

New York State District Administrators Association

Spring Meeting, June 5, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Association's Director, Dan Cavallo at 9:06 AM by welcoming everyone to the NYS Spring Association Zoom meeting and announced that Fred Cantor would be helping guide us through the meeting's zoom platform.

Gary Krill lead the Association with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The notice for this Meeting was sent by e-mail on May 10, 2021 to all DA's listed on the Association's website, <https://nysll.teampages.com/>, Corey Wright, and Kiley Johnson from the Eastern Region office. The minutes from the fall 2020 Meeting were sent by e-mail to all Members of the Association and Bob Ghizzoni on November 17, 2020. They were posted on our web site thereafter.

Roll call was taken, and we had representation from 31 Districts. Districts not in attendance were 9 and 36. Districts 16, 24 and 30 joined after the meeting began. We now have 33 Districts in the State of NY. No Proxies were received. **A quorum was present, therefore the Meeting began.**

A motion was made by Gary Haase, District # 38, to accept the minutes from the Fall 2020 Meeting, 2nd by John Godfrey, District # 1. No Discussion. Vote 28-YES, 0-NO, **Motion Passed.**

Danny introduced the Associations Board of Directors: Executive Board: President: Danny Cavallo, Secretary: Mike Kelsey, and Treasurer: Gary Krill. These are 3 Year Elected Positions. 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. All Section Coordinators were re-elected in 2020 by the DA's in their section.

We have filled the three (3) non-voting positions who now sit on the Exec Board. These positions will broaden our outreach across the State. Each Member has an opportunity to help with guidance and resources in each of their responsibilities.

Challenger Consultant - Bettina Briccetti was appointed in February

Umpire Consultant - Danny Lowe, was appointed in April

Safety Officer - Mike Gentile, was appointed in April

Corey Wright, Eastern Region Director was introduced. He will update us on the Region, and will answer any questions you have during, and/or later in the meeting.

The Association took a moment of Silence to recognize our Deceased Members: Ron Wherle, District 10 and Daniel J. "Danny" Cavallo, District 8 Assistant DA.

A sympathy basket was sent to the Cavallo family.

The Association will have a very nice Retiring Memorial Clock for retiring DA's at the October meeting to honor all of their work with their District.

Gary Krill presented the Treasurer's report from October 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021. The Statement balance as of May 31, 2021 was \$8538.36.

A motion was made by Guy Madsen of District # 15 to accept the Treasurer's Report as reported. It was seconded by Luis Goncalves, District # 21. No Discussion. Vote 29-YES, 0-NO, **Motion Passed**.

This Concludes Old Business, Now to New Business

Membership: A District Administrator or an ADA that misses three (3) consecutive In Person or Zoom Meeting's, is **Not in Good Standing with 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.

DA Discussion: If you have an Item, please write it in the Chat box and Mike Kelsey will refer them back to us.

Audit Committee: includes the following Members: Al D'Elia, Jim Nolan, George Serrano. Reported that all financials looked good and were in order.

Constitution/By Laws: Fred Cantor noted that there were no new updates at this time.

Danny can view Leagues in your Section, ASAP, Number of Chartered Teams, Background Checks, Boundary Maps, League and District balances, Tournament Team numbers. All of this is due to us filing as a 5013c and now being under the Little League umbrella.

Added on 10-2-2021: 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)

NYS Consultants had time to share:

Bettina Briccetti, the new Challenger Consultant shared her background with all and discussed what her plans were to improve accessibility, help develop new programs, and promote existing programs. Bettina is very excited to help out with her new role. She then asked all DA's to send her their Challenger Programs contacts so she could reach out to them to see if there was something specific that they needed help with. Bettina will be available as needed.

Danny Lowe the new Umpire Consultant thanked everyone for the privilege to help the NY state program. He would like to reach out to all DA's or their UIC of each league. Danny made a tournament pamphlet to help with Tournament season. He noted that is available to contact anytime. Mike K. will send Danny the Section and State Tournament Contacts for Danny to send pamphlet to.

Mike Gentile the new Safety Officer thanked everyone for allowing him to help the association. He has created a one page Covid-19 Protocol sheet for all to use during the Tournaments throughout the state. The protocol highlights attendance, Masks, Site standards, Concession stands, and to follow local Health Board Standards. He is available as needed.

