 3. Will look at having umpires give contact information to League Recorders and Commissioners so teams could make contact if they need an umpire.
- m. Kids Kneeling or other forms of protests. American Legion has a policy that we will look over at the state meeting. A proposed policy was given. APPROVED
 - 1. K-18 Baseball players will be required to show “proper respect” during the National Anthem, or they won’t be able to play. The K-18 Baseball Association has adopted a no-tolerance policy when it comes to players’ behavior during the National Anthem before games.”
 - 1. What does “proper respect” mean? [According to](#) the K-18 Baseball Association , a player will achieve proper respect by standing upright, facing the flag, with hat held over the heart.
 - 2. Motion by Pete Falcon - Lucas
 - 3. 2nd by – Ryan Lewis – Smith Center
- n. First base safety base being adopted? No action taken.
- o. Assigning a City Employee to help with field prep between games. Dave will check out. Dave will give an update. City has agreed to help out.
- p. Use of a portable mound at Regional Tournament? There was consensus not to use portable mounds at Regional tournaments.
- q. Lucas Scoreboard making it hard for hitters and umpires to see ball coming in. Look at changing bulbs to another color. Dave will give an update. Light colors will be changed.
- r. Discussed State Bracket adapting to teams driving a long distance. Have them play 2nd or 3rd game and not the first or 4th game on Saturday. No action taken
 - 1. State Tournament 2020
 - 1. E1 vs W4
 - 2. W2 vs E3
 - 3. W1 vs E4
 - 4. E2 vs W3
- s. Jon Weinman Jr. has new website up and running. Discussion on what teams would like added to the new site.
- t. Commissioners will emphasize no tobacco (to include e-cigarettes and vaping devices) or alcohol at K-18 games. This will be a point of emphasis.
- t. Rule changes from NFHS for 2020 were addressed.

- u. **Moving age requirement date to January 1st where a player could not turn 16 before January 1st or could turn 16 after December 31st and be eligible to play the next season in K-18 Baseball. No action taken**
- x. **Discussion of any other items for the good of K-18 Baseball.**
- y. **Due Dates for teams:**
 - 1. **Notification to play in K-18 and registration fees due by April 30**
 - 2. **Team Rosters due to League Recorders by June 15**
- z. **Rule regarding Non-equipment Ejection of Player**
 - 1. **Any player who is ejected from a game for a non-equipment issue, will sit out the remainder of the game which is in progress as well as any remaining games for that day. In addition, the player will sit out the next date of K-18 competition (7 inning game) .**
- aa. **Meeting adjourned**

Attendance

Dave Urban – State Commissioner

John Walz – Assistant State Commissioner

Rudy Perez – West Regional Commissioner

David Ziegler – Hays

Cade Winters – Clifton-Clyde

Kevin Rorabaugh – WaKeeney

Dustin Bender – Concordia – CNB

Jacob Rosenbaum – Concordia – CNB

Brent Schroeder – Beloit Blue

Kevin Marozas – Beloit Red

Terry Cunningham – Waconda

Brett Winkel – Waconda

Tim Wilson – Smith Center

Ryan Lewis – Smith Center

Tony Bay – Russell Softball

Jon Weinman – Phillipsburg

Kyle Level – WaKeeney

Pete Falcon – Lucas