



# New York State District Administrators Association

## Minutes from the Fall Meeting

October 2, 2022

The Association Meeting was held via Zoom. It was called to order by the Association's Director, Dan Cavallo at 7:03 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Amarosa.

The notice for this Meeting was sent by e-mail on August 26, 2022 to all DAs listed as members, Corey Wright, Aaron Weber and Taylor Lipinski from the Eastern Region office. The minutes from the spring 2022 Spring meeting were sent by e-mail to all Association members and Bob Ghizzoni on September 10, 2022 and were posted on our web site thereafter.

Roll call was taken, and we had representation from 31 Districts. Districts not in attendance were District # 9 and #30. A letter was sent in for District 33 to be represented by Theresa Pennelle and District 36 to be represented by Jeremy Savio. **A quorum was present, therefore the meeting began.**

**A motion was made by Frank Cambria, District 24, to accept the minutes from the spring 2022 Meeting. It was seconded by George Serrano, District 19. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.**

Danny introduced the Associations Board of Directors: Executive Board: President: Danny Cavallo, Secretary: Mike Kelsey, and Treasurer: Gary Krill. These are 4 Year Elected Positions up in 2025. Section Coordinators are also members of the Board: Section 1: Ken Liesegang, Section 2: Guy Madsen Section 3: Chris Amarosa and Section 4: Todd Koehler. The Section Coordinators term of office is (4) years and are elected by a majority of the DA's from their Section. Danny also introduced Aaron Weber and Taylor Lipinski from Eastern Region.

New District Administrators Ray Linquist for District 38, Peter Gauss for District 23, and T.J. Koerner for District 31 were welcomed to the Association.

A moment of Silence was taken to recognize a deceased member from N.Y. District 24: Anthony Rivero.

No DA's were sent a Basket of Cheer during the period of June 1, 2022 thru October 2, 2022.

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 Retired DA's will be receiving their Plaque/Clock: District 38- Gary Haase, and District 31-Ed Felsch. Mike Kelsey will make sure they receive them.

The Treasurer's report dated May 31, 2022 through September 30, 2022 was presented by Gary Krill. The checkbook balance as of September 30, 2022 is \$5,585.45 while the bank Statement shows \$5,705.45 as there is \$120.00 check to A-1 trophy that hasn't been cashed yet..

**A motion was made by Todd Palmetier of District 2 to accept the 2022 Treasurer's Report as reported. It was seconded by Chris Amarosa of District 22. Motion approved. Discussion: Total expense amounts on bottom do not match \$4269.99 vs \$4289.88. It was found to be a typo, \$4269.88 is the correct #, as all other amounts were correct. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.**

Aaron Weber and Taylor Lipinski were given the floor to go over their Power Point Presentation. Aaron started off by making sure the New DA's were aware of the New DA training. He thanked Ed Felsch for 20 years of service. Aaron also thanked all DA's for their support during the 2022 International Tournament. He re-capped the 2022 tournament and noted that the East Region had 64 Actual protests: Improvements needed-Rule Interpretations, Affidavits completed correctly, communication to the next level of the Champion team and contact information. Comments-Make a cheat sheet for procedures, waivers and rules.

He noted Maps in the Data Center are what leagues need to use not previous versions. A leagues Constitution is the backbone of the league. T-Mobile call up grants for 2022 were awarded to 35,000 players, 30% were new players. Districts and Leagues need to upload financial reports through the Data center. Umpire Academy will be listed on the LL website- Note housing is not included. East Region Round tables will be in 2024 site TBD. 2023 State Tournament Host information to be sent to Eastern Region ASAP Director, Email, Phone, location. Diamond Leader program will be required for all Tournament Managers and Coaches starting with the 2023 Tournament: it is a 20 minute program. Dicks sporting goods equipment program will be back in 2023. Little League is hoping to start up the Grow the Game grants again in 2023. They are looking forward to in person meetings in 2023. New Tactical items are still being reviewed and will not be in effect for the 2023 season.