The contact information for Bettina, Danny, and Mike is listed on the bottom of the DA Contact sheet.

Danny thanked all of them for the work that they have put in so far and noted that the executive board is looking forward to working with them in the future as they are important to the organization.

Bob Ghizzoni reviewed the website. The New York State Little League website can be accessed at <https://nysll.teampages.com>

The tournament dates, dates and host sight grids (letter size and Ledger size) and the DA contact list have been updated and posted for this season and also attached in this email.

District and Section websites: Please check the links section on the state website and confirm your web address for your district and/or section is correct if you have an active website. If the address is different than the one listed please email me your new address so I can update on the webpage. There are a lot of old addresses and broken links so please try to get to me on this. If you've just put out a new website and it is not listed in the links section send me your web address and I will put you on. After the whole eteamz update back in 2018 many of you have switched to a new site and we would want the correct site on our webpage. Thanks for your help with this.

Switch to Sports Connect delayed: I was able to talk teampages into extending our web membership for 1 additional year without a subscription fee due to the COVID situation and they surprisingly agreed. So for now we'll keep the teampages site active. I will switch over to Sports Connect as they will provide a free website moving forward into the future. I apologize for the delay in setting up this changeover but I'll start working on this soon but our updates during the tournament season will go on as usual no matter what site will be active at that time. I'll be sure to post the change in the web address and be sure to inform everyone once that occurs. Bob asked that you reach out to him with any questions.

Corey was offered a few minutes of time and he welcomed the New NYS Consultants Bettina, Mike, and Danny to the association and mentioned that he would go on later.

Utica Hotel Meeting Location: Mike Gentile has secured the Hotel for our Fall meeting and is working on getting some sponsors to help cover the cost of the meeting room and food. He is hoping that we would only be responsible for our own rooms.

Danny would like to keep the October 2, 2021 Meeting in Utica as an in Person Meeting if possible. This will be determined in mid-August by the Executive Board...

The 2022 meetings on June 4th and October 2nd are currently on the agenda for In Person Meetings.

We are also planning to hold a Zoom Meeting in the month of February each year.

Danny shared some thoughts on why in person meetings are better. Some things are easier to do when in person like Election of Officers, Tackling All Stars Problems from the previous Season, Reviewing and awarding Three (3) Year Plans, Tournament Rotation for Section and State Games, Preparing for Region Meetings, Mini Congress, International Congress.

Danny reviewed the possibility of one meeting. New and Energetic Ideas that need time to review and discuss and usually one Meeting does not suffice, therefore, consideration has been given to all the above. Danny's decision is to keep the Fall Meeting on the Schedule and add a mid-winter meeting via Zoom in February.

Association Elections for Director and Secretary will be held at the fall association meeting. These are three year elected positions. Fred Cantor has been appointed as the Chair person for the election and will be assisted by Todd Palmatier, Pete Pennelle, and Todd Koehler. Fred reviewed the process/rules for the election process after he was announced that we would be following the elction procedure as outlined in our constitution.

Board of Directors met on June 4th @ 7:30 PM to review all items covered at today's meeting.

DA Contact page is newly updated to include the following changes: In Section One District 3 was dissolved and merged with District 4, In Section two District 13 was merged with District 14, In Section 3 District 21 was moved to Section 3 South to give the North and South 4 Districts each, and the three new Consultants are listed on the bottom of the page.

Notes on the All Star Schedule: Most of the Program stops at State Level, therefore, some changes could and were made including dates have been moved together, Section and State dates and Junior/Senior Baseball playing at one location at the same time, the 50/70 Baseball Tournament was approved to include a Host team for this tournament. Most Baseball and Softball Tournament start dates have been moved to Saturday and the 8-9-10, 9-10-11 Softball Tourney's all coincide. The Junior/Senior Softball State Tournament will go to Haverstraw unless there's not enough Teams, then they will move to Section play. All DA's will be advised after June 15th on how many teams we end up with and which direction the state Tournament will go.

Nate Dusett with Brighton Little League would like to have more teams at the state level softball tournaments. It has been approved to send two representatives from each section even if it is two from one half of the section for example N/S or E/W. This can only be done if the two teams, in that half of the section, does not play a championship game. They would end at the semifinals and both be declared champions to advance. Corey announced that this proposal was approved Only for the 2021 Softball season.

