



## New York State District Administrators Association

### Minutes from the Winter Meeting

February 19, 2023

The Association Meeting was held via Zoom. Fred Cantor was asked to post items during the meeting. 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 January 18, 2023 to all DAs listed as members, Corey Wright, Aaron Weber, Taylor Lipinski and Jason Vereneau from the Eastern Region office. The minutes from the Fall meeting, that was held on October 2, 2022, were sent by e-mail to all Association members and Bob Ghizzoni on October 21, 2022 and were posted on our web site thereafter.

Roll call was taken, and we had representation from 20 Districts with 5 DA's joining the meeting after Roll call making it 25 in attendance. Districts not in attendance were District # 2, 4, 9, 18, 23, 35 and #38. A letter was sent in for District 15 to be represented by Clayton Clark. **A quorum was present, therefore the meeting began.**

**A motion was made by John Godfrey, District 1, to accept the minutes from the Fall 2022 Meeting. It was seconded by Mike Gentile, District 10. 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: 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 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.

Danny then introduced our special guest from the Eastern Region, Taylor Lipinski and Jason Verendeau.

New District Administrator Jeremy Savio, NY District 36 was introduced to the Association.

A moment of Silence was taken to recognize NY District administrator Paul Guido from District 36. The association will be sending a memorial of some sort to the family.

No DA's were sent a Basket of Cheer during the period of October 2, 2022 thru February 19, 2023.

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 were sent their Plaque/Clock: District 38- Gary Haase, and District 31-Ed Felsch by Mike Kelsey.

The Financial report dated February 16, 2023 was presented by Luis Goncalves. The checkbook balance as of January 31, 2023 is \$5,731.99. There is a \$500.00 check for 2022 tax filing that is open. The association's account has been transferred to Bank of America which Luis was required to submit the minutes, resolution and seal to open the account and have a fiscal entity established..

**A motion was made by Gary Krill of District 14 to accept the financial report as reported. It was seconded by Chris Amarosa of District 22. Motion approved. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.**

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.

Taylor Lipinski and Jason Verendeau were given the floor. Taylor thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting. Pleased with the video that was sent out to all DA's in place of the February meeting and asked that anyone call if they have any questions. Eastern Region Staff will be in Williamsport the week of March 20, 2023 for a town hall meeting. Waivers should be submitted sooner rather than later. The staff has seen 89 waivers so far this year. Jason then took over and touched base on the tournament calendar; DA elections for 2023 and that we would have a meeting after they return from the Town Hall meeting in Williamsport in March. He noted Maps in the Data Center are what leagues need to use not previous versions.

The 2023 Meeting schedule and the 2023 DA Contact was then put on the screen and reviewed. The DA contact page was reviewed in detail as District 11 in section 2 North merged with District 12. This was approved by the Charter Committee. This left three districts in Section 2 North. So District 9 was moved from Section 1 East to Section 2 North. This makes it so each subsection has 4 Districts.

Chris Amarosa talked about the New Meeting Location for the Spring 2023 Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany NY. On June 3, 2023 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. The meeting is starting at 10:00AM to allow all time to travel in. Lunch will be served for all that want to attend after the meeting. Lunch will be paid for by the NYSLL District Administrators association. It is important to have a head count for those that decide to stay for lunch. 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. The association is getting a table for those that want to gather on Friday evening to catch up. Chris then mentioned that we are booked at the same hotel for the fall 2023 meeting but that he would be willing to look at other sites if someone was to send him the information.

The Executive board met on Thursday February 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM to review and revise the agenda for this meeting. We had 7 of the 11 Executive board members present. We reviewed the financial report, Hotel meeting arrangements, Tournament schedule, Tournament Host and Tournament Flags Layout.

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: Had to depart from the meeting early so was unable to speak.

Bettina Briccetti: Announced that she was part of getting a new Challenger program set up in Albany with help from Gary Krill. She hopes to attend three Challenger Games; one in the Western part of the state, one in Syracuse and one downstate.

Danny Lowe: Noted that the Umpire Clinic are available in Eastern Region and Williamsport with the schedules posted on the LL website. Reach out to him if you have a league that needs help.

Mike Gentile: Wanted everyone to remind their leagues that ASAP plans are due by April. NY State is looking at the

possibility of having a CPR requirement for all coaches. Waiting to see if the bill is passed and who is required to be certified. It may affect all volunteer coaches too.

Mike Gentile of District 10 reported that the Branding of the Association that Ken Liesegang is working on with him is still work in progress. Mike said that they are working on a sponsorship form for the website to help generate funds for the Association.

Danny will be appointing a new designee to the financial audit committee to help Al D'Elia and Frank Cambria review the paperwork. He is also asking the Section Coordinators to report all finances to the Audit committee as it is needed for their report due at the fall meeting.

Bob Ghizzoni reported on the Website. The new website is coming along good. The best way to log on is to use nylittleleague.com. Bobby was going to upload new DA Contact Page and Tournament schedule after the meeting.

Mike Kelsey reviewed the 2023 Tournament Hosts sites and Gary Krill explained the tournament schedule that was sent out to all.

### **NY State Baseball 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: District 18 working on a Host league. Section 3

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: New City LL-Section 3

Senior SB: New City LL-Section 3

The board has decided to appoint a committee to do the Tournament schedule starting with the 2024 tournament season. This will get more DA's involved in the happenings of the association.

The Executive board has scheduled a State Tournament meeting for all State Hosts on May 17, 2023. 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 # 913.**

District and Sectional **Softball Flags (Orange) all should use item # 915.**

All Flags are to include

Year:**2023**

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 2023 Tournament Schedule

The State Tournament flags will be item #'s 914 & 916 respectfully.

DA's that are up for election are Districts 1,4,7,10,13,16,19,22,25,28,31,34,37. 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.

Taylor and Jason answered questions regarding New Rules and Regulations.

It was mentioned that some of the regular season Rules will confuse coaches and could possibly make it harder on tournament directors. The main rule being that an adult Manager /Coach can warm up a pitcher during regular season but is not allowed during Tournament play.

Diamond Leader Program will be part of the affidavit process- more to come after the Town Hall meeting in March.

Concern noted about teams not carrying the same size roster at games. T.J. Koerner suggested polling DA's to see how many players they are signing off on as Little League recommends that 12 players be listed on the Tournament Affidavit.

What will happen if team shows up to game with less than what is listed on the affidavit? Jason said that the director should ask why and if good reason the team plays with what they have. DA's response: This could affect the game as the new rule of continuous batting order can hurt those teams with more players.

The DA can sign off on less if a situation should require. Al D'Elia said Little League is making the DA's out as the bad guy by using the word "recommends". It should be mandatory to have 12 players listed on the affidavit.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**10:00 am**

**Being there was no further business there was a Motion from Chris Amarosa, District 22 to close the Meeting @ 9:05pm; it was seconded by Dan Salmon, District 37. The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Kelsey*

NY State DA Association Secretary

03/10/2023