

New York State District Administrators Association

Minutes from the Fall Meeting

October 2, 2021

The Association Meeting was held at the Delta Hotel in Utica, New York. It was called to order by the Association's Director, Dan Cavallo at 9:10AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Krill.

The notice for this Meeting was sent by e-mail on August 29, 2021 to all DAs listed on the Association's website: [www.http://nysll.teampages.com/](http://nysll.teampages.com/), Corey Wright and Kiley Johnson from the Eastern Region office. The minutes from the spring 2021 Meeting were sent by e-mail to all Association members and Bob Ghizzoni on June 24, 2021 and were posted on our web site thereafter.

Roll call was taken, and we had representation from 25 Districts: 18 were in person and 7 people joined in through the Zoom platform. Districts not in attendance were 1, 2, 7, 18, 33, 34, 35, and 38. Districts 9 and 22 sent letters requesting voting rights to those attending for them. Representing D9 was Bill Haddad and Frank Carmanicia represented District 22. **A quorum was present, therefore the meeting began.**

A motion was made by Fred Cantor, District 17, to accept the amended minutes from the spring 2021 Meeting. It was seconded by Jim Nolan, District 23. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

The minutes were amended to include the following in the middle of the second page 2: One of the many requirements for the organization to keep a 501c3 status is that we must file a 990 Tax form with the Federal Govt., and whatever forms NY State requires. Danny was told we need to file a 990EZ form and Gary's research found that we need to file a 990N provided we are listed as a Private Organization. Danny recommended Gary find a local CPA to take of this for the organization as it is more involved than previous years. Danny Cavallo will have his CPA review the current application that was filed for the organization and follow up with which Tax forms the association needs to file. (Included on 10-1-2020)

Danny introduced the Associations Board of Directors: Executive Board: President: Danny Cavallo, Secretary: Mike Kelsey, and Treasurer: Gary Krill (Absent). These are 3 Year Elected Positions. Section Coordinators are also members of the Board: Section 1: Ken Liesegang, Section 2: Guy Madsen (Absent), Section 3: Chris Amarosa, and Section 4: Todd Koehler. The Section Coordinators term of office is three years and is elected by a majority of the DA's from their Section. Danny also introduced Corey Wright from Eastern Region as he joined the meeting through the Zoom platform.

There was no New District Administrators to introduce at this time..

A moment of Silence was taken to recognize Deceased member from N.Y. District 17 ADA: Gerr Parks and Nancy Rainey from the Eastern Region.

No DA's were sent a Basket of Cheer during the period of June 5, 2021 thru October 2, 2021.

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 will receive a Retiring Memorial Wall Plaque/Clock to honor their work within their District at the next State meeting. The following Retired DA's will be receiving their Plaque/Clock: District 2-John Day, District 6-Rick Kelley, District 13-Lenny Ricchiuti, District 16- Kim Caunitz. Gary Krill will deliver Lenny Ricchiuti's and Mike Kelsey will deliver John, Rick and Kim's.

The Treasurer's report dated June 1, 2021 through October 1, 2021 was presented by Gary Krill. The checkbook balance as of October 1, 2021 is \$7,404.16 while the bank Statement shows \$7,904.16 as there is \$500.00 in un-cashed Sate Tournament checks out.

A motion was made by Jim McDaniels of District 19 to accept the 2022 Treasurer's Report as reported. It was seconded by Jim Nolan of District 23. No Discussion. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

The 2019 Budget-Projected and Actual with the 2020 Projected Budget was looked at and questions arose as to why there were Question marks on the budget. Some discussion was had and then there was a motion put on the floor to table the projected budget.

A Motion was made by Gary Krill of District 14 to accept the 2022 projected budget as presented. . It was seconded by Fred Cantor of District 17. No Discussion. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

Danny announced that this concluded old Business and that we were moving onto New Business.

Danny mentioned all of the paperwork available at the front table along with the packet at each seat from DPH Pins. He then noted that the Zoom platform, that was included for this meeting, was only due to the Covid Pandemic. He then asked that all DA's return in person for the upcoming meetings as many problems that he has been contacted about come from those areas that do not have regular representation at the State meetings.

The Executive board met on Friday night to review and revise the agenda if necessary. Un-cashed tournament checks were reviewed and discussed to bring up to add to the agenda. It was decided to have a motion brought to the floor on Saturday.

The Executive board made a motion to remove the \$100.00 stipend for NY State Tournament Hosts starting with the 2022 season. This motion was seconded by Jim McDaniels of District 19. Motion passed.

