



### **BASEBALL CHARTER PRESIDENTS MEETING**

MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2015 – 7:00pm

DSR Vincent Street Leederville

Attendance:	Marina Brennan	Swan Hills	Michelle Randall	West Coast
	Andrew Murray	Swan Hills	Felicity Glendinning	West Coast
	Eugene Perera	PM Central	Craig Spring	West Coast
	Jeremy Temby	PM Central	Leigh Moyle	PM East
	Ted Dowling	PM North	Ros Oliphant	PM East
	Michelle Lewis	Coastal Bay	Russell Barnes	PM East
	Stuart Tyson	PM South	Adrian Deal	PM East
	Jim Ivester	Southern Hills	Denis Druzianich	PM East
	Kurt Russell	Southern Hills		

Apologies: None

Staff:	David Hayes	Little League District Administrator
	Caroline Adamson	Little League Operations Support Manager

Meeting opened: 7:10pm

David Hayes Thanked everyone for attending. This meeting is to discuss more Charter based issues. Club issues are topics for discussions when you meet at the Team Nomination night next Monday. We will have future Charter Presidents meetings during the season about 3 to 4 times a year to speak about the bigger items.

1. Items pending from previous CP meeting:
    - 1.1 New Charter Committee Structure document was tabled and discussed at previous CP's meeting and implement. Seven people worked on it, three were CP's, one BWA and others. It is a Charter Document not a Club document.
      - Charters do not have to be limited to their required delegate numbers. They can have sub committees and other people working on them.
      - Only the nominated delegates can vote, each delegate has one vote.
- The document will be checked next season to see how it worked or not work for all. It is not set in stone as it can be adjusted from season to season.

#### Sponsorship Opportunities:

- 1.2 Under the previous system, David was going out and getting sponsors for each competition and is no longer doing this. It produces sponsorship opportunities for charters to find their own and money to spend within their own charter. LLWA will take some of proceeds but by on a case by case bases depending on sponsorship raised.

Sponsorship should be ethical and meet Heathway requirements. Let David know if you do receive sponsorship so we can put this up on your competition. Sponsors cannot be on the Charter uniform, but can be on training shirts and club uniform, sponsors banners etc.

- 1.3 Bank Account – there is no update and currently have no response from Baseball Australia. The Finance director of BA is looking into this as charters are not incorporated bodies and not covered by the incorporated ACT. You can use the BWA account to run charter money through, Charters just need to contact Lachlan Dale.
- 1.4 Apparel range and new ordering processes – On David's to do list, all apparel will be done through Shopdesq through the LLWA website. The person ordering caps, shirts etc. will get a password to go on-line to do the ordering. We currently have a commercial agreement with Fielder's Choice, when this runs out, we can look around for other quotes.
  - At JL level, uniforms tops are bought by the players. If the charter wants to buy the tops and lend out each year to the team, than they can do that. The reason players buy them is solely no place for storage if we have to keep them.
  - At LL level the players can buy the tops but this needs to be a whole team not just a few.
  - Range of Apparel is a pending issue from the last meeting.
  - Comment: apparel is expensive and sizes need to be consistent. David will speak to Fielder's.
  - Slickers – not manufactured in Australia but David can ask about it.
  - Beanies – will not sell these unless there is a large volume requested.
  - Need to let David know if there is any problem with items ordered.
- 1.5 Dingo – Will be JL age group in the future, so this is an issue for this year. Dingos will split into two levels a higher and lower. Our kids will be in the lower level as they will be a younger age group. Perhaps in future we could use the Intermediate League invitational teams as they are in the Dingos age group.
  - We have three spots to fill in the tournament
  - The tournament clashes with charter teams and the timing does not work well either.
  - Charters need to decide if they won't be part of Dingo. Contact Geoff Hooker if you want to enter and this can be a year to year decision.
- 1.6 Mirrabooka – lights on Diamonds 3 & 4 comments:
  - These two diamonds are a little too dark and couldn't see the ball properly.
  - Diamonds were deemed not safe.
- 1.7 Restrictions / Penalties on Transfers:

We are not going to change the Transfer system. This is governed by Clubs. Charter has the opportunity to add another level to the Transfer system. Any players who does move charters have to be reported to Baseball Australia and if there is a trend of transfers, we will be asked why and they may be a National override of the transfer. At this point it has not been an issue. Little League International want tighter control as everywhere else in the world, players can only play in their area.

