



New York State District Administrators Association

Minutes from the Spring Meeting

June 01, 2024

The Association Meeting was held via The Desmond Hotel here in Crown Plaza, our new meeting location for NYS Association Meetings. The meeting was called to order by the Association's Director, Dan Cavallo at 9:08 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Amarosa.

The notice for this Meeting was sent by e-mail on April 26, 2024 to all DAs listed as members.

Roll call was taken, and we had representation from 23 Districts. Districts not in attendance were District # 15, 23, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 38. A letter was sent in for District 9 to be represented by Bill Haddad and District 18 to be represented by Michael Bruno. A quorum was present, therefore the meeting began.

The minutes from the winter meeting, that was held on February 18, 2024, were sent by e-mail to all Association members and Bob Ghizzoni on March 4, 2024 and were posted on our web site thereafter.

A motion was made by Fred Cantor, District 17, to accept the minutes from the winter 2024 Meeting. It was seconded by Chris Amarosa, District 22. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

Danny introduced the Associations Board of Directors: Executive Board: President: Danny Cavallo, Secretary: Mike Kelsey, and Treasurer: Luis Goncalves. These are 4 Year Elected Positions up in 2025. Section Coordinators are also members of the Board: Section 1: Todd Palmeter, Section 2: Dan Salmon Section. 3: Chris Amarosa and Section 4: Jim McDaniels. The Section Coordinators term of office is (4) years and are up in 2024. They are elected by a majority of the DA's from their Section. The special consultants were then introduced: Challenger Consultant: Bettina Briccetti, Softball Consultant: Christine Hand, Safety Consultant: Mike Gentile, Umpire Consultant: Danny Lowe, and Baseball Consultant Frank Cambria.

Danny then introduced our special guest from the Eastern Region, Aaron Weber. At this time Danny asked everyone to write down any questions that they had of Aaron down on the pad provided at each seat and pass it forward. Aaron would then use these questions during his discussion time.

A moment of Silence was taken to recognize Joe Curinga of NY District 8.

No DA's were sent a Basket of Cheer during the period of February 18, 2024 thru June 1, 2024.

Please call one of our Members, if you know of anyone in our Organization who is ill, so we can send them a Gift of Cheer.

Guy Madsen and Ken Liesegang will be receiving a nice Retirement Memorial Wall Clock to honor their work in their District and with the association.

The Financial report dated May 31, 2024 was presented by Luis Goncalves. The checkbook balance as of May 31, 2023 is \$12, 069.36. Districts 1, 10, 33, and 35 owe dues for 2024. District 1 paid at the meeting.

A motion was made by Gary Krill of District 14 to accept the financial report as reported. It was seconded by George Serrano of District 19. Motion approved. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

Luis reviewed a \$1000.00 bill from his lawyer regarding the fees to file current and correct back taxes, filing the Char 500 with the AG office, and setting up the portal to file taxes.

A motion was made by Bob Candrea District 20 to pay \$1000.00 in lawyer's fees for Taxes and for the Char 500 filing in 2024. It was seconded by Chris Amarosa of District 22. Motion approved, Vote was unanimous.

Luis then reviewed his research into Directors/Officers insurance for the Association. He received quotes from Travelers insurance and Keystone insurance. He spoke with Brett Stahlnecker, Senior Director of Risk Management, who set him up with Debbie Musgrave at Keystone Insurance Group. Keystone was chosen as they are more familiar with the Little League program. The insurance will cover all directors and officers listed in the Districts Data Center for sectional, state games and any meeting we have. We are a separate entity after District play and need coverage in today's day and age. Cost for the insurance would be \$943.00 a year.

A motion was made by Chris Amarosa of District 22 to purchase D/O insurance for the NYSLL District Administrators Association at a cost of \$943.00 with the Keystone insurance group, which is the same carrier that Little League uses. It was seconded by Todd Palmetier of District 2. Motion carried.

Mike Kelsey then spoke on the Awards that were made for the 2023 LLSWS Champions Massapequa Intl. LL that will be presented to the team on July 8, 2023 at the opening ceremony of the 2024 NYSLL Softball Tournament. Christine Hand and others from the association will present them. Mike Kelsey will deliver the Wall Clocks to Ken Liesegang and Guy Madsen. The new Portable mound application that is required for all LL Section and State level International tournament games was reviewed. Kensico LL was announced as the 2024 NYSLL State level Jr. and Sr. League Softball tournaments. All were asked to review the contact page and get an updates that are needed to Mike Kelsey to correct. The Alernate contact page still has some Districts that are not filled in. The Districts that I need an alternate contact for is District 1, 23 and 35. I need to get this completed send me your alternate contact.

