

Minutes of the 2009 ASA Eastern Territory Meeting: April 18th 2009

Opening Remarks and Call to Order

8:40 Ed and Bill call meeting to Order.'

Bill thanked Warren Jones for his hospitality. Warren welcomed everyone and thanked his staff.

He presented gifts from the Canton Visitors Bureau.

Introductions and Attendance

Introductions by all in attendance.

Reading and Approval of Oklahoma City Meeting

Previous minutes approved with no dissent.

Joe Alfonse presented a "Eastern Territory" web-page that will be started.

Comments from ET Colvin

Spoke about the Classification Committee. National Classification Board and one rep from each territory plus At-Large Rep. Over 60 appeals already within the first 3 weeks of when they started classifying people.

Donn Adante posed some "what ifs" in regards to how we classify. It brought to everyone's attention how we possibly could be restricting some teams and players. Shorty Brewer added in some other worries. ET stressed we need to make this a 'positive' type of rule.

Jack Mowatt recommends we put in "Emergency Legislation" to put this on hold.

Ed Lyndsey made motion to vote as a Territory to support this legislation.

Jack Mowatt seconded.

Motion passed Unanimously.

ET announced his candidacy for President Elect for 2009. Gave a brief presentation of his resume.

Update from Ron Radigonda on ACE and Background checks

Ron spoke of meeting with High School summit in Indianapolis.

Stressed working with the 'Federation'.

Presented certifying High School coaches by ASA.

ACE program working. Speed is "intense".

10 coaches already 'Red Lighted'

Many states reporting 'Red Lights' such as speeding and other traffic violations.

Over 20,000 background checks, over 10,000 coaches certified so far.

Stacy Stuck asked that the appeal process for 'Red Lights' be put online.

Also, ACE app. doesn't list WHO/WHERE the coach works.

Spoke of economic issues within the ASA. Layoffs and taking over softball programs in the individual areas.

All Sports Design (Ken Stifler) did a presentation on team and car decals and magnets.

Review of the 2009 Junior Olympic Tournaments

10UA Sterling 7/30 – 8/2

12UA Sterling 7/30 – 8/2

14UA Sterling 7/30 – 8/2

16UA Salisbury 7/29 – 8/2

18UA York 7/30 – 8/2

18U (Gold) York 6/27 – 6/28 (National Qualifier)

18U (Gold) Lynchburg 7/11 – 7/12

10UB York 7/23 – 7/26 (Date change from previous minutes)

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14UB Dayton 7/29 – 8/2
16UB Sterling 8/6 – 8/9
18UB Sterling 8/6 – 8/9

Review of 2009 Adult Tournaments in Eastern Territory

June 26/27 Men's National Team Showcase Tournament. Salem, VA AND Women's U23
Sept. 3 – 7th Men's D, slow-pitch Salem.
Sept 3 – 7th Men's C slow-pitch Columbus
Men's E Rec. 9/3 – 9/7 in Salem
Men's Major and A Modified – In Florida

Review of Umpire Assignments in Eastern Territory

Andy spoke about last year's play in Va. and Pa. How at last minute the umpire requirements almost tripled within 1 week.

Mark Ingrao and Andy went over during lunch umpire assignments.
8 umpires per region for A's and B's.
Men's D & E 5 slots.

Spoke about difficulties of umpire assignments. Money earned by umpires, and travel.

Board of Directors Update

Ed Lyndsey brought up a myriad of items. If questions, call Ed Lyndsey or Bill Cary.

2010 Meeting Date and Location

Andy Dooley bid for Roanoke/Salem VA, on April 9/10. Motion approved with only Warren Jones dissenting. Motion made by Joe Alfonse for 8/9 April 2011 Warren Jones dissented again. Everyone thought Warren was crazy.

Territory Fund Update 2009 Dues

Only 3 people paid last year. He stated this year's dues are \$100. People asked about the expenses versus the cost. Much banter went back and forth with Shorty being the focal point. Good and Bad.

2011 JO Tournaments

Maryland wants to bid on the A & B plus the territorial Gold.
Massachusetts wants to bid on any age.
Dayton wants to bid on tournaments.
Pa. bids "conditionally"
Ohio wants to bid.
New Jersey has a conditional bid (based on field completion).
Virginia volunteered to take the left-overs.

2011 Adult Tournaments

Ohio wants to bid the C,D,&E.

New Discussion/General Discussion

Ed Lyndsey announced that they want to bid on the 2011 National Convention.
Warren Jones spoke of Columbus to run perhaps the 2012 National Convention.
Joe Alfonse mentioned that Boston would be interested, but does not want to have a conflict with other Eastern Associations.

Stacey Stuck spoke

Register ASA and background investigations.

ISF youth world cup. Dec 30 – Jan 6th 16U in Plant City
Run qualifiers

Sep 1 2010 deadline to register.
Promoting the professional leagues in conjunction with their local tournaments.
Promoting JO player college recruiting tools.

Joe Alfonse spoke:

Promote Men's and Women's Fast pitch invitational tournaments.

Jerry Ficke spoke:

Promoted Slow-pitch school umpire camp in the Cincinnati area. June 16 – 21.

Andy Dooley spoke about the Virginia umpire school in March. Recommended working with local colleges.

Ed Austin moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Bill Cary.

Adjourned 2p.m.