



## New York State District Administrators Association

### Minutes from the Winter Meeting

February 18, 2024

The Association Meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by the Association's Director, Dan Cavallo at 7:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Amarosa.

The notice for this Meeting was sent by e-mail on February 12, 2024 to all DAs listed as members, Corey Wright, Aaron Weber, Taylor Lipinski and Jason Vereneau from the Eastern Region office. A reminder was sent on February 17, 2024. The minutes from the Fall meeting, that was held on October 14, 2023, were sent by e-mail to all Association members and Bob Ghizzoni on October 24, 2023 and were posted on our web site thereafter.

Roll call was taken, and we had representation from 27 Districts with 1 District joining the meeting after Roll call making it 28 in attendance. Districts not in attendance were District # 15, 18, 23, and #32. A letter was sent in for District 20 to be represented by Rich Wirtzberger, District 33 Teresa Robinson, and District 38 Brad Swanson. **A quorum was present, therefore the meeting began.**

**A motion was made by Frank Cambria, District 24, to accept the minutes from the Fall 2023 Meeting. It was seconded by Jason Miller, District 07. 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 Palmatier, 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.

New District Administrators Michael Inger of NY District #32 and Bill Hogencamp of NY District #15 were then introduced to the Association. Neither was in attendance.

A moment of Silence was taken to recognize NY District administrator Paul Guido from District 36 Todd Koehler from District 32, and Joseph Curinga– Past President of Eastwood Little League in NY District 8.

No Basket of Cheer was sent out during the period of October 14, 2023 thru February 18, 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.

Retired DA's receive a Retiring/Memorial Wall Plaque/Clock to honor their work within their District. The following DA's will have a Retiring Clock to be presented at the June meeting-District #4 Ken Liesegang, District #15 Guy Madsen and Memorial Clocks for Paul Guido and Todd Koehler.

The Financial report dated February 15, 2024 was presented by Luis Goncalves. The checkbook balance as of February 15, 2024 was \$4,495.62. District #4 has \$25.00 in arrears for Dues from 2023. The association's 2021 and 2023 taxes have been filed. The Char 500 has been filed for three years, we were only charged for 2023 at this time, others will be for charged once approved.

**A motion was made by Jim McDaniels of District 29 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.**

Membership: NY District 09 was reinstated as in good standing by the executive board on February 15, 2024. This is with the requirement that District 09 has representation at the Association meetings from this point forward.

Aaron Weber was given the floor. Aaron thanked the association for being invited. He spoke on the new Mandatory Play rule regarding CBO-one at bat. 1) Mandatory Play Rule regarding CBO-One at bat. Courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and or catcher from the start of the game. 2) He is looking forward to the Roundtables in Rhode Island March 8 & 9, 2024. Registration will be from 9:00AM-12:30PM. There are currently 24 Districts from NY registered and stated that the West Region had positive feedback. 3) He then spoke on the 2025 season where the parents of 4-7 year olds can choose what program their child participates in. Little League is player centric. Older sibling can follow younger player to new league, each player will have some sort of ID #, checks and balances will be in place to insure leagues don't get overrun with new participants. LL does not get involved if a municipality does not allow non-village participants to play in a league that is using Town/Village facilities to run their program. There will be more to follow on the new 4-7 yr old rules during the roundtables. All leagues will be required to use Sports connect starting with the 2025 season, recommends that all start the process now to work their way through the process.

The 2024 Meeting schedule and the 2024 DA Contact Page, along with the alternate contact list was then put on the screen and reviewed. The DA alternate contact page has been created to insure more than one person is notified about the happenings within the association.

Chris Amarosa talked about the upcoming association meeting. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany NY. On June 1, 2024 mark your calendars. Mike Kelsey will send out a link for Hotel rooms for those that want to drive down on Friday evening. The room rate is \$159.00 per room and is on the DA. Chris is looking at the possibility of putting a room together, with a set menu-to help cost the cost of food, for those that arrive and want to attend the Friday before the meeting When Chris gets this finalized all will be notified. All will need to send confirmation of attendance for this to Mike Kelsey so they are ready for the group that is planning on attending.

The Executive board met on Thursday February 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM to review and revise the agenda for this meeting. We had 10 of the 12 Executive board members present. We reviewed the financial report, District 09 attendance case, New York new AED Legislation, Hotel meeting arrangements, Tournament schedule, Umbrella Liability Insurance for the association, Tournament Host and Tournament Flags Layout.