Discussion: It was asked to clarify that the Host site would only get the Flag. First comment was to have the league send invoice to the state for the host to reimbursed, the state should not be responsible for Pins and Game Balls, all Hosts should not be penalized for something 5 host leagues did not comply with, it is an expense that the association can do without and the un-cashed checks only highlight this.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee Report was presented by Jim Nolan of District 23. He reviewed the checkbook and bank Statements and found all to be in good order.

Fred Cantor of District 17, the Committee chairperson for the Associations Constitution/By Laws, noted that there is nothing new to announce regarding the Constitution/By Laws.

Fred Cantor of District 17, the Chairman for the Election Committee announced that there was no response for the election of the President and Secretary for the association.

Fred then made a motion asking that the secretary cast 1 vote for the slate of election. Frank Carmanicia of District 22 seconded it. Motion was passed.

Corey was then introduced: He apologized that he could not attend the meeting in person as he had another state meeting to be at in Illinois. He is looking forward to seeing everyone in person at Congress in June. Little League is very busy working on Congress and there will be a lot of Hotels available for Congress. Corey would like all to come to him if they do not get a response in reasonable amount of time from the Eastern region office as they are short staffed. He is looking to have the assistant Director position and other filled at the Eastern region office by the end of this year. All were asked all to comment on the protest line: Bob Candrea of District 20 mentioned that he had issues on more than 1 occasion when trying to call it. Corey was going to look into.

Chartering will open on October 4, 2021. 125 Free Background Checks reset on October 1, 2021. Financial report notice was sent out to all DA's and is due by December 9, 2021 along with your end of year reports. All of this is done on the Data center. Congress info will be available in Mid January. All Leagues need to refer to their constitution during their elections. Little League is going full throttle for the 2022 season. Umpires that were selected for the 2021 Tournament Season and not used for tournaments during 2021 were rolled over to the 2022 tournaments for all Divisions. Applications are being accepted to fill those needed for the Little League Divisions of Baseball and Softball. All will be notified in November. DA elections were put on pause during the 2021 season and will resume for the 2022 season. The updated DA election list will be listed on the Eastern Region website soon. Eastern region meetings will be starting up soon. The advisory Committee will be one of the first to meet. Corey signed off at 10:30.

Luis Goncalves of District 21 and Bob Candrea of District 20 gave a report for the Hospitality Room for Congress in Williamsport. Luis started off by stating that it was tough getting anyone to respond with rates due to LL blocking rooms. He did get an estimate from one Hotel for one room for one night @ \$4200.00. Bobby got a quote from the Genetti for 30 people that came in around \$3305.42 that includes finger food by the piece with an open bar for 4 hours. This would be for 1 night as well. The Genetti is requiring a \$100.00 deposit by October 8, 2021 to secure the room.

Fred Cantor, District 17, made a motion to put \$100.00 deposit down to hold the hospitality room at the Genetti. Gary Krill, District 14, seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank Carmanicia was asked to find some entertainment for us during the Congress reported that he found a 2hr Boat Tour/Dinner Cruise on the Susquehanna River. Cost would be approximately \$70.00 per person depending on how many attend. Cost to Charter the Boat for a private tour for 100 people is \$550.00 and \$35.00 per person for food while Drinks would be available at a Cash Bar. The membership agreed to have Frank look into the possibility of booking the tour for Friday night June 10, 2022.

DPH Pins sent catalogs with promotional items for all that have been put at each seat. DPH will get in touch with Danny regarding Congress pins when Little League releases the logo information to them. Danny presented Gary with a rebate check from DPH Pins.

Bob Ghizzoni sent in a report on the Website as he could not attend the meeting. The report stated that he gets asked the question of what the website address is a lot. The address is <https://nysll.teampages.com/> Bobby states that he thinks this is a fairly easy website to get to but that we can discuss acquiring a more simple domain name if there is interest. The updates from the host sites during the state tournaments went very well. If a particular host site has their own updates posted, I link directly to that, as well as providing some sort of printable document someone visiting that web page can print out if they'd like. It was very efficient this year and once contact is made with the "newer" hosts they get used to updating me in a very timely manner. I wasn't chasing too much this year but I'm okay going after the info if I need to.

The Section websites and their tournament results are also linked and that was fairly efficient as well. There is a "Links" page on the website where you can link directly to all the section and district sites and their results. Most all the sections posted their results. Only had to chase one section and they quickly responded.

Linking to the District websites has been a bit more difficult to organize. District sites that I am aware of are also located on the "Links" page. The eteamz purge had an obvious impact on this. So there are a lot of broken links that I tried to clean up. Districts may have created new sites and I've tried to google search them and did the best I could. So if you could let the membership know, if there are any "new" district sites that are not currently linked to the state page to let me know and I will update.

