Southwest Forsyth Athletic Park  
Clemmons, NC  

Call to order  
Tom Steele, State Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 1:41 PM. Those present were: Corey Gammons (D-3), Jimmy Sanders (E. Asst St Comm), Dennis Baucom (W. Asst St Comm), Bert Smith (CR D-2), Joe Lane (CR D-7), Rick Parry (SWA VP), Barry Leohms (SW P), Jim Hutcherson (SW VP), Greg Russell (VP Softball), Mark Sigmon (D-3 Softball Comm), Wayne Harwell (UIC WNC), Bob Stegall (Asst St Comm), Todd Weavil (CR D-8), Skip Ruedeman (Asst St Comm), Patricia Bassett (DC D-1), Lon Nigro (DC D-) John Jones (DC D-5), Tom Steele (State Commissioner), Pam Holder (Asst St Comm. Secretary)  
There was a quorum.

Introductions  
Tom welcomed everyone. He thanked SW Forsyth Cal Ripken for hosting the meeting and welcomed them to Babe Ruth Cal Ripken.

Minutes from last meeting  
The minutes were presented on the screen and reviewed by all. Dennis Baucom made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Skip Ruedeman. Motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments for Board Approval  
Sue Huskins, who was previously an Assistant State Commissioner, has agreed to facilitate the new web-store.

Motion was made by Skip Ruedeman to recommend Pam Holder for the State Secretary and Sue Huskins the web-store facilitator. The motion was seconded by Bob Stegal.

Motion carried with 8 in favor and 0 against.

State of the State Report  
East and West divisions finished financially in the black last year. Larry Leake has mailed the check recovered from the former Eastern Division to Tom. The amount is approximately $15,000.00.

Jimmy Sanders expressed gratitude to Larry Leake for handling the legal matters involved. He also thanked the Western Division for allowing the Eastern Division to function until this money was recovered.

Tom stated there has been a lot of inquiries for converting to BRL. He thanked everyone for helping to promote BRL.

Tom reported that the West has several new leagues that have charted. District 1 has two new leagues; District 7 has 5 new leagues; District 4 has several leagues that added softball to their charter.
Tom reviewed the leagues that have not paid all their 2015 State Tournament fees. They are as follows: East Rowan, Union Co/Weddington, Startown, Stanley Co., Fletcher, Davidson Co., Indian Trails, Erwin, District 2 Softball, District 3 Softball, District 4 Softball. We still have $8,700 outstanding from last year. He asked District Commissioners to work on collecting these funds. New website should help to eliminate these problems this year.

Tom presented the Western Division Commissioner of the Year award to Wayne Harwell.

**2015 Accounts Payable**

All bills have been paid. Baseballs and softballs have already been purchased. Banners have been ordered, but not paid for at this time.

**District Reports by each District Commissioner** (any District Commissioner who may not be attending, please have an Assistant State Commissioner make your report)

- Softball District 2: Tom reported that the District Commissioner has resigned. He has someone who may take over.
- Softball District 3: Mark Sigmon gave a report.
- Cal Ripken and BR District 1: Patricia Bassett gave a report. They will begin weekend teams this season. In addition, they have chartered 4 new leagues.
- CR District 2: Bert Smith gave a report. Hudson has agreed to host a tournament.
- District 3: Cory Gammons gave a report.
- District 4: Lon Nigro gave a report.
- District 5: John Jones gave a report.
- District 7: Joe Lane gave a report.
- District 8: Todd Weavil gave a report.

Dennis Baucom, Western Division Assistant State Commissioner, introduced his District Commissioners. He reviewed the tournaments from last season. He stated that all districts would hold a District Tournament this year and two teams would qualify for the State Tournament.

**New Website Report**

The website is located at [ncbrl.org](http://ncbrl.org). Cherrie shared the new website. Tournaments will be able to post scores in real time. Each District Commissioner will have access to a district page. At this time, it is not live, but should be live by the end of the month.

**New Website Store**

The new state logo will be made into a patch once it is registered as a Trademark. You will be able to purchase items on the website store.

**Tournament Location, Schedule, and Assignments for 2016**

Area Tournament Committee consists of Bob Stegall as Chair, John Jones, and Wayne
Harwell.

The State Tournaments are as follows:

**“Softball”**: Host: Asheville/Erwin  
Early Start  
June 30, 2016  
Tournament Director: Larry Leake

Tom announced that based on the rotation schedule, next year's tournament will be held in District 3.

**“Cal Ripken”:**

**7 Yr Old**  
Host: Lake Norman  
Early Start  
June 24, 2016  
TD: John Jones  
ATD: Marty Barker

**8 Yr Old**  
Host: Union County/Indian Trail  
Early Start  
June 24, 2016  
TD: Joe Lane  
ATD: Dennis Baucom

**9 Yr Old**  
Host: Yatkin Co/East Bend  
Early Start  
June 24, 2016  
TD: Keith Pack  
ATD: Corey Gammons

**10 Yr Old**  
Host: SW Forsyth/Clemmons  
Early Start  
July 7, 2016  
TD: Todd Weavil  
ATD: Bob Stegall

**11 Yr Old**  
Host: North Piedmont  
Early Start  
June 24, 2016  
TD: Bert Smith  
ATD: Wayne Harwell

**12 Yr Old**  
Host: Erwin/Asheville  
Early Start  
June 24, 2016  
TD: Trish Bassett  
ATD: Les McCarson

**12 Yr Old 60 Ft.** Host: SW Forsyth/Clemmons  
Early Start  
June 24, 2016  
TD: Bob Stegall

**“Babe Ruth”**

**13 Yr Old**  
Host: Black Mountain  
Early Start  
July 15, 2016  
TD: Les McCarson  
ATD: Trish Bassett

**14 Yr Old**  
Host: North Piedmont/Statesville  
Early Start  
July 15, 2016  
TD: Bob Stegall  
ATD: Lon Nigro

**15 Yr Old**  
Host: SW Forsyth/Clemmons  
Early Start  
July 15, 2016  
TD: Jody Simms  
ATD: Kevin Black

**16-18 Yr Old**  
Host: Surry County  
Early Start  
July 8, 2016  
TD: Dennis Baucom  
ATD: Jody Simms
State Tournament New Guidelines (unveiling new state tournament registration forms)

Four Area Tournaments will be held. Winners will get a first round bye in the State Tournament.

All State Tournaments begin on Friday. Games start at 6 PM, 2 games on each field. If host team does not qualify, the play-in will be played at 4 PM.

Mandatory opening ceremonies at 9 AM on Saturday. Plagues for District and Area Tournament winner and runner-up will be given out at this time.

New State Tournament registration form will be sent to everyone.
All tournament materials/equipment will be shipped to the tournament host.

Old Business
None

New Business

Tom reviewed Jimmy Sanders' suggestion that State Championship shirts be made available in the web-store. Any team that wins the State Tournament can purchase the shirts at cost for the players and coaches. Parents from the winning team can also purchase shirts. Individual purchases would not be allowed without prior approval. A discussion was held.

Wayne Harwell, UIC Western Division, stated that all State Tournament Hosts must have their umpires meet with him prior to tournament games. He will provide a rule review and discussion.

Black pitching machines will be used in the Regional Tournaments. Speed for the machines at the State Tournament will need to be discussed and decided at the next meeting.

Set Tournament Workshop Requirements and Date

Every tournament host is required to have a representative at the workshop. It will be held on Sunday, May 15 in Hickory. The actual location and time will be determined and sent out.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM.