

League Told Information Should Be Made Public

Dixie Youth League parents in Leland left a meeting with a state official last Thursday night with recommendations, but no answers.

Concerned citizens plan to meet at the Leland Community Building Friday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss what options are available if league officials don't follow those suggestions.

The Thursday meeting with a state official and league officials was called after a group of parents complained that they couldn't obtain information on the league's financial status.

Carey Wrenn, a state director with the league,

made three recommendations to the local board. He suggested they make a full financial disclosure, indicating income and expenses since the league's inception; make its bylaws available to the public; and restructure its organization to allow a parents or other community members to serve on the board of directors. Currently the bylaws provide for coaches to appoint themselves directors.

The recommendations came in response to questions raised by parents of some players. They told county commissioners earlier this month that League President Donald Ray White had refused to share copies of

the bylaws and information on league finances and that public participation in the league wasn't allowed. White has not been available for comment.

At Thursday's meeting, said parents' spokesman Path Coston, White and one other board member spoke briefly, but did not answer the parents' questions.

According to Mrs. Coston, Wrenn told the parents "to give them (league officers) time to see what they come up with."

She added, "He said they couldn't force them to."

Wrenn also said no Dixie Youth regulations appear to have been broken.

The parents have not given up their quest for information, said Mrs. Coston, though they are willing to give league officers time in which to present the requested material.

"We've been really up against a stumbling block. We're not willing to sit here and get no answers," she said. "Someone has got to open up and tell us something."

Based on comments by one league director to an area newspaper, parents had expected those answers at Thursday's meeting.

SPORTING SCENE

Whiteville, Post 10 Even In Eastern Title Series

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Rejuvenated Whiteville won its second game in a row Monday over Wilmington Post 10 to tie the American Legion Area II Eastern Division series at 2-2 in games.

The best-of-seven series continues this week with the winner advancing to the Area II finals.

Post 10 won the first two games of the series, 3-0 and 7-3 before Whiteville Post 137 regrouped to win the third and fourth games, 9-3 and 12-11.

Post 10 won the regular season championship while Whiteville and Brunswick County Post 68 finished in a tie for second place.

Whiteville went on to down Post 68 in four games while Post 10 dropped Bladenboro in four games also. Both series were a best-of-five format.

Whiteville won the Eastern Division championship last year and went on to capture the state legion title.

day at Huntersville (near Charlotte). The local all-stars open play in the double-elimination tournament at 2 p.m.

The Brunswick team is comprised of the top Dixie Youth pre-major players from the county league.

Named to this year's all-star team are Skip Whisnant, Bill McGuire, Rodney Labelle, Joe Bowman, Jeff Gaskill, Mickey Jones, David Jones, Steve Phillips, Donald Bowling, Jamie Beasley, Anthony Hickman, Jamie Brown, Lorenza Bryant, Patrick Bryant and Mike McDowell.

Coaching the all-stars are David Warren, Bobby Triggs and Frankie Rogers.



DIXIE YOUTH ALL-STARS SELECTED—The Brunswick County Dixie Pre-Majors All-Star team was named last weekend with 15 local players participating in the state playoffs in Huntersville Saturday. The all-stars include, from left, front row—Skip Whisnant, Bill McGuire, Rodney Labelle,

Joe Bowman, Jeff Gaskill, Mickey Jones, David Jones and Steve Phillips; back row—coach David Warren, Donald Bowling, Jamie Beasley, Anthony Hickman, Jamie Brown, Lorenza Bryant, Patrick Bryant, Mike McDowell and coach Bobby Triggs. Not pictured is coach Frankie Rogers.

Play Still Open

It is still not too late to register for the Brunswick County Youth Tennis program to be held at the Charlotte Park throughout the remainder of the summer.

The league is open to all youth tennis players ages 13-18. Interested players can register each Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. at the Charlotte Park or by calling the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department at 253-4357.

Dixie Youth Opens Playoffs

The Brunswick County Dixie Youth Pre-Majors All-Stars begin their quest of a state championship Satur-

Girls Receive Softball Honors

The Leland Softball Association concluded its regular season with an awards ceremony last Thursday night.

First place in the Midget Girls' division (ages 9-12) were the McDonald's Pounders, reports Mrs. William J. Batson Jr. of Leland. First place in the Junior Girls' division were the East Coast Paint Strollers.

Named to the Junior Girls All-Stars team are Teresa Mintz, Steffaney Batson, Angie Horrell, Tracy Bryant, Melissa Hamilton, Angie Knox, Victoria Nance, Misty Price, Allison Roberts, Rhonda Lewis, Michelle Price, Tonya Graham, Denise Graham, Andria Hooper, Angie Fowler, Tammy Ballard, Denise Barbacow and Ann Warren.



COUNTY TRACK FINALISTS—Participating in last Saturday's Hershey's Track and Field state championships were Rennie Clark, Jr. (left) and Valerie Smith

(right). The pair were regional winners three weeks ago at Pembroke State University and won the right to advance to the state finals in Raleigh.

