

**Meeting of the  
South Dakota High School Baseball Association - Legion Baseball - VFW Baseball  
October 10, 2010  
Chamberlain High School – Chamberlain, SD  
2:00 pm**

**PURPOSE:**

Discuss each programs specific season and the future outlook of baseball in South Dakota.

**Officials Present:**

- \* Dan Sudbeck – SD Legion Baseball Commissioner
- \* Vern Lind – SD VFW Baseball Commissioner
- \* Brad Schramm – SDHSBA President
- \* Derrion Hardie – SDHSBA Secretary
- \* Lyle Smith – SEBA Director
- \* In addition, many people representing teams and communities were present.

**High School Baseball**

\* Brad Schramm reviewed the structure of club high school baseball, its strength/challenges, and provided the below information about the number of teams from each class involved in club high school baseball. Strengths include administrative review, communication with membership and although not a sanctioned sport, each team's name affiliated with schools. Challenges include weather and length of season.

- \* 38 Class B teams
- \* 14 Class A teams

**VFW Baseball**

\* Vern Lind reviewed the structure of VFW baseball, its strength/challenges, and provided the below information about the number of teams from each class involved in VFW Baseball (exception: 12 and under). Strengths include opportunity provided and upcoming new league play and state tournament format. Challenges include difficulty with administrative procedures and communication with its membership.

- \* 10 Major AA teams
- \* 6 Minor AA teams
- \* 30 Class A teams
- \* 30 Class B teams

### **Legion Baseball**

\* Dan Sudbeck reviewed the structure of Legion baseball, its strength/challenges, and provided the below information about the number of teams from each class involved in legion baseball. #1 strength is opportunity provided. Challenges include too short of a season and potential problem with the Class "A" State Tournament and having the Class "B" State Champion participate.

\* 15 Class A teams

\* 54 Class B teams

### **SEBA Baseball**

\* Lyle Smith provided information to the group that there is an "element" in Iowa (who operates a summer high school baseball program) that wants to move high school baseball from the summer to the spring. Lyle wanted to share this information to let us know that operating a high school baseball season in the summer is not the 100% desired format of those involved in high school baseball in Iowa.

### **Mike Henriksen Representing Dell Rapids Baseball Association**

Mike Henriksen shared that the best business model for Dell Rapids summer baseball programs would best fit under a club high school model because it's VFW and Legion has not had any direct influence with its teams in years.

### **In Conclusion**

Those in attendance agreed that meeting to discuss the future of baseball was important and at this time the present operations of club high school, VFW and Legion baseball provides the best opportunity available to our high school aged baseball players. However, it was also agreed that annual meetings between the 3 models need to take place to discuss/address the strengths and challenges of baseball in the State of South Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrion Hardie

Secretary

South Dakota High School Baseball Association