

International Advisory Board Meeting October 19 – 20, 2007

- Dan Velte visited Australia – 200-300 teams are expected to charter in 2008
- Nick is developing a Manager and Coach Resource Center.
- **ID Card Update** - Dan Kirby has been working with Choice Point.
- **Teenage Division Survey** – will be sent out to all DA's and league Presidents to see where we can improve on this area – JR – SR - BL
- **DA Re-election Guidelines** - Discussion was held re: the Performance Review Process
- **Mandatory Draft of all 12 year olds to Major teams** - Discussion was held re: this ruling
- **Enhance Softball** - LLB plans to travel to various regions/areas for Town Hall meetings to gather input from parents, players, coaches. Suggested that LLB bring on a full-time Softball Staff member.
- **Evaluate Road Shows** – Discussion was held re: where we could improve the shows.
- **Open Discussions:**
 1. Since the foundation of LLB is based on boundaries, develop/find software to use that would create consistent maps for all leagues
 2. Create a Promo Kit/poster that leagues could use to promote the World Series locally
 3. Create a World Series Champion media guide.
 4. Proof of age – why can't we use a passport?
 5. Why players are not given their World Series Uniforms.
 6. World Series Roster Size was discussed.
 7. Can ASAP guidelines be printed in Spanish? More documents will be in both English and Spanish
 8. Parent Awareness of Tournament Rules – many are not aware of the differences from regular season
 9. Letter that came out showing how many background checks were completed using Choice Point was confusing
 10. League development doing an outstanding job on new leagues, retention of leagues needs more work
 11. Affidavit documents – May look at reducing the number of required proof of residencies to 2
 12. Substitution Rule – slows down the game when subs are going in and out every inning
 13. Sportswear Company has been added to the eteamz sites - It will be removed – a violation of trademark rules
 14. Speed of eteamz server is not up to par, server was down at a critical point during tournaments
 16. Many manufacturers are 8-9 months backlogged in provided disengage-able bases.
 17. Some municipalities won't allow the new bases
 - a. LLB will send a letter to those municipalities identified by DA's stating they may be liable for injuries
 - b. Refer these problems to Regional Centers
 18. DA's should be listed as Regular members in league constitutions
 19. Why aren't portable mounds acceptable for tournament play?
 20. Why do Tournament Rules prohibit giving home run balls?
 21. World Series commentators are pointing out catchers are setting up outside, confusing the public about what is the strike zone
 22. Rule states electronic devices are “restricted” from playing field – should be “prohibited”
 23. Regular season rules and tournament rules are getting closer to the same