

Ontario Little League District 6
Executive Meeting - Monday, January 16, 2006

PRESENT: Bill Magnus, District Administrator; Chris Brett, Secretary; Ross Chedd, ADA Majors; Doug Hartman, Big League Convenor; Nick Naufal, President, South Ottawa LL; Peter Cicalo, Web Master; Gord Crookston, President Orleans Little League Baseball Inc.;

REGRETS: Phil Nicholson, President Glebe LL; John Wardlaw, President Carleton-Russell LL; Wendy Thomson, Junior Spring League Convenor; Gerry Ferguson, ADA Juniors; Lucille Séguin, President Gloucester LL;

AWOL: Prescott-Russell LL;

Handouts: (a) Agenda, (b) 7th Inning Stretch, (c) Little League International Road Show, (d) Minutes for LL Canada Executive Meeting on November 4, 2005, (e) Minutes for LL Canada Board of Directors Annual Meeting on November 5, 2005, (f) Charter Packages for League Presidents

- 1) Bill Magnus called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm. We lacked a quorum.
- 2) Bill announced that Diana Kirkwood had stepped down as President of Prescott-Russell LL.
- 3) LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL ROAD SHOW: Bill distributed a handout and said that it would be in Ottawa on April 8th. It is a one day local league administration clinic, with an available umpire clinic component. Bill said that he wants an assessment of how many from each league will go. D2, D6, D7 and D8 will be attending.
- 4) 7th INNING STRETCH: Bill distributed copies. It contains an article on Joe Shea, and contains an article on the optional Pitch Count Pilot Program and a copy of the Optional Pitch Count Regulation. We briefly discussed this optional rule. There was a consensus that this could lead to disputes and that we should let other leagues work out the problems.
- 5) CHARTER PACKAGES: Bill handed out the packages to those present.

6) LEAGUE REPORTS

CARLETON-RUSSELL LL: Peter reported that a few League Presidents had quit and that John was looking for replacements for these people, and for someone to replace John as President of Carleton-Russell LL.

ORLEANS LL: Gord reported that his league had met the previous evening. They had Dan Nielsen from the Ottawa Lynx at the meeting. Orleans LL has agreed to buy Junior Lynx memberships for its younger players. Gord also reported that his league had lost its umpire-in-chief. Gord mentioned that he has a person to schedule umpires, but needs a rule person.

SOUTH OTTAWA: Nick said that his league had held a couple of meetings, that registration dates have been set, and that they are fixing the diamond at Kilborn (new benches, dugout). He also reported that his league had been talking to Perley and Rideau Veteran's Centre, who want to fix up the Atwell diamond, and that his league might hold a tournament at the Atwell diamond. He said that they are not buying Junior Lynx memberships this year, but might sell Lynx tickets as a fund raiser. Nick also reported that his league had lost its umpire-in-chief. Nick said that his league was working on a player exchange with Cuba, and that they may be sending Major and Junior players to Cuba, with parents, to see how the Cuban teams practice. Nick also mentioned that his league could not find a school gym to practice in during the winter.

7) DISTRICT UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Bill said that he may have found someone to fill this position. Bill will follow up on this.

8) WEB MASTER'S REPORT: Peter said that he had paid about \$14.41 to renew our domain name for another year. He still has attend to renewing our hosting, and this has to be done shortly. He has looked at a couple of options and recommends that we switch to geekhosting.com with a month overlap with the present host. It would cost U.S.\$89.70 for the first year and U.S.\$179 for the second year, which is less than we are currently paying. There is a difference in coding but he does not view this as a problem. There would be no problem moving our site to

a different host. We agreed with his recommendation but as we lacked a quorum, could not vote on this. Peter also mentioned that he may take down Homer's email address for a while, as he gets 80-90 junk mails every day, and only about two bona fide emails each year.

- 9) CITY OF OTTAWA: Ross said that he had found a City web site that still lists East Ottawa-Vanier LL and Debbie. Nick said that he had heard that the cost of diamonds was going up another 10%. Bill said that he had not had a chance to talk to Phil about his presentation to the City.
- 10) AL & AL CLINIC IN OTTAWA: Bill reported that he was still trying to see if this is viable. All four districts would each have to contribute \$500, and he would not recommend this unless all four districts participate. Some portion of the cost would be covered by LL Ontario. Bill recommended charging coaches who attend in order to get a commitment. He is trying to arrange it for April 22-23. Gord said that his league has clinics and evaluations scheduled for that weekend and that his league could not attend.
- 11) FINANCES: Bill said that he still has to wrap up last year's revenue and expenses, that we hadn't spent as much as we budgeted (particularly as he didn't travel last year), and that our next meeting should be a budget meeting. For next year we have travel considerations (Majors to Windsor; Senior & Big League to Thunder Bay; Junior to Brockville or Cornwall (D7) and Minors in D2). He mentioned that the dates for the Canadians and World Series are in the handouts. He suggested that Canterbury funds could help with the travel budget.

- 12) **BIG LEAGUE:** Bill said that the constitution is to be reviewed and revised. Peter suggested that we charge a tryout fee for Big League players who want to be on the district team, in order to help offset the cost, and to get a commitment from the players. Peter suggested a fee of \$25 per player, and said that last year 32 tried out. We debated Peter's suggestion. Peter felt that it was not fair for all other players to subsidize the cost of those on the district team. One suggestion was to charge players who are named to the team. Bill mentioned that each year we discuss that Big League players should fund raise, but they don't. Bill said we should settle on this before the budget meeting.
- 13) **LITTLE LEAGUE RULE CHANGES:** We briefly discussed that the Junior sized fields would have to be changed to the Senior size, and the size of diamonds that the Districts, Ontario and Canadian championships would be played on. We also briefly discussed the age changes.
- 14) **NEXT MEETING of D6 EXECUTIVE:** Sunday, February 12 , 2006 at 7:30 pm at LL Headquarters on Dale Avenue. Budget Meeting.