Aaron thanked everyone for their time and noted that he would stay on for a while longer.

The 2022 Budget-Projected and Actual with the 2023 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 Luis Goncalves of District 21 to accept the 2023 projected budget as presented. . It was seconded by Dan salmon of District 38. Discussion: Frank Cambria questioned the negative Projected net income for the 2023 budget. It was decided to take money needed from reserve to make the projected income (\$0.00). The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.**

Audit Committee Report was presented by Chairman Al D'Elia of District 28. He reviewed the checkbook and bank Statements with Luis Goncalves, District 21 and Frank Cambria of District 24. All was found to be in good order.

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 State hosting privileges** and will require an appeal to the Board of Directors to be reinstated, prior to the next Meeting.

Two Districts were sent letters as they had missed the last three meetings, District #7 and District # 35. Jason Miller and Bill Sukow sent letters in to appeal that were reviewed by the executive board on September 28, 2022. After discussion it was decided that both Districts would have to attend the next three Association meetings and oversee the State Tournaments that their District was awarded to Host to be reinstated as in good standing. Neither League will have voting rights but will continue to Host the tournaments they are awarded for the 2023 season. This was to be reviewed at the executive meeting prior to the fall 2023 meeting. A letter was also sent out to two of our DA's who have missed the last 2 meetings District 19 and District 36 and if they were to miss the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting it would require an appeal to the exec board. All Districts that were sent letters are in attendance tonight.

The Executive board met on Wednesday September 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM to review and revise the agenda if necessary. We had 10 of the 11 Executive board members present. We reviewed the financial report, 2-appeals, section 4 financials, 3yr tournament host plans, section Coordinator duties, in person meeting sites. Appointed NY State schedule assistant: Gary Krill and In person Meeting Coordinator: Chris Amarosa.

Special Consultants Reports: Consultants have been appointed for another year, as stated in our constitution. Danny had a meeting with them to go over some ideas to help us improve moving forward.

Christine Hand: Commented that Softball participation would improve if Tournament Dates were changed to go around Tournaments in Maryland. Move Game dates to Monday thru Friday. Christine asked DA's to mention the Girls with Game program going on in Williamsport during October.

Bettina Briccetti: Visited Nassau LL Challenger days in June and Syracuse Challenger over the summer. Bettina will do her best to travel to others if brought to her attention and would like to help have more events across the state.

Danny Lowe: Noted that the Umpire Clinic @ Congress was good. Reach out to him if you have a league that needs help.

Mike Gentile; All State Hosts had approved ASAP plans. Recommended all to have leagues that do not presently have an ASAP plan to use the Little League version and improve upon it over the years.

Aaron commented that it was a great idea that the organization appointed special consultants. He also asked Bettina if she had been introduced to Sam Rank and Christine if she had been introduced to Ashley Nash

#### Committee Reports:

Fred Cantor of District 17, reviewed Association Constitution changes the exec board members shall serve a 4-year term of office. The 3 officers shall be elected in 2022 and serve 4 years, ENDING IN 2026: which makes this a 5-year term. Section coordinators shall serve 4-year term, starting in 2020: which makes that a 4-year term ending in 2024 as opposed to a 3-year term ending in 2023

Fred Cantor of District 17, the Chairman for the Election Committee announced that he had sent out three letters requesting candidates for the election of the associations President, Secretary and Treasurer. Fred commented that he received replies from Danny Cavallo and Michael Kelsey stating they would run again. Luis Goncalves said he was interested in running for Treasurer. Gary Krill was willing to step aside.

**Fred then made a motion asking that the secretary to cast 1 vote for the slate of election. Secretary-Michael Kelsey responded by casting one vote for the slate of the election for President-Danny Cavallo, Secretary-Mike Kelsey and Treasurer Luis Goncalves.**

**George Serrano of District 19 seconded it. Motion was passed.**

Bob Ghizzoni reported on the Website. The new website is coming along good. The tournament season went well. 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. Districts need to update their information some leagues have changed websites or have not used them while others that have created a site should submit them to be included on the site.

