

NY State DA Association Meeting

Treadway Inn, Owego NY
November 5, 2011

Danny welcomed group and asked Charlie Christolon to lead us in Pledge of Allegiance.

LL officials present: Dan Kirby, Risk Management

There were 24 Districts present which satisfies quorum requirements.
There were two proxies present; D-22 Dan Lowe and D-20 Dave Horne.

New DA Robert Candrea, D-20

Basket of cheer sent to John Godfrey, D-1 and John Boccuzza, D-29

An engraved clock was presented to retiring DA, Dave Horne.

Constitution and by-laws are updated and now available.

Changes are in bold.

Note from East Region concerning DA elections for NY. The following Districts are up for election: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37

Dan Kirby told us the deadline for ASAP is now March 1st, League plans are due April 1st. These plans need to be followed, not just written down and submitted. Insurance rates are going up due to accident rates increasing.

Dan questioned if background checks are really being done on all volunteers.

His favorite saying is "With Choice Comes Responsibility and Accountability"
If you don't do background checks and something happens, you are responsible and accountable and open to litigation.

Dan said that if you are paying people in your League, you need W-2's on each person paid, and you also have to carry Workmen's Compensation on them.

Fred Cantor asked how a DA can check on his Leagues to see if they are doing the background checks. Dan said go to the Data Center and your Leagues are listed. The DA should tell the Leagues what to do and each League should have a committee of 3 doing this.

John Lacy asked if the Leagues have to file tax reports. If you are tax-exempt you can buy product without paying sales tax.

Dan pointed out that if a contractor sends a group of workers to a League the League has to carry Workmen's Compensation. If the contractor asks for help and people just show up to work they are considered volunteers and the League does not need Workers Comp.

Self-insured Leagues are still subject to all LL rules and regulations.

Danny discussed a letter from Diane Noga concerning matters which were deemed offensive to NYS District Administrators and the Association.

Danny gave the following Fall Meeting Treasurer's Report, as of November 3, 2011:

Income: \$8,548.89

Expenses: \$2,851.30

Balance: \$5,697.59

Danny submitted the following Projected Budget for 2012:

Income: \$6,900.00

Fixed Expenses: \$4,540.00

Variable Expenses: \$1,770.52

Paperwork with details for both reports was handed out at the Meeting.

Fred Cantor pointed out that the Budget needs to be voted on.

Gary Krill made motion to accept Proposed Budget.

Dan Lowe seconded.

Motion carried.

Danny turned meeting over to the Election Committee which consisted of Ken Liesegang and Ron Wherle. (Tim Guy was not in attendance due to an emergency)

Lenny Ricchiuti made motion that ballots be held until election was over and ratified by members.

Nick Gantner seconded.

Motion carried.

Results from election Gary Krill-20 votes, Diane Noga-15 votes; abstention-1, no votes-2

John Godfrey made motion to accept election results

Joe Sagaria seconded.

Motion carried.

Lenny Ricchiuti made motion to destroy ballots.

Charlie Fitzpatrick second.

Motion carried.

Fred made motion to accept minutes from June meeting as posted on DA Website.
Lenny seconded.
Motion carried.

Danny has appointed 4 people to head up newly formed ad-hoc committees.
Each committee will need two more members to help out.

Jennifer Fox, Finance. To report before each state meeting on ways to help finance our Association and find ways to offset cost of State games.

Al D'Elia, Auditing. Will review books and records prior to Fall meeting and report to Association.

Fred Cantor and Vince Forte, Bylaws. Will upgrade Constitution and Bylaws content according to the rules of our Organization.

Danny opened the floor for discussion concerning Pete Pennelle.

Lenny Ricchiuti made motion to pay \$1,000.00 for the forensic report obtained by Danny for audit period 2009 and 2010.
Dave Horne seconded.
Motion carried.

Lenny pointed out that we have 3 options; pursue a lawyer, close the book, or contact Attorney General.

Guy asked what are we going to do with Pete concerning good standing in Association. His District dues are paid and he has only missed 1 meeting; today's.

Lenny made a motion that "Pending receipt of association records dating back to the time that Pete took over as Treasurer, he will be suspended by the Association per Article 3, # 6 of NY State DA Constitution which states:

The members, by a two thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of the Association and/or Little League Baseball.

Patrick Hetherington seconded.
Motion carried.

Lenny suggested writing a certified letter to Pete notifying him of Association's motion to suspend him. Also send a copy to Section Coordinators and League Presidents in D-33. Time line for this is June 2012. He may appear before the Officers in June to state his case.
**** We have to be cautious of slander because no charges have been filed.**

Lunch 12:00 to 1:00

Danny resumed meeting.

Steve Neithardt questioned Bristol's approval of out-of-league boundary kids playing.

Nick Gantner asked Association for donations to help Rondout Valley get up and running after a flood destroyed everything the League had.

Items from Section Meeting.

Artificial Mounds are now accepted with permission from East Region.

Days between Tournaments.

Should there be 2 or 3 days.

Fred pointed out that the only time you 3 days is from section to State and State to Regional. Two days should be fine for District to Section.

Double Elimination Draw. There was confusion in some Sections about the draw for Tournaments. You can draw or have the DA choose.

Multi-Year Hosting Sites. Junior and Senior Divisions are doing this. DAs should start thinking about this for all levels.

Danny suggested 3 year terms for all Divisions.

Gary Krill suggested a 3 year term with changing levels. 1st year, 9-10, 2nd year 10-11 and 3rd year 11-12.

Dan Salmon made a motion that starting in 2015 all state games will be awarded on a 3 year basis.

Lenny seconded. Then said motion should be tabled to a later date.

Joe seconded.

Motion to table carried.

9-10 start dates are pretty much set in stone due to Regional dates. A World Series for 9-10 is coming.

Hosting Sites for 2012. If no Site has been selected that Section will have until December 10, 2011 to give a location, or another will be found to Host.

Baseball:

9-10 D-19, John Lacy

10-11 D-22, Van Ness

11-12 N. Shore

JR. East Meadow

SR D-34 Half Hollow

Big ???

Softball:

9-10 Section 3

10-11 D-17

11-12 D27

JR D-18 Chatham

SR D-18 Haverstraw

Lenny talked about information from the Presidential Advisory Committee.

Mike Serino from PA has been elected as the Eastern Region Representative to the National Little League Board of Directors for a 3 year term.

Volunteer still needed to run State Website.

Meeting dates for 2012: June 9th and October 13th; held at Treadway Inn, Owego, NY

Meeting adjourned,

Don Jordan

Secretary, NY State DA Association

** Following this Meeting, and prior to sending any letters to the District 33 Presidents, Danny conferred with Corey Wright at Eastern Region on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, and again on November 18, 2011 in regard to this issue. At those times he was informed that **Eastern Region and Little League International** will be handling all of the Local Leagues and Issues involving them and the NY 33 District Administrator.

The NY State District Administrators Association does **NOT** have any authority to do so. There are Procedures to Follow and Liability Involved in this matter.