Membership: A District Administrator who misses two (3) consecutive Meetings, including in person and zoom meetings is not in good standing in the Association. The third missed Meeting Removes Voting and Sectional/State hosting privileges and will require an appeal to the Board of Directors to be reinstated, prior to the next Meeting. NY District 23 has missed the last three meeting as they did not have representation in attendance on June 1, 2024. A letter was sent out to District 23 stating that they are not in good standing with the association and the steps needed to be reinstated. NY District 32 has missed the last two meetings so they will be sent a letter stating that if they miss one more meeting they will not be in good standing with the association.

Special Consultants Reports:

Bettina Briccetti-Challenger: Planning a Jamboree for 2025 in the Poughkepsie area. Asked for all to keep her updated on any events their Challenger programs have.

Christine Hand-Softball: Spoke to all on promoting Jr. and Sr. Softball in their District. Open the Sr. League up to your High School teams for the Sr. League as it is open enrollment all you need to do is charter a team and enter them into the tournament. She recommended that any District that has Sr. Softball teams send them directly to the NY State Tournament.

Frank Cambria-Baseball: He has a team in his area working on a program for sports officials. If all works out well he will share with the association. He is working on putting a tournament together for the State.

Danny Lowe-Umpire: Has been hosting clinics and attending trainings. Has a new email
NYSUmpire@gmail.com

Mike Gentile-Safety: Talked about requirement to submit Cardiac Response plan to local Department of health. New law is being read differently by NY State Officials. AMA Webinar on Monday June 3, 2024 discussing the new bill, Mike is attending and will report back to all. NY State is getting new defibrillators and plan to donate old ones throughout the state.

Break Started @ 10:55 Meeting Resumed @ 11:10.

Aaron Weber was introduced to start the meeting back up. Aaron thanked the association for inviting the Eastern Region along with everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting. He started by answering a few questions that were handed in. earlier in the meeting. One of them was about the Umpire registry and whether or not one had to register annually. The answer was no, once you are in the registry you are good for your career. He noted that you do have to have a background check done annually. Recommends joining as you get all of the latest rule updates and pointers delivered to your email. You can also set it up for leagues to contact you if you're interested in providing service for multiple leagues. He reviewed what was needed for the affidavit as that was another question. He then reviewed the courtesy runner rule for the Pitcher and Catcher. Courtesy Runner for the pitcher and catcher is only allowed when there are 2 outs, the player that last got out is the courtesy runner. Alternate players are not allowed on the affidavit and teams will be bounced if caught using one. Information regarding Central Registration will be sent during the month of June. He went over the DA Elections and congratulated all as they were reelected. Aaron announced that Joyce Delaney was hired to be the new Eastern Region assistant; she starts June 3, 2024. The Eastern Region office will be sending Tournament Hotline # out week of June 4, 2024.

The Executive board met on Wednesday May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM to review and revise the agenda for this meeting. We had 11 of the 12 Executive board members present. We reviewed the financial report, Hotel meeting arrangements, Tournament schedule, and Tournament Host meeting.

Chris Amarosa stated that the Hotel is booked for October meeting. He went with a different meal for this meeting and is willing to take recommendations for food at future meetings. The hotel has been great to work with and very accommodating to the association. He will request the room for Friday night as it gets closer to the fall meeting.

Danny let all of the section coordinators know that they decide what type of tournament will be run single, double or modified elimination or pool play. This is one of their main assignments. We trust their judgment to do what is best for the leagues in their section.

DA Election results: DA's for Districts 6, 9, 12, 15, 21, 24, 30 and 36 were voted back in. District 18 has a new DA. Mike Bruno won the election and will be taking over for District 18 on October 1, 2024.

Mike Kelsey commented the Tournament host meeting. The 2024 Tournament Host meeting was held on May 15th happy to report that all but one host and executive committee member attended. All Hosts sent in

Tournament packets for review. Some things were found to be out of compliance so those leagues were asked to revise the packet.

I think everyone walked away with something. Hosts shared different ways of doing things and what has worked well with their tournament. The St James-Smithtown tournament team mentioned that they were using an App called Group Me as a means of communicating with the teams. It is available for both Android and IOS platforms and best of all it is free. The meeting was more successful than last year. It went well.

