

CONTINENTAL AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
Annual Officers and Rules Meeting
Drury Plaza Hotel, San Antonio, Texas August 15-20

August 15: Was arrival day and no formal business was conducted due to varied arrival times. However, informal discussions were held to prepare the group for insight into details that would be presented in the coming days. The Hotel was outstanding, located on the Riverwalk and the room price affordable.

August 16: The Drury Plaza Hotel was good enough to provide us a fine meeting room at no cost for this longest of sessions. The meeting was officially called to order at 10:23 AM. Those in attendance were: Larry Redwine, Fran Pell, Carl Williams, Janis Hogg, Guerry Baldwin, John Rhodes, EnRico Heirman, Mike Montgomery, Mike Maundrell, Jerry Salyers, Arturo Perez, Rob Macke and Mark Andrus. Executive Director, Larry Redwine, reminded everyone that he would moderate all discussions, but would only vote in the event of a tie. The first order of business was to deal with proposed rule changes or clarifications.

Item 1: **Motion by** Harry Oschip: Rule 4.4 (p 23) change the pitching distance to 50' and the base distance to 70' in the 11 year old age level to match the 12 year old level. **Second by** Mike Maundrell passed 10-1

Item 2: **Proposed Clarification by** John Rhodes to clean up language regarding double elimination seeding process Rule 3.5 (p17) Consensus item asks Larry Redwine in cooperation with John Mocny to make the language more understandable.

Item 3: **Motion by** Mike Montgomery that the current National Federation intentional walk rule be instituted at all levels 18 and under and optional at the discretion of the tournament director in above 18 age groups (Inform the umpire of the defensive team's desire to intentionally walk the batter. The batter will be awarded first base without the pitcher throwing a pitch. **Second By** Mark Andrus passed 10-1

Item 4: **Proposed Clarification by** Arturo Perez Asks that Larry Redwine detail the specifics of what constitutes "Coaching attire" overwhelming Consensus non-voting item.

Item 5: **Motion by** John Rhodes Rule 2.2B (p 9) That the roster size be a maximum of 25 in ages 15 and above and that a roster form reflecting that size be made available on one sheet, plus lines for team name, coaches name and contact information. **Second by** Mike Montgomery Passed 10-1

Item 6: **Motion by** Arturo Perez Rule 2:10 (p 13) CABA Patches MUST be on the jersey of every player's uniform worn for the team's first and if advancing, the championship game. Sites MUST have patches on hand at the managers meeting for those teams needing patches to comply with this rule. **Second by** Fran Pell. Passed 11-0

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Item 7: **Motion by:** Guerry Baldwin Sites will purchase patches for \$2.00 plus shipping and sell them to teams or players for \$3.00. Of that sales price, \$1.00 plus postage will go to CABA, \$1.00 to the scholarship fund and \$1.00 to the site. **Second by:** John Rhodes Passed 11-0

Item 8: **Motion by:** John Rhodes: Gives authority to Larry Redwine and John Mocny to spell out precise World Series/National Championship refund policy. Also requires that all fees be in the hands of CABA national or the site not less than 10 days prior to the scheduled start of play and that all paperwork, such as roster and site required/or optional items such as pictures be in the hands of the World Series Director within that timeframe except as waived by the World Series Director. **Second By** EnRico Heirman Passed 10-1

Item 9: **Motion by:** Guerry Baldwin Rule 3.05 (p 17) Change tie breaking sequence to be (1) Head to head winner in game between tied teams. (2) Fewest runs allowed in that specific set of pool play games. (3) Run differential in that specific set of pool play games. **Second by:** Mike Maundrell Passed 11-0

Item 10: **Motion by:** Larry Redwine Rule 4.1(p 21) Eliminate the stipulation that only those world series where all teams will advance to the championship round may have a time limit and that **the World Series host may have the option** of implementing 2 hour time limits in pool play only. If elected, the two hour clock will begin at the point the first pitch of the game is thrown. If the third out in the bottom of any inning, after the game becomes official, is made after two hours from the first pitch of the game is thrown, the game shall be terminated and the score at that point will be official, including ties. In the event of a formal protest or legitimate injury time out (as determined by the umpire) the game clock shall stop until the umpire declares play ball. **Second by:** John Rhodes Passed 11-0

Item 11: **Clarification** as result of consensus position: Rule 4.11 should state in bold print at the appropriate places that the stated pitching guidelines are a Recommendation and then distinguish between World Series/National Championship rules and those recommendations. Authority given to Larry Redwine and John Mocny to clear up the language.

Item 12: **Motion by:** Fran Pell Rule 4.13 (p 30) Offensive conferences be limited to one per half inning. **Second by:** Mark Andrus Passed 10-1

Item 13: **Motion by:** Guerry Baldwin Rule 4.17 Catcher's must wear hockey style mask and helmet. **Second by:** John Rhodes Passed 11-0

Item 14: **Motion by:** Carl Williams All tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco be prohibited in the dugout and playing area. Violators will be ejected from the game. **Second by:** Janis Hogg passed 11-0

Item 15: **Consensus Motion:** Cut down on the number of registration and fees forms by combining forms as possible. Larry Redwine sked to work with John Mocny in this task.

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Item 16: **Motion by:** Mark Andrus Simply refer to second level of CABA competition as National Championships rather than Open National Championships. The word Open insinuates that just anyone can participate in these events and that is not/should not be the case. This will indicate a higher level of accomplishment and make these events more appealing to a broader spectrum of teams, while still distinguishing these from our World Series. Second by: Carl Williams Passed 9-2

Item 17: **Consensus Motion:** Dealt with typographical errors in the rule book. No vote needed. Items pointed out and noted.

