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THE 3-B LEAGUE - ITS ORGANIZATION, PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The 3-B League was first organized in 1957 after more than a year of study and preparation by Arnold M. Scherer.

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

DESCRIPTION

To build a league patterned after the Major organizations and incorporating those rules of the NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE so as to insure future participation without penalty.

SECTION I The foundation was laid by selecting business men to serve as baseball commissioners and asking them by formal letter to accept.

SECTION II The "DECLARATION OF ORGANIZATION" and the "BASIC RULES" of the League were prepared by Mr. Scherer and presented at the first meeting of these commissioners for adoption.

PART I These rules and regulations as so written were agreed upon and so signed by the commissioners and Mr. Scherer on August 7, 1957.

ARTICLE II CONSTITUTION

DESCRIPTION

The League name, its purpose, its basic rules and pattern of function and operation as originally written and adopted were again sanctioned as being legal when the league was formally incorporated in 1959.

SECTION I These papers of incorporation were prepared by Mr. Scherer and the League attorneys in 1958 and presented at a general meeting for acceptance and were filed in 1959.

PART I As so signed and stated by the State of Michigan the original documents are on file at the attorneys offices in Lambertville.

PART II Voting procedures of the general membership and meeting of such are as stated in the BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE III BY-LAWS

DESCRIPTION

SECTION I All General Managers are under the jurisdiction of the baseball commissioners.

PART I General Managers are directly responsible for the conduct of the League, its teams, and games.

ARTICLE IV BY-LAWS

DESCRIPTION

The pattern of government is to be divided equally into three parts. Each to be divided as an individual unit and undivided as a basic unit whose purpose is to function for the League and its principles.

SECTION I The Commissioners, General Managers, and Secretary-Treasurer are the principle body or head of the organization hereafter known as the body of the (first part) and as such, shall have the power to make, change, or regulate said League, its rules and patterns of operation.

PART I This body of the first part and its actions are responsible to and governed by the body of the second part or "general membership.

PART II Each member of the first body shall have one vote in any cabinet meeting or any general meeting, or managers meeting.

PART III They shall hold at least two cabinet meetings each year and a quorum of said body shall consist of 51% of its total membership or one more than an equal one half of said total

PART IV Commissioners and Secretary-Treasurer's duties shall consist of those as written by Mr. Scherer in the original articles of organization as agreed upon and signed on the Seventh Day of August, 1957.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

DESCRIPTION

The General Membership shall be known as the body of the second part and consist of any resident of Bedford Township of legal age.

SECTION I They shall be recognized as members of the League upon signing an entry form at the start of each season and may resign at any time without notice.

PART I In signing as a family unit consisting of two adult members, each family shall have one vote in any general meeting. Thus, if either or both members attend, their one vote is legal.

PART II Their duties shall be to volunteer to help the League as managers also in its financial problems, transportation, elections, etc.

PART III A general meeting quorum shall consist of 51% of the total membership counting each family of two adults as one member thus preventing a regulated meeting from being held for any purpose.

PART IV They shall have the power to govern the League in its entirety by presenting any legal motion to their quorum at any regular scheduled meeting. Any such motions to change the basic pattern, however, cannot become a regular part of the League until it has been read three times at any previous regular meeting.

PART V A regular meeting shall be recognized as such when sanctioned by the Commissioners or General Managers or Secretary-Treasurer and every member is notified by three days prior notice of such meeting by mail stating the purpose of said meeting.

ARTICLE VI BASIC RULES

DESCRIPTION

The original and real purpose of the League is to provide supervised recreation for the children of Bedford Township.

SECTION I Generally, the rules and regulations as set by the National Association of Little Leagues or Major Leagues will be the pattern to follow.

PART I Think first of your League, then of the boy, then finally as a manager. Therefore, the first consideration at all times should be the children.

SECTION II Never break a promise to a boy.

PART I Be sure to teach good sportsmanship above all else.

PART II Endeavor to promote new friendships.