Section Coordinators must report to the Association at the fall meeting on all finances, report this at fall meeting and entered in the minutes. Their roles were reviewed being that they must know what is going on in the entire section they are coordinating, oversee Sectional tournaments, promote Teamwork amongst all districts, and work on improving participation.

Luis is looking into an Umbrella Liability Insurance Policy to cover the association. Discussion started after new legislation on AED came. Will report what he finds out at June meeting.

Mike Kelsey spoke regarding the association recognizing the 2023 LLWS Championship team from NY Massapequa Intl. Little League. The association will be awarding each member of the team a pin, created just for them and an award plaque. The team will be invited to the Spring Association meeting in June for the awards presentation and to join the members of the association for lunch. If the team declines the invitation then the Awards will be handed out at the opening ceremonies for the 2024 NYSLL State Softball Tournament.

#### Special Consultant Reports:

Bettina Briccetti: Currently working on a visual map of all the Challenger Programs in NY. Asked for all DA's to forward their Challenger programs contact information to her. Was awarded a grant for her leagues Challenger program, working on a Challenger Jamboree for the 2025 season.

Mike Gentile: NY State's new AED Legislation is the biggest change. Talked about the new legislation briefly, gathered 4 different handouts to distribute, June 1, 2024 is the effective compliance date to have a plan in place, Talk with your local municipalities to see if they can help with getting an AED Device. Each league should also check with all of their members to see who may already be CPR/AED trained. New abuse training is now required for all volunteers.

Christine Hand: With help from Eastern Region, she is in the process of contacting all of the Softball V.P.'s throughout the state to see how we can increase participation, especially those that only have Baseball.

Danny Lowe: Attended the Umpire seminar in Bristol on February 10, 2024. He is hoping to get a list of the UIC's in New York to get info sent out to them. The training in Bristol is very good, recommended for all that can attend. Willing to help set up classes to help train new umpires. First training class set up for March 2, 2024 in District 18, open to anyone that would like to attend.

Frank Cambria: Thanked the association for the opportunity. Looking to offer more opportunity for Baseball through a statewide tournament over 4 weeks broke up by 4 sections. He will contact Section coordinators with more information on the program soon.

Danny spoke of adding a new consultant with title of New York State Consultant/Tournament Assistant. This person would assist the executive board as needed, request feedback and report to the association, create a state consultant handbook. Set up a group yearly to set up a proposal draft of the NYSLL Tournament Schedule. Gather yearly tournament packets by May 1, set up and run the State Tournament Directors meeting every May. Review State Tournament Host application-make necessary adjustments, gather State Tournament applications (3 yr plans) and distribute amongst the executive board during open enrollment. Danny will send out an e-mail to all so those interested can send their resume to the secretary of himself.

Mike Kelsey reviewed the 2024 NYSLL Tournament Schedule and Hosts sites.

#### **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: **Looking for a Host -If one is not found those participating will host/Section coordinator to manage.**

Senior SB: **Looking for a Host-If one is not found those participating will host/Section coordinator to manage.**

The Executive board has scheduled a State Tournament meeting for all State Hosts on May 16, 2024. The meeting worked out well last year. We believe it was beneficial for all that attended. The board will give any feedback they have on the Tournament packets that were received for review and allow leagues to ask any questions they may have. Penfield Little League is willing to share their packet for all to use and possibly build on if they should choose to.

Mike Kelsey prepared a packet to get all Leagues, and Sections on the same page for the tournament flags this year using the new LL branded Logo so we look like an Association.

District and Sectional **Baseball Flags (Blue) all should use item # 9132.**

District and Sectional **Softball Flags (Orange) all should use item # 9152.**

All Flags are to include

Year: **2024**

State: **New York**

Division: **Choose one** (8-10 year old, 9-11 year old, Little League, Intermediate, Junior or Senior)

District # or Section # only (1, 2, 3, 4) (**Do not include EAST/West or North/South**)

Champions

As seen in the PDF's that were sent to all with the Contact page, meeting schedule and the NYSLL 2024 Tournament Schedule

The State Tournament flags will be item #'s 9142 for Baseball & 9162 for Softball.

DA's that are up for election are Districts 6,9,12,15,18,21,24,30,33 and 36. The DA elections will be run by the Eastern Region staff. All DA's will be notified and the elections information will be sent out at the end of March or early April. The Eastern Region staff is working on ways to improve the process and transparency.

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**

**June 1, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**Being there was no further business there was a Motion from Chris Amarosa, District 22 to close the Meeting @ 9:19PM it was seconded by Frank Cambria, District 24. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Kelsey*

NY State DA Association Secretary

03/04/2024