

**ONTARIO LITTLE LEAGUE DISTRICT 6
Executive Meeting
May 28, 2006**

Participants

Bill Magnus	District Administrator
Gerry Ferguson	ADA, Juniors
Debbie Demers	President, Prescott-Russell
Ross Chedd	ADA, Majors
Phil Nicholson	President, Glebe Central Little League
Lucille Séguin	President, Gloucester Little League
Nick Naufal	President, South Ottawa Little League
Doug Hartman	ADA, Big League
Gord Crookston	President, Orleans Little League

Regrets

Stuart Nichols	D6 Umpire Consultant
John Wardlaw	President, Carleton-Russell
Peter Cicalo	Webmaster

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Quorum was established. Bill reported that Chris Brett had resigned as Secretary due to his upcoming move to Perth, and thanked him for all his dedication and hard work over the years. Wendy Thomson has been named interim Secretary until a permanent one can be found. Bill indicated that a volunteer from any of the Leagues would be most welcome.

2. Handouts

Bill reviewed the handouts: LL D6 2006 Charter update; LL Canada D6, Ontario Provincial and National tournament dates, etc.; 2006 D6 Big League rules; Fundraiser document (distributed at last meeting)

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held May 15th was deferred to the next meeting

4. Fundraiser

The CHEO Foundation fundraiser was discussed. Bill requested that Presidents consider participating in this fundraiser at the League level.

For Action:

- Presidents to provide feedback at the next meeting.

5. Presidents and Executive Reports

South Ottawa Little League (SOLL) – Nick Naufal

Nick reported that their season is going well, they have approximately 400 registrants, and that they had held a successful house league tournament over the past weekend. He reported an error on the D6 Charter report – it should indicate 7 teams at the Major level, and not 6.

Gloucester Little League (GLL) – Lucille Séguin

Lucille reported their registration at approximately 230.

Orleans Little League (OLL) – Gord Crookston

Gord reported their current registration at approximately 356, but that their Challenger division has not yet registered, which, when completed, will provide another 20 registrants. He also reported that members of their Big League team had not yet registered, and that he has given them until June 4th to do so.

Glebe Central Little League (GCLL) – Phil Nicholson

Phil reported their registration at approximately 225, and indicated that they have received more registrations from Lowertown and Centretown areas this year. The City has rented out Lansdowne Park one night a week to an adult league, which is resulting in some field damage and other difficulties. Phil is working with the City on this matter.

There was discussion regarding the recent field closures due to excessive amounts of rain, and Phil suggested that advocating a different policy that would provide Leagues with a bit more discretion with respect to the better draining diamonds would be in order.

Prescott-Russell Little League (PRL) – Debbie Demers

Debbie reported their registration at approximately 200, including 3 or 4 Big League players from Rockland.

6. 2006 Season D6 Big League Rules

Bill highlighted two new rules this season: the home team will provide game balls for each home game; and each team in the league may carry up to three 19 year old players for the 2006 season only.

For Action:

- Presidents are asked to submit Big League rosters to Bill as soon as possible.

7. 2006 D6 Big League Tournament Team Manager/Coach Applications

The manager and coach application form for the tournament team is on the website. To date, Bill is in receipt of one application from Ken Hazard, and expects at least two more – one from Graham Long and one from Bill Campbell. The deadline for applications is May 30th. Bill reminded us that players must be 16, 17 or 18 to be eligible for the tournament team.

8. 2006 Travel Costs to Thunder Bay for Provincials

Bill has confirmed with tournament organizers that D6 will be sending one Senior team and one Big League team. He reported that the Canterbury GICs, which will assist in covering the cost of travel to Thunder Bay, will be transferred to the D6 account by the end of June. He has reserved flights for 14 players and 2 coaches at the Senior level and 15 players and 2 coaches at the Big League level, at a cost of approximately \$460 per seat. Lucille mentioned she saw a price of \$428 on the West Jet website. He is also looking into the cost of ground transportation for the teams while in Thunder Bay, and will provide Presidents with information on accommodation at Lakehead University.

Bill indicated that, in the future, the District may have to make some hard decisions with respect to sending two teams to Thunder Bay.

For Action:

- Bill will look into the lower seat fare.

9. D6 Playdown Team / Game Time Draws July 2006 – All Levels

Bill expects 6 teams at all levels except Seniors. The Minor Tournament Director will be Doug Hartman, and the Junior Tournament Director will be Gerry Ferguson.

Minor Draw

- Team #1 – Orleans
- Team #2 – Gloucester
- Team #3 – Prescott-Russell
- Team #4 – Carleton-Russell
- Team #5 – Glebe Central
- Team #6 – South Ottawa

Major Draw

- Team #1 – Glebe Central
- Team #2 – Orleans
- Team #3 – Gloucester
- Team #4 – South Ottawa
- Team #5 – Carleton-Russell
- Team #6 – Prescott-Russell

Junior Draw

- Team #1 – Prescott-Russell
- Team #2 – Gloucester
- Team #3 – Carleton-Russell
- Team #4 – Orleans
- Team #5 – South Ottawa
- Team #6 – Glebe Central

Seniors Draw

There may only be two teams at the Senior level – a combined Glebe / South Ottawa team and one from Orleans. Gloucester and Prescott-Russell have a combined Senior team for regular season play, and Lucille expressed concern about whether the two PR players would be able to participate in tournament play if Gloucester combined with Orleans at this level. A draw was held in the event there are three teams.

- Team #1 – Orleans
- Team #2 – Glebe / South Ottawa
- Team #3 – Gloucester “etc”

For Action:

- Bill will confirm with John Wardlaw whether they have will have a senior team.

10. Other Business

D6 Playdown Dates / Game Times for Sites for July 2006 – game times were reviewed and the following changes were made: the Minor games on weekdays will start at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.; no changes at the Major level; no changes at the Junior level – Gord is negotiating for Heritage; the Seniors will start on July 13th rather than July 14th.

Phil Nicholson will seek clarification from LLHQ of the Major call-up rule that states if a Major player plays one or more games on a Junior team, s/he becomes ineligible for Major tournament play.

A meeting to select the Manager / Coach for the Big League tournament team is scheduled for June 1st, 8:00 p.m. at LLHQ. Attendees will include Bill, Doug Hartman – Big League Convenor; the Secretary, and each League President.

A summer ball planning meeting is scheduled for June 5th, 8:00 p.m. at LLHQ. (*NOTE: This meeting has since been rescheduled to June 8th, 8:00 p.m.*). Kingston will be participating in the summer ball season at the Senior level for weekend double-headers. Gord Crookston suggested the senior teams be advised of this before the schedule is drawn up.

Nick Naufal asked whether there would be a summer program at the Coach Pitch level, and Bill indicated he would discuss this with the other Districts to determine whether there was any interest.

A meeting for all Minor / Major tournament team coaching staff is scheduled for July 6th and Junior / Senior tournament team coaching staff for July 5th at 8:00 p.m., at the North Gloucester Branch of the Ottawa Public Library. Lucille will confirm the location.

Bill advised that local tournaments of which he is aware are being posted on our website. He has also offered to provide information sessions to each League in an effort to increase awareness of the work that is done at the District level.

The next District 6 meeting is scheduled for June 25th, 7:30 at LLHQ.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.