PART III Protect the boys on your team by showing good judgement and consideration for each individual.

PART IV Any boy can play regardless of ability if qualified by age and residence.

SECTION III Any man who volunteers to be a manager, coach, or score keeper can take his son on his team if he qualifies by age.

PART I An eight year old boy can be a bat boy.

PART II If he does not have a son he can sponsor one but only one sponsor per team.

SECTION IV All managers, coaches, etc. must think and act like men of mature judgement.

PART I No boy is to be unduly criticized or punished at any time.

PART II A boy can be dismissed from the League if necessary but the General Managers must be consulted first.

PART III Any manager who displays bad principles of judgement by appearing at a game or practice in an intoxicated condition is subject to immediate dismissal.

ARTICLE VII

DESCRIPTION

All team managers, coaches, etc. are to be selected from the "general membership" and are responsible to the General Managers and the baseball Commissioners.

SECTION I The team managers, coaches, etc. shall be recognized as the body of the third part and shall have the power to hold separate meetings of their members to vote on any rules or regulations pertaining only to the teams or games of the League.

PART I Their duties and acts of governing are to be restricted as concerns the "League Teams" and as stated in the BY-LAWS.

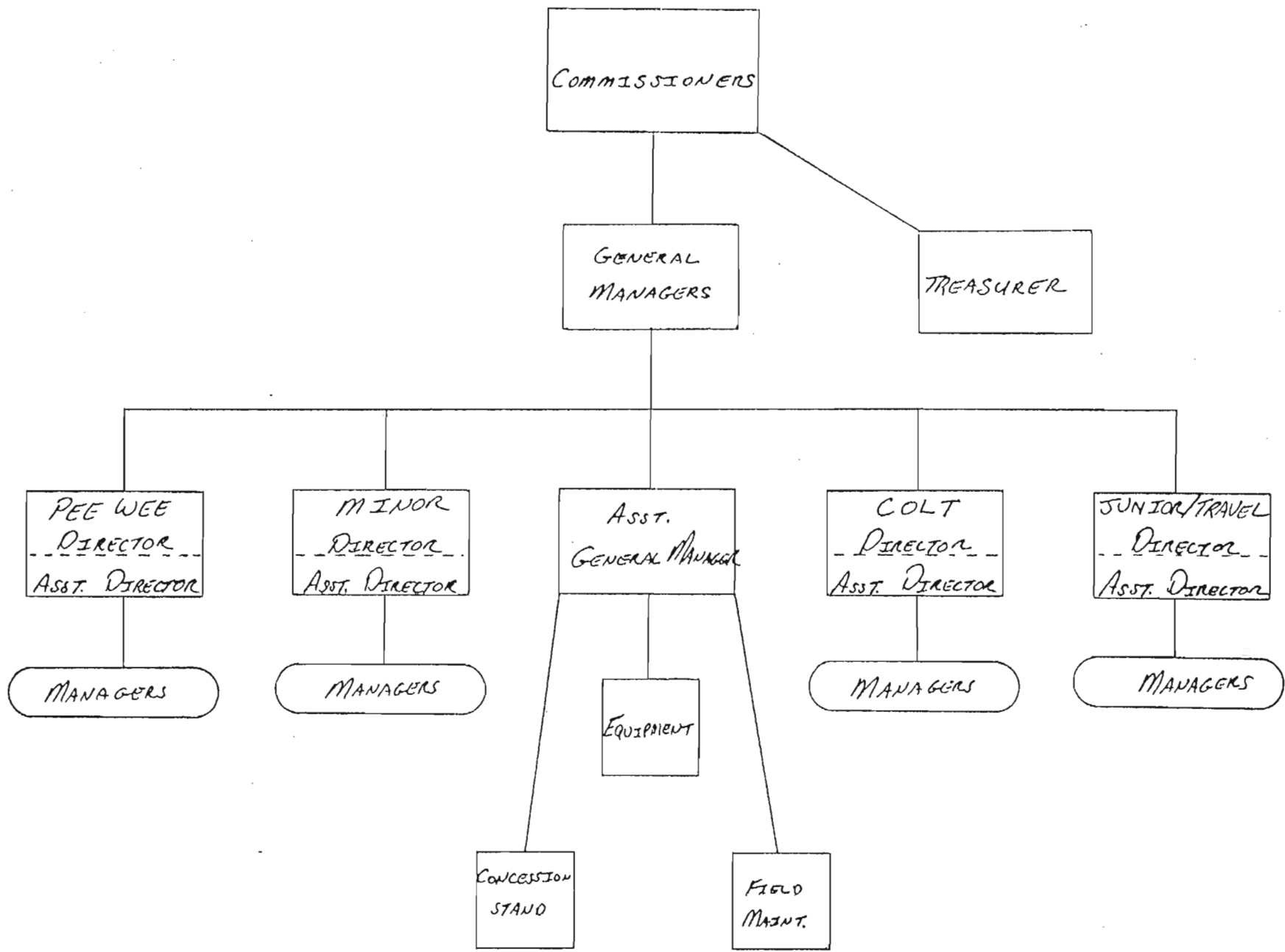
- PART II Since the team manager is in a direct position to either help or hinder the League in its purpose, he must therefore be of high moral character, reliable and have reasonable good judgement.
- PART III Each team shall have one manager, one coach, and one scorekeeper. Either the coach or scorekeeper may be called or recognized an assistant manager.
- PART IV Each team as stated above shall have three votes at any regular manager's meeting, one for each part or position on each team. They shall also have one vote as a member of the General Membership or body of the second part.
- PART V The managers of any team shall be appointed and approved by the General Managers. The coaches and scorekeepers will be appointed by the Managers but must be approved by the General Managers.
- PART VI A quorum meeting of managers shall consist of 51% of all teams in the league if no more than 51% of those present represent less than one half or 50% of the total membership of all teams.
- PART VII All regular meetings of managers will be held by the General Managers or Secretary-Treasurer.