Moving between clubs in the same charter is not an issue. Dialog has been opened up to the suggestion that when a player moves club and into another charter, then the player

will be suspended to play in charter for that season. Legitimate reason to over-ride a transfer to move charter needs to be looked at and tabled. Charters to talk about this in the next few months and make some decision next meeting. This is for the Charters to decide if they want this to happen.

- 1.8 Development – Pitch, Hit & Run: School-based Machine Pitch – This programs are for all to use. Please contact Mitch Williams the Development Manager.
- 1.9 Age cut-off change 2017-18. LLI will be making a decision on the age cut off in next month. There are two options, Cut off is 31<sup>st</sup> December the year or 31<sup>st</sup> August (the end of the World Series) of the playing season. 31<sup>st</sup> August will not affect our kids as much. 31<sup>st</sup> December would make our age groups younger.
2. Tiger Cubs is starting up for 2016. This is a development department program run by Mitch Williams. 48 kids will travel to Geraldton for a one week camp. Geraldton is happy to host. All information, cost, format etc. will come forward from Mitch. It is an Under 16 program. To advantage all charters, the selection will rest in the charter hands and it comes down to 6 kids per charter who will go. This is aimed at kids who aren't in state teams. Players in state teams cannot apply.
3. LL Player of the Week award (WABUA) – assume WABUA will do this again. Umpires will ask for a couple of names from us. As we no longer have any testing and information from the State Championships, Charters will be asked to come up with a couple of names, so when you're called upon to give the umpires the names, you will have them there ready to go. The award is not performance base. Essentially these are random kids who are given a medal at a Perth Heat game. It is the kids who are decent kids who have missed out or disadvantaged somehow. Anything that kids might benefit from receiving a medal.
4. Metro Qualifier tournament – There is a tight time frame to fit this into the schedule.
  - It is agreed that the State Championships will be at Easter
  - The MQ will be 4 games, 90 minutes, and played on a Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.
5. JLSC / SLSC – Teams required to be named by 1<sup>st</sup> November. SL is 13-16 year olds.
  - Two charters can buddy up if they do not have enough players, but combined teams can only have 10 teams combined in the two charters.
  - JLSC may have more chance of going straight to the World Series than entering at the Asian Pacific level. BA is lobbying to get direct entry to the WS.
6. SLSC – Charter Structure – can combine charters to make a team.
7. BLSC – At some stage there will be Big League, we have a BLSC (which goes nowhere) if the charters want to.
8. Level 0 Umpires Courses – to be done in each charter by 30<sup>th</sup> November.
9. Level 2 & 3 coaches Course is on 27<sup>th</sup> September. It is currently on the BWA website.
  - All SC & Development Head Coaches are Level 3 and assistances Level 2
  - Machine Pitch Head Coach to be Level 2 (Assistant coaches are required to do their General Principles on-line at a minimum).

10. Development Tools – are on a drop down menu on LLWA

- Get umpires to register on the LL umpire Registry. This is a good source of information for them.
- The LLI international website has lots of information and tools to use.
- LL marketing plan document – charters to complete. It focuses on boosting our numbers
- CP's were given a LL marketing Plan ( can find this on the LLI website)
- The BWA Board's new Strategic plan was also given to the CP's. The plan is for 2015-2017 but is the BWA Boards objective for participation at the Little League Level. They are asking for 1550 participants and we are about 60% there. We probably need to go back to the board and ask for more time to achieve this. Breaking it down Growth expected at LL level is approximately 1200 in the Metro area, and that would be roughly about 150 kids per charter, so each charter would need to have, 6 Majors, 4 Minor PP and 6 Machine Pitch. This will be an ongoing process.
- Question: How did the participation go in the last 3 years? David will ask the question. It will also be most likely talked about at the BWA AGM. Any member can attend.

11. Other Business

- West Coast – For colt's level baseball, charter is only responsible for the State Championship teams.
- PM Central – Machine Pitch – Central's Clubs is struggling to have a MP competition as there is no interest shown. They asked if there is any dispensation available. Yes, for one year but must have at least one team in this seasons competition. If you have a team, we will find you a place to play. Canning Cougar is part of Central's charter.
- North – Couldn't find the minutes on the web. Caroline will update the website. Bat Regulation is for the umpires to do. Recommend clubs let the kids know about what the bat regulations are. Dispensations for playing down is for the Charter to do. (Please read the Dispensation/Form procedure on the LLWA website).
- PM East – asked about fixtures, matching colts to JL's.
- Coastal Bay – Not sending a team to the Dingo Tournament.
- Swan Hills – Is there an age limit on umpires? No, and there is no policy regarding this. The preference is for kids to umpire a game at a lower level than they play.

Meeting Closed: 9:25pm