

President's Meeting
November 10, 2024
Host – Tri-County LL

Leagues Present: Tri-County, Baker, Freeport, Niceville, Destin

Leagues Absent: South Walton, Paxton, DeFuniak Springs, Shalimar, Panama City

Staff members present – Windell Carnley, Mike Wong, Tonya Evanchyk, Jess Vikara, Bill Vikara, Ron Covey

- Meeting Called to Order by Windell at 2:44 pm.
- Reading of the Last Minutes. Minutes are posted on the new website:
www.fld1.org
- New Business
 - A. Data Center – make sure to update confirmed board members, charter, update constitution.
 - a. Constitution gets signed and uploaded to your file cabinet on the date center.
 - B. ASAP plan: must complete to participate in tournaments
 - a. This goes based off registration data.
 - i. You can start information and then as soon as your league registrations are complete then go in and finish and submit.
 - C. By-Laws: These are your park rules
 - a. These are not the same as district interleague rules
 - i. If playing against another league – you will play by the interleague rules.
 - D. Combined teams – if playing a combined team – this must be submitted to Windell before you may begin playing.
 - E. 8-10 Baseball Sections potentially hosted by us – Windell will confirm.
 - a. The league to host – must us approved portable mounds.

F. Notes from State DA meeting

a. Regulation 2 and registration

i. Any child league age 4-7 can play at ANY league without boundaries

1. Siblings – any sibling (league age 8-16) can follow ANY player league 4-7 in whichever league the 4-7 y.o. plays in.

a. Siblings must be natural born, legal step siblings, adopted. If 2 people live together, but are not married then their children do not qualify for sibling exception.

b. Caviot – any sibling LA 8-16, is only able to play outside boundary if LA 4-7 sibling is playing. If 4-7 y.o. is no longer playing, then sibling is no longer eligible for league outside of their boundary.

c. Out of Boundary waivers are still available

i. This does effect eligibility for tournament play

ii. If you are capping registrations – each team must have max number of players (12 to 13).

1. If you're at capacity – please encourage to go to other leagues.

iii. Background checks and abuse/neglect training – must be done every year

1. Also rolling out course work for league officials.

b. Trying to grow softball across the state

i. Utilize high school and local college teams to run clinics to help build interest with younger players.

c. High Schools and middle schools can bring in their teams as a Junior/Senior Team

i. Would be eligible for all starts

ii. No requirement of regular season games

iii. This is a push to grow the team leagues

G. Each league needs to provide Windell field sizes at your park. Base Lines and fence size

- a. This must be submitted by Windell to the State LL Officials
- b. This is an effort to host more state tournaments in our area.

H. Interleague Discussion in January

I. Tournament Seeding – Tabled to January

Potential Opening Day Dates:

Baker	March 8th
Destin	
Freeport	March 8 th
Niceville	March 1 st or 8 th
Panama City	
Tri-County	Season will start March 10 th
Paxton	
DeFuniak	
South Walton	
Shalimar	

- Rosters and affidavits for sanctioned tournaments will be due by Special Games tournament. They have to be reviewed prior to going to Windell for them to be signed off on.
 - This also allows time for brackets to be completed.
 - Books – whole packet for players who played previous year can be used for the new year.
 - If false documentation is provided and a league is kicked out of a tournament – that falls on presidents not district officials.
- District Assessments will be handed out at February meeting
 - These are due back by April 1.
 - This is what helps budget for district expenses, such as tournament plaques, pins, flags, and umpire expenses.
- Slots for umpire training in Warner Robbins. Contact Bill for more information.
- Bake LL will host a district Umpire clinic March 1st

- This is open to all leagues to join. Send anyone interested in umpiring
- Please make sure that Bill has your UIC Officer's contact information.
- Open Floor
 - Setting up a remote option for meetings
 - This will potentially be done through the GroupMe
 - DOES NOT mean you stop coming in person. This is for EMERGENCY situations only.
 - Inter-leaguings sometimes gets clustered and chaotic
 - Amanda DeGraaf will be the Point of Contact for all Park Days and Scheduling.
 - She will not do your scheduling – but will offer guidance on what parks are already scheduled for park days on dates you may be considering.
 - Park days are set up for a fundraiser for each league.

MEETING SCHEDULE & HOSTS

- JANUARY 12TH – BAKER LL
- FEBRUARY 9TH – DESTIN LL (SCHEDULER'S MEETING TO FOLLOW – HAVE LIST OF NUMBER OF TEAMS)
- MARCH 9TH – SHALIMAR LL
- APRIL 13TH – NICEVILL LL
- MAY 4TH – FREEPORT LL – Special Game Rosters due & Affidavit training.
 - Tournament books due special games weekend (This is usually Memorial Day weekend)
- JUNE 8TH – TRI-COUNTY