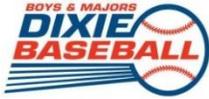


Dixie Boys Baseball Hall of Fame



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The Board of Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball voted in September 2011 to create a Hall of Fame to honor those that have served the organization in an exemplary manner. Dixie Boys Baseball is pleased to announce the latest Hall of Fame inductees representing the Class of 2014.

Class of 2014

- ★ Jim Armour....Rock Hill, South Carolina – Jim currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner for the Dixie Boys program. Jim previously held the position of National Board member for the Majors program and later was named the South Carolina Dixie Boys State Director. Armour was responsible for the successful World Series events held in Rock Hill. His tenure began in 1992.
- ★ Jerry Brewer....Decatur, Alabama – Jerry started his affiliation with Dixie as a local league official in Montgomery, AL. Jerry in 1992 was elected as the Alabama Majors State Director. For a number of years, Jerry was the Deputy Commissioner for the Pre-Majors program. He is now the Chief Financial Officer for the program and has served as the Executive Board Chairman.
- ★ Rick Callahan....Winter Haven, Florida – Rick served Florida as the Dixie Boys State Director until his retirement after the 2014 season. Rick’s involvement with the Dixie Boys Baseball began in the 1980’s. Callahan previously served on the Dixie Boys Rules Committee and as the Florida Scholarship Chairman. He is well respected and fully devoted to the program.
- ★ Cecil Campbell....Bossier City, Louisiana – Cecil coached in the Bossier program, served as a League President, and later became a District Director. Judge Campbell is one of only two people to hold the position of General Counsel for Dixie Boys Baseball. He became the General Counsel in 1995 and has held the title and the responsibility ever since.
- ★ Larry Collins....Hillsville, Virginia - Larry began his service in 1985 as a Virginia National Board member. He was later elected as State Director for Virginia Dixie Majors. The Board of Directors elected Larry as National Umpire-in-Chief. Under his leadership, much progress was made with the national umpire program. In 2012, he was named as the Pre-Majors Deputy Commissioner.
- ★ Tommy Hailey....Covington, Georgia – Hailey’s many achievements include hosting five very successful World Series. Covington/Newton County has hosted more World Series than any other community in Dixie. He has served as Assistant State Director for Georgia Dixie Boys and as the state scholarship chairman. Tommy now serves as Junior Boys Deputy Commissioner.
- ★ Ronnie Jackson....Avon Park, Florida – Ronnie began with Dixie as the Florida Majors State Director. In 1997, he was elected Majors Deputy Commissioner and has held the position ever since. Due to his leadership skills, he was selected as Chairman of the Board and is serving his second term. He received recognition as a member of Florida HS Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.
- ★ Sam Kitchens....Troy, Alabama – Sam coached Dixie Boys Baseball in his home community of Troy, Alabama for thirty-nine years. Included in these significant years was participation in four World Series events along with two World Series Championships. Most important is the number of young people that he touched through his dedicated service.

The Board in 2011 approved an individual deserving of immediate recognition as a Hall of Fame Member. As such the Class of 2011 included only one member: W.E. "Bubba" Brasher. Mr. Brasher, Founder of Dixie Boys Baseball was recognized at a special ceremony held on November 10, 2011 in Alexandria, Louisiana. Dixie Boys Baseball was incorporated in 1957 by members of the Alexandria Youth Baseball program. It was the desire of Mr. Brasher and twenty- one other incorporators to create a baseball program for youth age 13 and above.

The Hall of Fame Task Force in concurrence with the Dixie Boys Baseball Board of Directors also named the Class of 2012. This class was comprised of those that had achieved the status of "Life Members" within the Dixie Boys Baseball Inc. organization. Fourteen (14) individuals were included as Class of 2012 Hall of Fame inductees. The inclusion of each 2012 member to the Hall of Fame was based on their many outstanding contributions and dedicated volunteer service to the organization. A perpetual plaque recognizing their achievements was created.

The ten members of the Class of 2013 were all program pioneers and made a large imprint on the organization. Members of the Class of 2013 (immediate family in the case of those deceased) were recognized throughout the 2013 calendar year for their lasting impact on the organization. Each member made significant sacrifices and all faithfully served during the period that the program reached record numbers.

J. Sandy Jones, Commissioner/CEO commented, "I want to commend the Board of Directors for their support of the Hall of Fame. Dixie Boys Baseball is extremely blessed to have outstanding leadership found in our local leagues, eleven state organizations, umpire's program, and within the Executive Board. Most of the real unsung heroes of this program never receive the recognition that they deserve. With a solid foundation dating back to 1957, we have truly benefited from the many noteworthy contributions made on behalf of the program. We are indebted to those that have given so much in service to our youth."

The Commissioner further stated, "We are pleased to formally announce our Class of 2014. The eight members of the Class of 2014 have all made outstanding contributions. It was an honor and a privilege to be able to personally recognize each of the 2014 class members. I think it speaks very highly of each member that their ceremony was held on a local league baseball field. Each individual has dedicated their time and talents and as such allowed young people to have the opportunity to play baseball. It was fitting that youth and parents were in attendance for this special recognition. We sincerely thank each Hall of Fame member."

More information related to the Hall of Fame will be made available during the 2015 season.