

**Annual Regional Meeting  
October 24, 2014  
Grande Shores Ocean Resort  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**

**MINUTES**

The annual meeting of the Babe Ruth Southeast Region was called to order by Henry Sermons.

Rob Connor, National Commissioner, spoke and presented a report from headquarters. The census report showed total numbers for the Region and by State. Once again, the SE Region is the leader in number of youth participating. Rob also discussed the 2015 rule changes and policy changes. Dates for the 2015 chartering process were presented.

Each State Commissioner gave a report:

Virginia – Paul Link

- They conducted a tournament workshop for State tournaments. This worked really well and tournaments seem to have run more smoothly.

South Carolina – Tim Orvin

- Some contacts for new teams have been made. The year was a financial success.

Florida – John Lucas

- The State added some new leagues. They have implemented new programs to help keep kids involved and build local leagues. They have a rookie tournament program that works really well.

Tennessee – Roger Giles

- Two new leagues have been signed up for next year with a potential for more. He held a tournament directors' meeting with great results.

North Carolina – Tom Steele

- Even with all the changes, the season was successful. Three SE Regional tournaments were held in the State and were successful.

Steve Powell has formulated a proposal to help teams with travel to World Series tournaments. A website, [www.upm45sales.com](http://www.upm45sales.com), has been established. Spring-loaded pitching machines will be sold at a discounted price. Discount code for ordering is SERBS15. There will be no tax or shipping. A portion of each sale will be going to a SE Region account to be used for tournament travel.

Henry reported on:

- Census report
- Travel ball – We need to start working with them to minimize their impact.
- Letters of eligibility – State Commissioners need to make sure rosters are on file before LOE's are released.
- Financial statements - These need to be mailed in at the end of your fiscal year. 5.Minutes from State meetings should also be sent to HQ.
- 2015 Regional tournament sites were presented.
- Changes in the Southeast Region - Alabama has been moved to the Southwest Region.

John Armentrout reported on:

- Website review - 75,000 + hits and 60,000 + during tournament time
- 8-year host assignments report
- 2016 tournament sites - Some sites are booked already. Many to be done.
- Tournament team check-in and late arrival requests – The on-line check-in system is working perfectly. Late arrival requests can also be submitted on-line. Permission will not be granted for an entire team to check in late.
- 2014 final charter report
- Major60/Major70 differentials
- Team rosters report

John Armentrout led a discussion on pool play standings to show the importance of not sending the wrong team home.

John DeYoung spoke about the selection of tournament teams from age group divisions.

Roger Giles made a motion that each tournament team shall be selected from a division or a league consisting of not more than 10 teams and that these feelings be expressed at the Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Paul Link, motion carried.

Henry reminded everyone that the Hall of Fame Induction dinner and presentation will be held tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. Nominations for Hall of Fame should be submitted as soon as possible to allow proper time for presentation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherrie Sanders  
Secretary

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<b>Attendee</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Position</b>
Henry Sermons	North Carolina	Regional Commissioner
John Armentrout	Virginia	Asst. Regional Commissioner
Spike Hupka	Tennessee	BRL International Board Member
John Lucas	Florida	State Commissioner
Tom Steele	North Carolina	State Commissioner
Sue Huskins	North Carolina	Asst. State Commissioner
Cherrie Sanders	North Carolina	Asst. State Commissioner
Jimmy Sanders	North Carolina	Asst. State Commissioner
Bob Stegall	North Carolina	Asst. State Commissioner
Tim Orvin	South Carolina	State Commissioner
Roger Giles	Eastern Tennessee	State Commissioner
Doug Strong	Tennessee	State Umpire-in-Chief
Jimmy Stewart	Tennessee	HoF Inductee
Brandon Armentrout	Virginia	Local Board Member
Paul Link	Virginia	State Commissioner
John DeYoung	Virginia	Asst. State Commissioner
Phil Larcomb	Virginia	Asst. State Commissioner
Don Gowen	Virginia	Asst. State Commissioner
Donny Rose	Virginia	State Umpire-in-Chief
Hal Brady	Alachua, FL	2015 Softball Host
Damon Messina	Alachua, FL	2015 Softball Host
Jamie Sutherland	Laurinburg, NC	2015 Rookie Host
Derek Boyd	North August, SC	2015 9-Year-olds Host
Darthy Kumper	Glen Allen, VA	2015 10-Year-olds Host
Robert Dreistadt	Stafford, VA	2015 11-Year-olds M70 Host
Mike Bouchard	Stafford, VA	2015 11-Year-olds M70 Host
Thurman Pate	Kinston, NC	2015 12-Year-olds M60 Host
Alden Rosner	Live Oak, FL	2015 12-Year-olds M70 Host
Clay Medlin	Greenville, NC	2015 13-Year-olds Host
Maria Galluzzo	Jupiter, FL	2015 14-Year-olds Host
Ellen Cortez	Sarasota, FL	2015 13-15 Year-olds Host
Tom Gates	Colonial Heights, VA	2015 16-18 Year-olds Host