Danny took the floor and discussed State Championship awards. He mentioned that the board talked about committing to purchase Championship awards for all divisions of Baseball and Softball. We would like to purchase rings for the Championship teams and medals for the Runner up. We currently only purchase a flag for each of the 11 divisions winning teams, as we start to build our bank account we would like to provide 16 Championship rings and 16 Medals for each State Tournament Host to hand out during their Championship ceremony. We are estimating a cost of about \$275.00 per tournament and if you add the cost of the Flag each host site would receive \$350.00 worth of merchandise from the Association. Fred said the girls he had for the state games he hosted loved the pins we used to give out.

George Serrano of District 19 made a motion to purchase awards for the Little League Divisions at a cost of \$600.00 for both Baseball and Softball divisions. It was seconded by T.J. Koerner of District 31. All were in favor Motion approved.

No Show fee was reviewed and discussed. This is to be levied against a district for not having someone in attendance at Association Meetings including any zoom meeting. We know there will be instances when it can happen, the board will vote yes or no on each situation, if it is upheld that district will be fined and not be able to host any game above district for that giving post season year. The board has leaved a fine of \$100.00, to be voted on by the association membership, we are prepared for discussion. Much discussion was had before a motion was made.

Chris Amarosa of District 22 made a motion to have a no show fee of \$100.00 for any District that does not send representation to a state association meeting starting with the October 2024 meeting. Districts in default are not allowed to host sectional or state games for the given year. The motion was seconded by Jim McDaniels of District 29. Motion passes with votes of 12 Yes, 5 No and 6 abstentions.

Mike Gentile wanted to amend the motion to read a No Show fee of \$300.00 for Districts that do not send representation to an association meeting for 2 out of 3 state meetings of said year and are not allowed to host sectional or state games for said year. Gary Krill seconded the motion. Motion was denied with votes of 3 Yes, 8 No and 9 abstentions.

New York State Raffle: Again we are looking for ways to raise money for our organization to help offset many of the projects we are looking forward to doing. We have looked in one raffle and are looking into others. If we get going on a raffle a fifty /fifty split should give us a nice amount of money. There will never be an obligation on any of you to get involved, more to come on this, open discussion. T.J. Koerner to get tickets made with approval from executive board. Ten Tickets will be sent to all DA's and will need to be turned in with the funds to the treasurer Luis Goncalves by September 1, 2024. Drawing to be held at our October meeting with checks mailed to the winners.

Webb Site Marketing, branding and advertisements should be sold to our vendors, no one should be on our web site without a fee, this happens all the time in the business world. Discussion and further plans. All we have is a new Logo, and that is used for letter head and envelops. Not the best situation for our Association* Would like a marketing consultant to help build this for the association.

Danny mentioned that an IT Person is needed to help build a better system and we are searching as we speak. Sports connect is going to be the main source for all of us to use as your web page. We are going to find out if Sports Connect is going to go farther or are we going to find a better way, (Some Explanation) Danny has a few guys from his district that are excited to take a look at it for us and dig into what we can do with Sports Connect. His team is going to shadow a couple of our tournaments with another program to show us how it would work.

Web Site: Bob Ghizzoni reported that all he has been sent is posted on the website. He will continue to post for us as it is received.

NY State Baseball Tournament sites for 2024:

8/9/10 BB: Union-Endicott LL - Section 1

9/10/11 BB: Van Nest LL-Section 3

Little League BB: District 24: South Shore, Great Kills and Mid Island LL-Section 3

50/70 BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4

Junior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4

Senior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4

NY State Softball Tournament Sites for 2024:

8/9/10 SB: St James-Smithtown LL-Section 4

9/10/11 SB: St James-Smithtown LL-Section 4

Little League SB: St James-Smithtown LL-Section 4

Junior SB: Kensico LL -Section 3

Senior SB: Kensico LL-Section 3

The Tournament Flags were distributed to the State Tournament Hosts at the end of the meeting.

The hosts for the 8-10 and 9-11 Baseball Invitational Regional's have been notified that NY State Champions will be attending.

Our next meeting will be in person at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany NY. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Meeting Date for next meeting

October 5, 2024 @ 9:00 am

Being there was no further business the meeting ended at 1:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Kelsey
NY State DA Association Secretary

06/05/2024