



## **OCEE PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 3, 2008**

### **MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER**

President Wayne Henderson brought the meeting to order at 8:07AM at the Ocee Park Pavilion #2. Board members present: Wayne Henderson, Reese Jacobs, Gillen Young, Jon Brasher, Rob Latzsch, and Mark Weltlich.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Summer 2008 Tournament Teams**

The board members present discussed what leagues would field out-of-park All Star teams. The board discussed in depth the 11U/12U baseball since Ocee Park is hosting the Cal Ripken 12U60 Southeast Tournament. The board agreed that we want to field the best possible 12U60 team we can since that team plays in the SE Regional at Ocee Park. To that end, it was recommended that we build the best 12U team from Majors National and focus them on the 12U60 tournament. Reese explained that if we choose this route, it does not leave sufficient players to field a team or to be competitive in the 12U70 tournament. The board agreed Ocee Park would not field a 12U70 team.

We only have 10 players in the Majors National league that are age 11 this season and some will make the 12U team. As a result, we will not have enough 11 year old players that have played at the 70 foot base level to have a 60' or 70' team from Majors National league.

Reese explained that Majors American must have its own teams in the tournament. It cannot be combined with Majors National players. Since we have 96 players in the Majors American league, we will let them vote for 11U and 12U teams and then see if we can make it work. Both teams will be 60' teams - no 70' teams from Majors American since the players have not played at those dimensions during the season.

If we do field a Majors American team in the same age groups, Majors American and National teams will compete against each other in the state tournament along with Buckhead, if Buckhead fields a 12U60 team.. All other age groups will compete against Buckhead but no other Ocee Park teams. 12U60 state tournament would be an odd tournament with 2 Ocee teams. Our SE Regional host team will be decided based on the tournament results or by a separate in-park tournament format so we can determine which of the 12U60 teams represents Ocee Park at the Regional as the Host Team.

Based on the results of the board discussion, Ocee Park will field tournament teams this summer as follows subject to adequate player participation and volunteer coaches.



8U baseball	15U baseball
9U baseball	18U (or alternately a 16U team)
10U baseball	8U softball
11U (60) Majors American	10U softball
12U (60) Majors American	12U softball
12U (60) Majors National	

## **2. Tournament Team Evaluation**

The board members agreed that Sunday, 5/18 would be the evaluation day for the 8, 9, and 10 year old All-Star baseball teams.

## **3. Summer 2008 Tournaments Dates**

Reese Jacobs explained that the Babe Ruth state tournament would be either July 9-12 or July 15-19.

## **4. Summer 2008 Tournaments Coaches**

Wayne Henderson recommended that the All Star team managers should be someone different than the Select Team manager where possible. All board members agreed this was best so we avoid the perception that being on the Spring Select team automatically placed you on the Summer All Star team.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to end the meeting was presented, seconded, and carried. Meeting ended at 8:55AM.