Mike Gentile of District 11 and Ken Liesegang of District 4 have reported that they have not done much with the branding side of things since the last meeting as Congress and the international tournament took most of their time over the summer. Mike commented that he is looking for ways to draw people to the state website during times other than tournament time.

#### **Tournament Updates:**

The association held a State Tournament meeting back in May prior to the start of the tournaments to help Hosts with any questions and help get them started. That went so well that Mike Kelsey decided to send out a Post tournament letter requesting feedback from all leagues involved.

Thank you to the Penfield and Brighton Little League programs as they were the only leagues to respond.

Feedback included: Tournament site should be user friendly and easy to navigate, Opening ceremony with Player introductions as their will be a bigger fan base in attendance, Live streaming video worked well, goody bags for players, tournament ID badges helped identify the players, managers and tournament staff, onsite day care, have multiple non-tournament events for teams/families, Multiple options for team apparel, Play games Monday-Friday (Offers opportunity to avoid long stays from rainouts. DA's/Teams need to contact next level with Championship team information, Highly recommended to have a Tournament Director whose sole focus is on the Tournament. Delegate various aspects throughout.

Penfield Little League Division Tournament: Addendum for Website and Streaming Video traffic

Website visits during tournament week: 65,000.

Website Clicks of streaming of Games: 42,085 All games streamed live.

Average viewership per game ranged from 2784-11,000 (highest totals were semi-final game)

Championship game had 9,900 live viewers and the 4,297 viewers watch on replay.

Interesting fact-6% of viewership of Championship game came from fans in attendance at game (determined by streaming numbers from free internet use)

Mike Kelsey thanked New City, Middletown, Half Hallows and South Shore, Great Kills & Mid Island Little League programs for submitting applications to host the various NY State Level Baseball 3yr tournament program for the 2023-2025 seasons. St James-Smithtown Little League was also thanked as they put in a proposal for the 8-10, 9-11, and Little League Divisions for the 3yr Softball tournament program. The Executive Board reviewed all applications/proposals at the executive meeting. The 2023 State host that were awarded are:

#### **Post season Tournament sites for 2023:**

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: Open-Looking for Host-Will revert back to sectional Rotation if no host found.

Junior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4

Senior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4

**NY State Softball Tournament Sites for 2023:**

8/9/10 SB: St James-Smithtown LL-Section 4 for (1yr)-Pending receiving signed Application

9/10/11 SB: St James-Smithtown LL-Section 4 for (1yr)-Pending receiving signed Application

Little League SB: St James-Smithtown LL-Section 4 for (1yr)-Pending receiving signed Application

Junior SB: Need Host Possibly New City Little League-Will revert back to Sectional Rotation if no host

Senior SB: Need Host Possibly New City Little League-Will revert back to Sectional Rotation if no host,

If anyone needs the application sent to them again you can reach out to me at [nydistrict5ll@gmail.com](mailto:nydistrict5ll@gmail.com).

Congress went well. Bob Candrea, Luis Goncalves and George Serrano were commended for doing a great job organizing it and for coming in under budget. One of the highlights was that Aaron was with us for a good portion of the night.

Ken Liesegang was thanked for being the New York State Member on the International board of directors. We all know that he served us well during his term as the east representative. Thank you Ken.

**We will meet again**

**on zoom in mid-February and do our best to meet in person for our Spring and Fall meetings**

**Meeting Dates/Sites for 2023 TBD**

**February Zoom?(5),?(19),?(26) Date TBD 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, May -June, 2023**

**Saturday, Sept.-Oct., 2023**

**Being there was no further business there was a Motion from Gary Krill, District 14 to close the Meeting @ 9:20pm; it was seconded by T.J. Koerner, District 31. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Kelsey*

NY State DA Association Secretary

10/22/2022