

Ontario Little League District 6  
Executive Meeting - April 23, 2006

PRESENT: Bill Magnus, District Administrator; John Wardlaw, President Carleton-Russell LL; Ross Chedd, ADA Majors; Wendy Thomson, Junior Spring League Convenor & South Ottawa; Phil Nicholson, President Glebe LL; Lucille Séguin, President Gloucester LL; Stuart Nichols, District Umpire Consultant; Chris Brett, Secretary;

ABSENT: Debbie Demers, Prescott-Russell LL; Doug Hartman, Big League Convenor; Peter Cicalo, Web Master; Gerry Ferguson, ADA Juniors; Gord Crookston, President Orleans Little League Baseball Inc.; Nick Naufal, President, South Ottawa LL;

HANDOUTS: (a) Agenda, (b) LL D6 2006 Charter Update, (c) 2006 Spring Interlock rules, (d) Fund Raiser Document, (e) D6 Playdowns, Ontario Provincial & Canadian Tournament dates,

- 1) Bill Magnus called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. We had a quorum.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Phil, seconded by Lucille, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. Passed.
- 3) FUND RAISING: We discussed selling the cedar clocks as a fund raiser. John suggested that the Senior and Big League players should be leading the fund raising. Bill said that he would find out more information and proposed that he would find out more information. He also mentioned that we had a few left over clocks from the AGM that could be re-labeled and given out.
- 4) DISTRICT UMPIRE CONSULTANT: Stuart Nichols reported that the Level 1 clinics had gone well, that a Level 2 clinic would be held the following weekend that was open to everyone, that Orleans has a new Umpire in Chief, that there are lots of kids starting out as umpires, that we need to develop a better working relationship with D2, that we should have access to OBA umpires and there are less OBA teams this year, and that we needed to monitor better the suspension of players at the Big League level.
- 5) CALL UPS: Bill warned against calling up Major players to Junior teams, as this would prevent the call ups from playing in the playdowns.
- 6) PLAYDOWN: Bill suggested that the Minor tournament would likely be hosted by Prescott-Russell; the Majors, by Glebe; the Juniors, by Orleans; and the Seniors, by Gloucester.
- 7) LEAGUE REPORTS

GLOUCESTER LL: Lucille reported that Gloucester would need to combine at Junior and Senior.

GLEBE LL: Phil reported that Glebe had hosted a successful umpire training session with 33-34 kids in attendance. He also reported that registration for Glebe LL would be open to the first week of May, that his league would be hosting a coach's clinic the following week, and that Larry Belanger would be having drills with the players, and that the City had re-keyed the storage room at Lansdowne park. He also reported that gates to the diamond had been chained shut until staff took bolt cutters to the chains. Phil reported 1 Senior, 1 Big league and 3 Softball teams ( one Minor- Major and two Junior-Senior). He said his league would like to host teams from other leagues on Friday evening.

CARLETON-RUSSELL LL: John reported that Prescott-Russell and Carleton-Russell would be interlocking at the Major and Junior levels, and that he had 1 Senior Softball team and 1 Junior softball team. He reported on two Senior players, one of whom wanted to play with Glebe and the other with Orleans. He requested that the district make a decision on his league's boundaries before the season starts, and said his league was willing to give up territory. There was a discussion about his league's boundaries.

SOUTH OTTAWA: Wendy reported 7 Minor, 7 Major, 3 Junior and 1 Senior team.

- 8) INTERLOCK: Lucille reported that her three Minor teams needed to interlock with another league. We decided to have a Senior interlock with 1 Gloucester team, 2 Orleans teams, 1 Glebe team, 1 South Ottawa team and 1 Carleton-Russell (Casselman) team. Bill said that Eva would do the schedule and requested that leagues provide field availability to her. We discussed that a full Junior interlock would be unwieldy with 4 teams from Orleans, 2 from Gloucester, 2 from Glebe and 3 from South Ottawa. We also discussed traffic problems in getting to Orleans' Junior field. There was a general consensus that no standings should be kept for the Junior interlock, that would be no district playoffs at this level, and that it would not be a full interlock. Bill said that he would discuss this with Gord.
- 9) INTERLOCK RULES: Bill distributed the new rules with the following change: The home team will supply the game balls for each home game.
- 10) ADA MAJORS: Ross mentioned that he had enjoyed the Little League International meeting on Saturday, and circulated a page giving advice for parents.
- 11) BANKING: Bill mentioned that he has a number of cheques to deposit in our account, and had not been able to get to the bank. We briefly discussed that a debit card might be of use.
- 12) COST OF TRAVEL TO THUNDER BAY: Bill said that D2 is flying, that the teams could not go by train as Via Rail doesn't go to Thunder Bay, that the problem with vans is that they cannot be dropped off, and that the cost of the bus is the same as by air. He said that he still needed an estimate of the cost of renting vans in Thunder Bay. He

suggested that it was more efficient to fly than to bus, and that it might be necessary for the senior team to fly up by Air Canada. He suggested that the District might want to cover air fare while the league pays for the ground transportation (vans) while in Thunder Bay. He suggested that we decide and vote at the next meeting. He asked whether we were committed to sending a big league team if we only have two teams. He noted that we cover the cost of the Big League coach's room in Thunder Bay.

- 13) NEXT MEETING of D6 EXECUTIVE- May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at LL Headquarters.