

Ontario Little League District 6  
Executive Meeting - April 9, 2006

PRESENT: John Wardlaw, President Carleton-Russell LL; Debbie Demers, Prescott-Russell LL; Wendy Thomson, Junior Spring League Convenor and South Ottawa LL; Gerry Ferguson, ADA Juniors and Gloucester LL; Chris Brett, Secretary; Bill Magnus, District Administrator; Doug Hartman, Big League Convenor; Phil Nicholson, President Glebe LL; Stuart Nichols, District Umpire Consultant;

ABSENT: Peter Cicalo, Web Master; Ross Chedd, ADA Majors; Lucille Séguin, President Gloucester LL; Nick Naufal, President, South Ottawa LL; Gord Crookston, President Orleans Little League Baseball Inc.;

HANDOUTS: (a) List of 2006 little league charters for leagues in D6

- 1) Bill Magnus called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm. Debbie Demers of Prescott-Russell LL was introduced.
- 2) FUND RAISING: Bill displayed cedar clocks and other cedar products for use as fund raisers and passed around a price list. He also mentioned that Glen Bradley was promoting a joint Little League and CHEO Raffle of signed jerseys, and offered to get more information on this.
- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Wendy, seconded by Gerry, that the minutes of the meetings on March 30<sup>th</sup> be approved. Passed.
- 4) LEAGUE REPORTS

GLOUCESTER LL: Gerry said that they had held three registrations and might do one more, and that they projected 10 T-ball and coach pitch teams, 3 Minor teams, 4 Major teams, 2 Junior teams, and 1 Senior team. They have 5 Big League players registered, and expect about 9 Big Leagued players.

SOUTH OTTAWA: Wendy reported 7 Minor teams, 7 Major teams, 3 Junior teams, 1 Senior team, 2 Big League players that they hope to send to Glebe LL, and 2 softball teams. She said that they had held three walk-in registrations and did phone calls. She said that this year

they had taken registrations over the web, but that it was too expensive at \$10 per player, and they won't do it next year. She asked a question about four registrants from the other side of the Rideau River that didn't belong to South Ottawa.

PRESCOTT-RUSSELL LL: Debbie reported that she had met with Carleton-Russell LL. She reported on 2 T-ball teams, 5 Minor teams, 2 Major teams and 3 Junior teams (and possibly a fourth) , and added that Rockland LL still has to finish its registration.

GLEBE LL: Phil reported that his league's registration is still open and would be open to April 30<sup>th</sup>, that they had offered a \$25 discount for early registration, that numbers are on par with last year, that they will probably field two Senior teams (with assistance), will have 3 Softball teams, and the Big League team is a question mark. He mentioned that not keeping standings last year at the Minor/Major level and felt that this had worked out.

CARLETON-RUSSELL LL: John reported on two softball teams in Russell, that Embrun/Russell have about 90 kids in T-Ball/Coach Pitch, on 4 Major, 7 Minor and 3 Junior teams, and said that he hoped that Casselman would contribute 2 Major, 2 Minor and 2 Junior teams. He has two Big League players and no Senior teams. He intends that Junior interlock with Prescott-Russell LL. Bill mentioned that Peter thought there were a half dozen players interested in Big League. John questioned why in-town teams did not play from the spring to the end of the summer.

- 5) DISTRICT UMPIRE CONSULTANT: Stuart said that there would be umpire clinics in Glebe LL and Orleans LL on the Easter weekend, a Level 2 clinic in Carp at the end of the month, that he doesn't expect a Level 2 other than in Carp this year, and that he expects to have an additional Level 1 clinic next month. Wendy expressed interest in our District holding a Level 2 clinic, noting that Carp is a long way away and that the clinic in Carp is on her league's opening day.
- 6) LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL ROAD SHOW: Bill mentioned a number of points that had been discussed, including that we could put

advertisements on our web site, that they had suggested six players per team for Rookie level, with one out fielder, in order to keep more kids involved in the game. They had also discussed call ups, and a Major player that is called up to Junior cannot play in the playdowns at the Major level.

- 7) **BIG LEAGUE:** Bill said that he expected 2 or 3 Big League teams from our district this year, playing in a league with Kanata, Pinecrest and Mississippi. Bill said that he hopes to have a Big League meeting either Easter Monday or the following Tuesday. John asked why we shut down the Big League for the playdowns. At the Little League Roadshow they had mentioned that leagues don't have to shut down for playdowns. He added that the players were charged a lot and had been shut down for a month. John reported that Peter had suggested players on the playdown team should pay more and that the District assessment for a Big League team is too high.
- 8) **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. Gerry said that Gloucester was interested in the Senior playdowns. Phil suggested that Glebe could take Minor or Major, and might be better with Major. Bill said that he would approach Orleans, the defending national Junior champions, to see if they would do Junior. Debbie said that she would check for Minors. John said that he would ask if there is any interest.
- 9) **JUNIOR BASE PATHS:** Moved by John, seconded by Phil, that we move to the 90 foot base paths for Junior. Passed, all in favour. Bill said that he would discuss this with D2 for summer ball.
- 10) **MAGNETIC BASES:** We briefly discussed that these would be expensive to install. Bill reported that Gord had estimated \$800 per diamond. Chris suggested that we get Trillium Funds to fund the cost of the magnetic bases for all leagues.

- 11) WEB SITE: Bill said that he would reimburse Peter.
- 12) FINANCES: Bill mentioned that he is out of cheques and is still intending to transfer our bank account to another bank.
- 13) TRAVEL COSTS: Bill Magnus said that Bill Noel had suggested that we give \$1,500 for the team traveling to Windsor. Bill Magnus reported that the cost of the Senior team and Big League team traveling to Thunder Bay by coach would be expensive: about \$11,000 for a 28 seater and more for a 56 seater. He also reported that the cost of going in two 8 person vans would be about \$5-6,000. A problem with vans is that they cannot be dropped off in Thunder Bay. Bill noted that if we fly, we can get a credit from West Jet if we don't need the return flight. Bill said that if we fly a team to Thunder Bay it will cost \$7,500 for the air fare and \$1,200 to rent vans while the team is in Thunder Bay. Bill questioned whether we had \$18,000 to send two teams and suggested that we consider not sending a Big League team. Phil suggested that we look into the cost of Via Rail as one of his associates can get half price adult tickets. Bill said that we will have to make a decision by the next meeting. Bill said he would go back to D2 to see if they can split two buses.
- 14) INTERLOCK: Bill suggested that it might be easier for adjoining leagues to interlock than for all leagues to interlock. For those leagues wanting to interlock he would like a list of fields and available time slots by April 18<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that we focus on the Junior and Senior levels. Bill asked that leagues tell him of the need to interlock before the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Bill suggested that for Junior, South Ottawa and Glebe interlock, and that Gloucester and Orleans interlock, or if Orleans goes on its own, that South Ottawa, Glebe and Gloucester interlock.
- 15) NEXT MEETING of D6 EXECUTIVE- Sunday, April 23, 2006. Spring Interlock, Travel costs and Finances will be items on the agenda.