



### Minutes for Sunday March 28, 2004

- ❖ In attendance: Father James Soliman, Committee Members, and Coaches.
- ❖ General introduction from His Grace Bishop Serapion given in April 2002.
  - Committee members were introduced to The Coptic League to supervise all the league events.
  - Objective for the league:
    - How can we use the league as a means to serve our youth?
      - Activity for the youth who are already attending church.
      - Can attract youths who are not already attending church.
  - Discipline must be set for this league. However, some disciplinary can hinder sometimes in attracting the youth. Thus, the committee must be flexible enough to attract these youths without compromising the most important discipline.
  - It is an opportunity for priests and youth leaders to meet some new youth at these games.
  - Virtues can be learned from the sports world. Respect for the referees. Understanding losing, etc... Analogy of St. Paul using the Olympics to communicate his ideas to the people.
    - Retreat to teach kids how to play in a spiritual way.
      - Practical Spiritual preparation to help kids remember that it is a Christian league with an aim not just winning.
    - Message to the fans that this is a Christian league.
  - How to incorporate the league in Youth Service as a means to attract and keep existing youth in our church.
- ❖ Wednesday April 14, 2004 is the final day to register to participate in the summer of 2004 basketball league -NO EXCEPTIONS By this date your church should have decided who their coaches and committee members are and should have submitted their coach's & committee member's names, phone number and email addresses and what teams they will be hosting (High School Boys, Girls, and/or College). Remember that coaches and committee members must be approved by their parish church's priest(s). (This is not the only deadline you need to meet in order to participate!) This information should be emailed!
- ❖ New team names will be assigned. Coaches can change their team names no later than Wednesday April 14, 2004 (i.e. Lions for St. Mark). Also, teams are now required to state their team jersey color.
- ❖ Monday May 17, 2004 is the due date for league fees and waivers. Expect the league fee to be around \$600.00 to \$300.00. The waivers will be done online (i.e. University applications).—There will be no exceptions. If all the league fees and all your team waivers are not in by this date you will be dropped from the league unless you give prior notice—at least 2 weeks and with a legitimate excuse. (Coaches must clear each player no later than Monday May 24, 2004). Players under the age of 18 MUST print and submit a parent's signature page that will be mandatory for the player's participation in the league. This page will be found online also.
- ❖ A committee member must be 1). At least 30 years of age or older, or 2). A servant of the church, or 3). Granted special permission from their Father of Confession.
- ❖ Respect Convention Dates. Convention days are not for make up games. Please encourage the youth to attend the conventions; there are basketball courts at all the convention sites.
  - Convention Dates:
    - Junior High: (G) July 10-12, (B) July 24-26
    - High School: (G) August 8-11, (B) August 6-8
    - College: August 12-15
- ❖ Dates of playoffs and awards ceremony:
  - Round 1: Saturday 8/21/04
  - Round 2: Sunday 8/22/04
  - Round 3: Sunday 8/29/04
  - Award Ceremony: Saturday September 18th, 2004 at C.O.C.C. starting at 9:00am with a liturgy.



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**THE COPTIC LEAGUE**



- ❖ Schedule for all leagues:
  - Structure of the league will be the same for all leagues and is still to be determined depending on the number of teams!
    - 2 locations:
      - North: Torrance Area
      - South: Orange County
- ❖ \$50 fee for canceling a game is VOID
- ❖ A legal player and coach is one that is baptized within the Oriental Orthodox Church. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ❖ Game clock: please refer to rule #4 under game rules.
- ❖ Can committee member be present from the different church on home games?
  - Any committee member must be present; however the home team is responsible for this.
- ❖ Please read all the rules carefully and if you have any questions please address them to [info@thecopticleague.org](mailto:info@thecopticleague.org).
- ❖ Closing prayers

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