- PART VIII The Managers shall have the power to change, regulate, or govern the League only in its direct relationship to their teams. They cannot vote to change any of the basic rules, regulations, or constitutions of the League in any manner. This can only be done by the general membership as stated in Part IV - SECTION I - ARTICLE V
- PART IX Should such motions be presented for a vote at the managers meetings, they shall be ruled as "out of order" or "jurisdiction of the Body" by the chairman of the meeting.
- PART X It shall be the duty of each manager to obtain a copy of the League rules, National Little League rules or Major League rules and pattern any changes and regulations they may contemplate after said rules as stated in said editions.
- PART XI All managers, coaches, etc. shall be under the direct supervision of the General Managers and can be placed on probation or dismissed if their actions so warrant it.

PART XII Such probation or dismissal charges shall be in writing with copies to said party. The General Managers and the stated party shall appear before the commissioners for review of same probation or dismissal if so desired.

PART XIII If said charges are upheld by the commissioners and said party feels they are unjust, he can finally bring them before the next scheduled meeting of the General Membership and request a hearing and recommendation for reinstatement.

PART XIV The General Managers or other cabinet members may resign at any time by so stating in writing but can only be dismissed by petition of the General Membership or by vote of the Commissioners. This petition must be signed by two thirds (2/3) of the total membership and presented as a motion before said body according to the articles.

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BEDFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

BALL FIELD PERMIT POLICY

Criteria for issuing permits:

1. Local, non-profit organizations will receive first priority based upon previous year's permits. Requests for permits must be turned into the Community Education office by April 15.
- * 2. Before granting blanket permits, each request will be reviewed annually in terms of previous care of the diamonds and current need.
3. The Park Commission reserves the right to examine the financial records of any non-profit organization requesting a blanket permit on township diamonds.
4. Individual teams/groups will be issued permits for only one day at a time.
5. No total utilization permits allowed (all day and evening).
6. All fields permitted on an availability basis - first come, first serve.
7. The right to grant or cancel permits at anytime is reserved.

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