The current cost for the teampages site is \$79.99/year. That is a nominal fee in my opinion and allows us/me to do what we need on the NYSLL website. I would prefer we stay with teampages for now as this makes things a bit easier for me going forward. Sports Connect is the free site that is sponsoring with LL Intl but at this time I would prefer we stay with teampages. Membership can discuss.

Bettina has sent me info with regard to Challenger and I will update that asap as time permits. I've had some time constraints recently because of where I work and the impact of Covid at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, NY. I'll catch up soon. Any feedback is appreciated. Phone, text or email is good.

Bob also noted that he felt it would be best for the State to stay with E-teamz website now and that it will work well for us.

Mike Gentile of District 11 and Ken Liesegang of District 4 have agreed to take over the Marketing and Branding for the association. They are tasked with making a template for District, Section and the state site to have continuity and possibly provide a source of Revenue. Mike Gentile noted that there is a missed opportunity from Sponsors to make revenue for the state. He is going to look into the possibility of getting an intern from a local College or High school to help out and put it out there that they would like to find a committee to help out.

Danny followed with noting that Zoom meetings have helped us throughout the Pandemic but he is a proponent for in person meetings. The Association plans to hold a Zoom meeting during Memorial Day week as the Congress is too close to our normal state meeting. The exact Date and time are TBD. He then Thanked Mike Gentile for getting us set up with the Delta Hotel, and Pat Cavallo for helping finalize all of the accommodations for the associations meeting.

DA Discussion Items:

Ken Liesegang reported on the 3 Softball and 1 Baseball State Level tournaments that his District hosted. Softball had 24 teams participate cross the four sections. Managers were happy that the participation was increased on the Softball side. It was noticed at the Managers meetings that there was a generation gap between the Managers of the teams and the staff running the tournaments. The managers are embracing technology and expecting to find tournament information on platforms like Facebook and twitter. Most of the games were streamed with over 82,000 views over the 3 softball programs. The Little League Division Championship Baseball Game had over 2,000 views alone. Banners' strolling across the bottom of the screen during the games was a great source of income along with Apparel that was sold.

Ken Leisegang reported as the New York State Member on the International Board of Directors. They resumed in person meeting in August. The main thing talked about during many of the meetings was Covid, Covid, and Covid. The LLWS was limited to only the Little League divisions due to the need to segregate the teams, operational personnel and Fans to keep all safe.

Break for Lunch @ 12:00PM/ Meeting Resumed @ 1:10PM

The afternoon session was opened with a discussion on the Tournament Flags. The flags that were redone went over well. We need to make sure all Flags are made in the future with one style as Little League has offered a new style promoting their new Branding Logo. It was determined that the Little League (10-12) Divisions of Baseball and softball Flags read as shown below

New York State
Little League
Champion

Bettina Bricetti was introduced as the Challenger Consultant for the Association.

Bettina is with the Wappinger LL Challenger program. She started the Challenger program at Wappinger LL when she was 16yrs old and is still a big part of it. She is looking forward to bringing New York State's Challenger programs together. She would like to increase visibility of the LL Challenger program and help as many programs as she can grow and improve. She is looking to put a Challenger Jamboree together for the Wappinger Challenger LL program for 2022 season and hopes to help get one together for upstate NY as she recognizes that travel is tough for this division. She would like all DA's to her contact information with the leagues in their district and have them contact her so she can help them if needed and to set up a program to get more visibility for the Challenger Program. She will take calls from anyone who has any questions regarding the Challenger Program.

Mike Gentile was introduced as the Safety Officer for the Association.

Mike asked all DA's to have their leagues challenge themselves by adding a new item to their ASAP plan each year to help improve things for all of the participants in their leagues. A lot of leagues just change the dates and personnel but often forget to include any new technology that they have acquired for the safety of all. Mike is willing to take calls if anyone has any questions or needs help with anything regarding Safety.

Takeaways from the 2021 Little League Season:

Most programs started normal with some offering a fall ball program. The districts did a good job of giving the kids the opportunity to play Baseball and softball, during the Covid year.

We did have a big problem in getting the NYS tournament paperwork submitted in time to get it posted and distributed prior to the tournament. **Beginning with the 2022 season each Host will be required to submit their tournament paperwork to the Board for review (1) month in advance or by June 1st.**

The NY State tournament schedule was adjusted too many times; the schedule was set up to accommodate Saturday start date, based on the Covid Virus, and the fact that there were only the Baseball and Softball Major Divisions that went to the World Series. The schedule once finalized was not followed by all Hosts. This caused some confusion as some teams made plans based on the schedule posted on the NYS website.