Item 18: Recommended that no more than one wild card from any one pool advance to the next championship phase of the event. **Tabled for further discussion**

Item 19: Motion to adjourn by: John Rhodes Second by Mike Maundrell.
Moved Unnimosly

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August 17 Those in Attendance: Larry Redwine, Fran Pell, Arturo Perez, Mike Maundrell, Guerry Baldwin, John Rhodes, Carl Williams, Janis Hogg, Mike Montgomery, EnRico Heirman, Mark Andrus and Rob Macke . Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM CST

Item 20: **Motion by:** Guerry Baldwin If pitching records are properly posted or the teams personally notified and a team uses an illegal pitcher or a player not properly rostered or credentialed, they will forfeit the game if a legal protest is made at the time the violation is discovered. Existing rules cover additional disciplinary action. Second by: Arturo Perez Passed 9-0

Item 21: **Motion by:** John Rhodes The roster submitted at the managers meeting is final and official. Rosters submitted by a team not attending the managers meeting, must have submitted their roster to the World Series/National Championship Director prior to the managers meeting. **Second by:** Mike Maundrell Passed 10-0

Item #22: Motion by: EnRico Heirman Nominated Jerry Salyers be appointed Vice President for Membership Development. Second by Mike Maundrell Passed 10-0

Item 23: Hall of Fame Nominations: (1) Mike Montgomery, nomination of Larry Redwine from Maineville, Ohio, with second by Janis Hogg. Passed unanimously. (2) Proxy nomination by John Mocny of Tom McNamara from Euclid, Ohio. Passed unanimous (3) EnRico Heirman with second by Larry Redwine, nominated Jim Albright of Northern Illinois. Passed unanimously.

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August 18: The third day of meetings was called to order by Larry Redwine at 8:15 AM CST. Those in attendance were Larry Redwine, Fran Pell, Janis Hogg, Arturo Perez, Jerry Salyers, Guerry Baldwin, John Rhodes, Mike Montgomery, EnRico Heirman and Mike Maundrell.

General discussion about our awards program was the opening topic of discussion. It was agreed that we would make no motion to change our awards structure at this time and the board members proceeded to select award winners.

Item 24: Annual Awards

World Series Of The Year: Nomination by: Jerry Salyers second by John Rhodes: Northern Illinois and host Great Midwest Sports Organization for the 9, 11 & 15 World Series. Passed Unanimous

Roger Tremaine Memorial Person Of The Year: Nomination by Fran Pell second by Carl Williams EnRico Heirman of Great Midwest Sports Organization World Series Director Northern Illinois. Passed Unanimous

Director Of The Year: Nomination by: Larry Redwine second by Guerry Baldwin Gregg Beemer, Midwest Ohio League Director and new Midwest Ohio state director. Passed Unanimous

Award Of Appreciation: Nomination by Fran Pell, second by Arturo Perez
Appreciation award: Hazel Williams Passed

Graduate of the Year Nomination by EnRico Heirman second by Larry Redwine Jayson Werth Philadelphia Phillies.

Past Presidents Award Nomination Recommendation for Guerry Baldwin, approved by Past President Carl Williams

Commissioners Award Nomination Recommendation for John Rhodes
Approved by John Mocny

Item 25: Motion To Adjourn Mike Maundrell Second by: John Rhodes Unanimous

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August 19: Larry Redwine called the fourth day of meetings to order at 3:30 PM CST. Those in attendance were Larry Redwine, Fran Pell, Guerry Baldwin, EnRico Heirman, Mike Montgomery, John Rhodes, Jerry Salyers, Carl Williams and Janis Hog. Though called away from the final day of meetings and therefore not present, Mike Maundrell left specific proxy voting instructions regarding an issue he knew would be presented.

Item 26: **Motion by** Fran Pell that in the 18 year old age level, any player 18 years of age on April 30 of the year of participation is eligible. IN ADDITION, a player age 19 on April 30 of the year of participation that can provide documentation that he was enrolled in High School in the spring preceding the world series in question would also be eligible for participation pending verification by the world series director. **Second by:** EnRico Heirman. approved 8-0.

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At this point, general discussion took place. Potential sites for the 2009 Officers and Rules Meeting were proposed without a decision. It was decided that Larry Redwine would communicate with Susan Nabhan of ASA Accommodations about potential sites and report back to the board in the coming months.

The topic then went to the programs web site, where there were various opinions and concerns. A motion was made to hear a presentation by Rob Macke as an alternative to the current site. His presentation revolved around a new look, making the site more user friendly for our customers, Provide more exact information about becoming registered with CABA and working systematically through the process of teams/leagues/qualifying tournaments registering for World Series and National Championships. He also expressed the importance of tracing the history of CABA on the web site, with such things as a list of drafted players and a history of event highlights and results. He also believed a section devoted to Hall of Fame inductees would be appropriate and doable. Finally, he said the system could easily be geared for on line registration of teams.

The board was in general impressed with the system design and proposed function.

Motion by: EnRico Heirman: Transfer to Rob Macke responsibility to design and administer the web site in cooperation with Vice President for Information Systems Dr Duane Buck and Commissioner John Mocny, that Rob Macke would have access to domain sign-in and transfer of data as necessary, along with any other necessary steps to insure a smooth transition of the system. **Second by:** Guerry Baldwin After significant discussion and speaking of various details and responsibilities, the motion carries by a vote of 9-0 with Mike Maundrell's vote being registered as requested.

At that point there was discussion about how pleased board members were with The Drury Plaza Hotel, especially with staying on the Riverwalk and the glowing reviews about the city and surroundings of San Antonio. It was determined that this city and site would be an excellent choice for a return in the near future.

At that point John Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the 2008 Officers and Rules Meeting. There was a second by Carl Williams and the motion passed with a resounding unanimous vote.