Luis Conclaves, Bob Candrea, and George Serrano were appointed to take care of Hospitality room for the 2022 Congress being held in Williamsport PA. Mike Mattesi may be helping out and Frank Caramanica will be helping out with the entertainment. They will be looking into Association Areas such as: Hotel and Room Block for NYS, Hospitality Room, Cost, Food, Beverages, etc.

Tammy Hammer with DPH Pins noted that they have sent DA's a flyer for Pin Orders with great prices, as they have large quantities of pins left from the Covid year. There is a 15% discount on any new 2-1/2" and smaller pins for the month of June, the association gets a 5% rebate from all order NY state DA's place with DPH, and there is a special umpire sale going on for Umpires that are doing any regional or world series tournaments. They can be reached by email at dph@dphcustompins.com

2021 NYS Flag Update. New York State Flags refund: Cost \$825:00, Refund \$412:50 (Shipping is non-refundable) The Refund amount was sent to the Treasurer on August 22, 2020.

The Executive Board decided to have the 2020 flags redone to use for the 2021 Season, which saved some money, and did not waste the flags. This is a savings of approximately \$300, after a \$100 Donation to the screening company. An image of the flags was shared during the meeting.

Ken Liesegang reported on the International Board of Directors meetings that he has been a part of. Ken reviewed the reasoning for Little League only having the Little League Division of Baseball and Softball World Series this year. The main reasons for only having the main two being logistics and manpower due to Covid-19. Little League is going to keep the teams in a bubble like atmosphere during the Regional and Modified World Series tournaments while using all safety protocol. Everyone's safety is the most important thing they are worried about. Corey commented that Ken did a great job explaining.

Corey then took the floor. He started off by stating that he was happy to see that more than 70 DA's attended all three of the tournament seminars that he and Kiley held. If anyone would like a Power Point copy of the tournament seminars, they are available on request. He asked that everyone direct all emails to Kiley at kjohnson@littleleague.org and CC him only if needed. He asked for all to be patient

with their requests as it is only Kiley and himself responding to everything at the moment and that Kiley came from a region that is only 1/3 the size of the Eastern Region. Corey respects all that we do and wanted everyone to know that he will support us when he can but sometimes he cannot and we have to understand where he is in his new position. All is in play for the 2021 LLBB and LLSB World Series Tournaments. All DA's will be getting an email with contact phone numbers that are to be used only as needed for Protests and is to be shared with tournament directors if needed. Reminded all that they are responsible for rulings and such that can be taken care of outside of protests but they will not refuse calls. Corey answered a few questions and finished by Commenting that Ken was doing a great job on the International Board of Directors.

The 2021 Little League Season has seen Most Programs starting approximately mid-April and are still playing. Many will enter teams into the All Stars Tournaments. Some are now making plans for Travel Teams, playing Fall Ball and Sand Lot, and will play through October 20th, or so.

The Districts and Leagues are doing a great job of affording the Kids the opportunity to play Baseball/Softball.

Post season Tournament sites for 2021:

9/10 BB: Owego - Section 1
10/11 BB: Horseheads LL-Section 1
11/12 BB: Penfield LL-Section 1
50/70: Chester LL-Section 3
Junior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4
Senior BB: Half Hollow LL-Section 4

NY State Softball Tournament Sites for 2021:

9/10 SB: Brighton LL-Section 1
10/11 SB: Brighton LL-Section 1
11/12 SB: Brighton LL-Section 1
Junior SB: **Haverstraw??** Providing enough teams
Senior SB: **Haverstraw??** Providing enough teams

Mike Kelsey reminded everyone that this Owego LL could not extend their host site for an additional year, due to Covid-19 cancellation of 2019 for the 8-10 BB state Level tournament. This tournament is open for the 2022 season and if a league wants to put in for 1 year or 4 years, as the 3yr plan starts in 2023, they need to do so by August 31, 2022 as the Host will be announced at the 2021 Fall meeting in October. If anyone needs the application sent to them again you can reach out to nydistrict5ll@gmail.com

Fall Meeting Date

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Being there was no further business there was a Motion from George Serrano, District #19 to close the Meeting @ 11:30pm; it was seconded by Bill Sukow, District #35. The vote was unanimous, with no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kelsey

NY State DA Association Secretary