

**METRO SPORTS BASEBALL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes of Meeting 3/7/2010**

Present for the meeting were:

Tim Hamm - Alabaster  
Brian Hayes - Helena  
John Bistriz – Hoover East  
Kevin Hopkins – Hoover East  
Steve Davis - Hoover East, President  
Bob Shoulders – Mountain Brook, Vice President  
Greg Ritchey – Mountain Brook  
Bruce Foster – Pell City  
Robert Finnerty - Pelham  
Norman Wilder – Pell City  
Brian Hammonds - Shades Mountain  
Judi Wurm – Vestavia, Secretary

Steve Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed Tim Hamm of Alabaster. Steve first reminded the Board that Trussville notified the Board by letter dated February 12, 2010 that Trussville’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to leave Metro.

Steve informed that Metro’s D & O insurance coverage is set to expire 6/21/2010 and needs to be renewed. The current policy provides \$2 million in coverage and costs \$1,600 per year. Steve commented that the Hoover Athletic Association Board of Directors has a \$1 million D & O policy in place with an premium of \$400. Steve will provide the Board with a quote for \$1 million and \$2 million from both carriers and then make a recommendation to the Board for renewal.

The Board unanimously approved the following rules changes and asks Tim Nelson to present marked up rules as soon as possible for final approval:

No Artificial Noisemakers

“Artificial noisemakers are not permitted and shall not be used during any Metro Tournament game. Artificial noisemakers include, but are not limited to, horns, megaphones, whistles, bells, or home-made noise-making devices. Penalties for violations: The umpire shall be responsible for enforcing Metro’s ban on artificial noisemakers utilizing the following procedures:

1. The first time the umpire detects the significant use of artificial noisemakers by those in attendance (players, coaches, or fans), the umpire will call a timeout and issue a verbal warning to both head coaches, reminding them that artificial noisemakers are not permitted.
2. On the second or subsequent incident involving the significant use of artificial noisemakers, the player(s), coach(es), or fan(s) violating the rule will be ejected from the ballpark.

### Coin Flip

The winner of a coin flip shall have the choice of HOME or AWAY for all pool play and cross-over seeding games. Higher seeded teams shall have the choice of HOME or AWAY for all elimination games.

### 3-Way Pool Play Tiebreaker

If there is a 3-way tie after pool play and the teams did not play all teams in the pool via a round robin, the seedings shall be determined as follows:

1. Result of head-to-head competition
2. Record versus common opponents
3. Fewest runs allowed versus common opponents
4. Coin flip

Steve Davis reported that all 10 member parks returned their signed commitment form. Steve confirmed that the Metro affiliation fee for 2010 will be \$10 for each 7u and older rec league team at each park. Steve asked each park to provide their team numbers and payment as soon as possible.

Steve reported that the 2010 Metro rule book, once finalized and approved, will not be printed. The rule book will be distributed electronically and available on Metro's web site.

The next Metro Board meeting will be held on May 2, 2010 to finalize the sites for all tournament.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.