Too many hands were in the pot at times placing tournaments and games in the hands of league presidents. This is sometimes is not the best idea. The DA or Section coordinator must have input on how the Tournament is being run and handled. Section Coordinators need to stay on top of the Section and state sites to help insure all is accurate and up to date.

State Level Tournament Brackets are to be drawn at the Managers meeting starting with the 2022 season.

We had some managers questioning how the brackets were drawn. This will take away any question or thought of any misdoing for the managers.

DA's and ADA's witnessed many rule infractions during tournaments this year. Some of them mentioned were Swinging Bats while not in a cage or at the plate, coaches catching pitchers, no dangler, too many people in the dugout, etc.

Host sites need to make quicker decisions when something goes wrong during a tournament to help insure things don't get out of control. We need to be proactive not reactive whenever possible.

Need to look at improving the selection process for State Level Tournaments: Possibly having a stipend for someone to travel to Application sites to meet with the Director and see the facility while looking at how it could affect the organization and if it could be a burden.

It was mentioned to look at what can be done about DA's that are saying they are Attending and then do not attend. We have to give the hotel a final head count for breakfast/lunch by a certain day to insure we have proper accommodations. The organization is held to the number submitted when billed. The executive board will review.

Tournament Updates:

Mike Kelsey thanked New City, Warwick, South Shore & Great Kills, and Union-Endicott Little Leagues for submitting applications to host the 8/9/10 NY State Level Baseball program for the 2022-2025 seasons. It was a tough decision to make. The Executive Board awarded the 8/9/10 NY State Level Baseball Program to the Union-Endicott Little League Program in Section 1. Congratulations District 7 and Union-Endicott Little League. New City Little League hosted the NY State level Sr Softball tournament in 2021 and offered to host the Jr and Sr Softball tournaments for the next three years. The Executive board has awarded the Jr and Sr Softball NY State Level tournaments to New City Little League for the next three years.

Post season Tournament sites for 2022:

8/9/10 BB: Union-Endicott LL - Section 1
9/10/11 BB: Horseheads LL-Section 1
Little League BB: Penfield LL-Section 1
50/70 BB: Chester LL-Section 3
Junior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4
Senior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4

NY State Softball Tournament Sites for 2022:

8/9/10 SB: Brighton LL-Section 1
9/10/11 SB: Brighton LL-Section 1
Little League SB: Brighton LL-Section 1
Junior SB: New City Little League
Senior SB: New City Little League

The three year term is up for the NY State level 9/10/11, Little League, 50/70, Jr and Sr Levels of Baseball. Applications will be accepted until June 1, 2022 and should be submitted electronically to nydistrict5ll@gmail.com. The winning hosts will be announced in October at the 2022 fall meeting. If anyone needs the application sent to them again you can reach out to me at nydistrict5ll@gmail.com.

Travel Ball for Little Leagues as a possible fundraiser for the State.

For those Leagues that participate in the Little League Travel Ball program prior to the All star season can continue after the All Star season is over as a Post Season Event. If there is enough interest Danny will follow up on this with a Zoom meeting in the near future.

NYS Special Tournaments for 10U and 12U Following Section Play as a Fundraiser. An Invitational Tournament, all start Teams, Travel Ball Teams: \$600.00 entrance fee, Includes Umpire fees and Baseballs.

Each group of (8) eight teams will play pool play, with a crossover and a Championship game. Umpires, Baseballs, Awards, and sharing of the profits with the Host site could net the association Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per age group.

This would require up to (4) location across the State during at least two (2) weekends. This will also come together with a zoom meeting.

Jim McDaniels of District 20 asked if it was possible to add an additional section coordinator to Section 4. It was explained that this is not possible under the LL umbrella and our constitution. He then went on to explain why he was requesting this. Todd Koehler of District 32, the Section 4 Coordinator, then took the floor to help clear things up. Danny asked Todd if he could get together with Jim and Al D'Elia to work things out before meeting with all of the DA's in Section 4 to get things on track. Todd agreed to do so within the next month. Danny will follow up as needed.

The Associations Spring meeting Date will be decided by the Executive Board for 2022 due to the Congress being held in June. The meeting was originally scheduled for June 4, 2022. We will have a Zoom meeting right after the Memorial Day weekend. This will be discussed by the board, with a decision at the February Zoom Meeting.

Meeting Dates for 2022 are
Week of Memorial Day Date TBD
Saturday, October 1, 2022
Delta Inn Utica, NY

Being there was no further business there was a Motion from Jim McDaniels, District 20 to close the Meeting @ 2:26pm; it was seconded by Frank Cambria, District 24. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kelsey

NY State DA Association Secretary