Brunswick Youths Compete In Track Finals

Valerie Smith of Bolivia and Rennie Clark of Holden Beach competed in the Hershey's Track and Field state finals last Saturday at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Smith, competing in the girls 9-10 year old division, finished fifth in the softball throw, fourth in the standing long jump and seventh in the 50-meter run.

Clark, competing in the boys 11-12 year old division, finished fifth in the 200-meter run and sixth in both the 100-meter run and softball throw.

Both Smith and Clark won the right to advance to the state finals by finishing among the top two in each of their events in the regional meet three weeks ago at Pembroke State University.

Merchants Win Softball Crown

The Shallotte Merchants completed an unbeaten regular season last week to win the Brunswick County Men's Softball League championship and the top seed entering the loop's post-season tournament.

Shallotte finished the season with a perfect 16-0 record and claimed first place by two full games over second-place Bennett's Seafood (14-2).

Corbyco and Joyner Electric tied for third with 9-7 records followed by Bald Head Island, Ocean Isle Builders, Wilcox-Morrison Construction and Classic Productions.

The tournament was scheduled for this week at Smithville Park near Southport.

Brunswick County Men's Softball League final standings			
Team	W	L	
Shallotte Merchants	16	0	
Bennett's Seafood	14	2	
Corbyco	9	7	
Joyner Electric	9	7	
Bald Head Island	7	9	
Ocean Isle Builders	7	9	
Wilcox-Morrison Const.	5	11	
Classic Productions	2	14	

League results for the week ending July 10:

Monday, July 7
Corbyco 6, Bald Head Island 4; Shallotte Merchants 9, Ocean Isle Builders 0; Classic Productions 13, Wilcox-Morrison Const. 12.

Tuesday, July 8
Bennett's Seafood 14, Joyner Electric 1; Bald Head Island 18, Classic Productions 5.

Thursday, July 10
Joyner Electric 7, Ocean Isle Builders 0; Bennett's Seafood 11, Corbyco 9.

These games marked the end of regular season play.

Sea Trail Pro-Am, Jr. Golf Program Scheduled

The first Sea Trail Golf Links Pro-Am Tournament has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5 at the Sunset Beach course (N.C. Highway 179) beginning with a shotgun start at noon.

The one-day, 90-percent handicap tourney is limited to the first 132 golfers with a \$25 registration fee.

There will be a cocktail party and awards presentation at 5 p.m. following the tournament.

Sea Trail is once again sponsoring its junior golf program each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. with all golfers ages 17-and-under admitted to the course free of charge.

Daily instructional clinics continue to be held each morning with two sessions (9-10 a.m. and 10-11 a.m.).

The clinics are only \$10 per golfer and open to all ages. There is a maximum of eight players per clinic. Students should bring their own clubs or Sea Trail will have sets available.

For more information on the pro-am tourney, junior golf program or clinics call Sea Trail Golf Links at 579-4350 and ask for Brian.

Hierman Wins Twelve Balls

Ann Hierman, Brierwood Ladies Golf Association champion, picked up 12 balls last week in a Splash Contest.

Players contributed a ball to the winner's pot for each ball lost in a water hole during the women's regular 18 holes of play Tuesday, reported Ruth E. Hierman, secretary.

Earning low patts for the day were Mary Schaeck, Flight A, 28; Mary Ahern, Flight B, 32; and Connie Brandt, Flight C, 34.

Mary Schaeck scored a birdie on the 10th hole.

Whiteville Eliminates Post 68 From Playoffs

Whiteville Post 137 advanced to the American Legion Area II Eastern Division baseball finals last Wednesday with a 5-2 win over Brunswick County claiming the opening-round, best-of-five series in four games.

Post 137 managed to score all five runs in the final three innings to take the come-from-behind win after Brunswick County had mounted a 2-0 lead through six.

The two teams had tied for second place during the regular season with 8-4 records.

The 3-1 series win lifted Post 137 to an 11-5 record while Brunswick County concluded its season at 9-7.

Whiteville will now move on to face regular-season champion Wilmington Post 10 for the Eastern Division title.

After losing the first two games of the series, Post 68 appeared to be enroute to tying the playoffs and forcing a fifth and final contest Wednesday before the Whiteville rally

began.

Brunswick County scored single runs in the second and fifth innings and looked to have the game at hand.

Post 68 took a 1-0 lead on Darren Grace's RBI-single that scored losing pitcher Stephen Mintz.

Mintz went eight innings with relievers Randy Brown and Bryan Semmens limiting Post 137 to just eight hits.

Quinton McCracken scored Post 68's final run after a walk, stole second, took third on a fielder's choice and came home on a wild pitch.

Whiteville tied the game in the seventh, 2-2 with a pair of runs.

Post 137, the defending state legion champions, then took the lead for good, 4-2 with two more runs in the eighth then added one more in the ninth.

Jody Sykes led Post 137 both on the mound and at the plate going the distance on a three-hitter and striking out 13.

Sykes also collected three hits in-

cluding a two-run double that started the Whiteville rally in the seventh inning.

Brian Eichhorn also had a pair of hits for Whiteville.

The winner of the Whiteville Post 10 series will go on to face either Hamlet or Hope Mills for the Area II championship both Eastern Division and Area II championship series are best-of-seven.

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