

Ontario Little League District 6  
Executive Meeting - March 20, 2006

PRESENT: Bill Magnus, District Administrator; Chris Brett, Secretary; Ross Chedd, ADA Majors; Doug Hartman, Big League Convenor; Peter Cicalo, Web Master; Wendy Thomson, Junior Spring League Convenor; Gerry Ferguson, ADA Juniors; Phil Nicholson, President Glebe LL; Lucille Séguin, President Gloucester LL; Nick Naufal, President, South Ottawa LL; Gord Crookston, President Orleans Little League Baseball Inc.; Stuart Nichols, District Umpire Consultant.

ABSENT: John Wardlaw, President Carleton-Russell LL; Debbie Demers, Prescott-Russell LL;

HANDOUTS: (a) Agenda, (b) Proposed D6 Playdowns Tournament dates, (c) LL Canada Time Line for submission of league information and fees, (d) LL Canada Tournament Schedule (e) 2005 Charter and Player registration, (f) 2005 Assessment form,

- 1) Bill Magnus called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. We had a quorum. He mentioned that he had sent out an email about the LL Rule Book being available on CD, and that he had sent an email to league Presidents with the forms for combined play.
- 2) DISTRICT UMPIRE CONSULTANT: Bill introduced Stuart Nichols, the new District Umpire Consultant.
- 3) LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL ROAD SHOW: Bill reminded people that it would be in Ottawa on April 8<sup>th</sup>, said that it is free, and added that no lunch would be provided. Bill said that he would be sending out an email with particulars.
- 4) STANDING COMMITTEES OF LITTLE LEAGUE CANADA: Bill said that LL Canada is looking for volunteers to serve on committees.
- 5) PLAYDOWNS: Bill asked that the leagues consider which tournaments they would like to host and said that this should be decided at the next meeting. Peter said that as neither he nor John could get vacation time, his league would not be hosting the Junior tournament.

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Gord, seconded by Lucille, that the minutes of the last two meetings be approved. Passed.
- 7) EXECUTIVE LIST: A list with contact information was circulated for corrections. Chris was to prepare and circulate a revised list.
- 8) LEAGUE REPORTS

GLOUCESTER LL: Lucille reported that they had a registration date the previous Saturday, that they had done a mail out, and that two more registration dates were set.

GLEBE LL: Phil reported that Glebe had held its AGM, that registration had been up the previous year by about 25 players because of advertising, that they were going to aggressively advertise in the Chapel Hill area, that they had adopted a policy of getting police checks on the volunteers, that his league was hosting an umpire training session at the drill hall to which umpires from other leagues were welcome to attend (cost is \$30), that the petition to the city to lower field costs had not been successful, that his league would like to promote girls softball, and that he hoped to have a Big League team. Phil also reported that Glebe had held one registration night, that it was getting rid of its volunteer subsidy in favour of a early bird registration discount of \$25.

ORLEANS LL: Gord reported that the AGM had been held on Wednesday, that 103 players had registered at the first registration, that his league is using an online registration system but it's taking a lot of time to get it working properly, that some parents are having problems with the online registration, and that he is converting his Junior fields to a larger size.

CARLETON-RUSSELL LL: Peter reported that both Russell LL and Embrun LL now have Presidents, but that nothing has been heard from Greely, Metcalfe or Casselman, and that Russell LL was having its meeting that evening. Peter raised a couple of questions dealing with Junior age players playing on the Senior team and pitching. Bill is to check the rules.

SOUTH OTTAWA: Nick reported that registration was underway, that they would have online registration, that they were looking for an umpire in chief, and that evaluations were scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 9) ADA MAJORS: Ross suggested that evening games in Russell start at 7 pm. Ross said that he had seen an article in the paper about the Province giving funds to school boards for community events.
- 10) DISTRICT UMPIRE CONSULTANT: Stuart said that he would be evaluating the umpires and would like to spend time with the young umpires working on their positioning.
- 11) WEB MASTER'S REPORT: Peter asked to put advertisements on our web site. He said that he would not transfer our web site to the new host until he is reimbursed, noting that we have a March deadline or our site expires. He has the site backed up on CD.
- 12) FINANCES: We discussed the cost of the Senior team and Big League team traveling to Thunder Bay. Bill said that D2 is flying. Bill said that it would cost \$420 to \$430 per person to fly, over \$6000 for one team and about \$15,000 for two teams. Phil asked if it would be cheaper to charter a plane. Gord asked for the cost of bussing the teams, as Triple A baseball teams travel by bus. Peter suggested defraying costs by taking advertising on our web site. Lucille asked for a price comparison between the plane and bus for the next meeting. Doug and Gerry offered to help Bill out with travel costs.
- 13) INTERLOCK: Bill suggested that it might be easier for some adjoining leagues to interlock than for all leagues to interlock. For those leagues wanting to interlock he would like list of fields and available time slots. He

suggested that we focus on the Junior and Senior levels. Bill asked that leagues tell him of the need to interlock before the next meeting.

14) NEXT MEETING of D6 EXECUTIVE- April 9th.