

Minutes for 16th Little League Board Meeting

Sign in members – Jeff King, John McCallum, Chrystal Southwick, Ed Franklin, Mike Paulson, James King, Adam Smith, Daryl Krumm (just for a minute)

All-Star Meeting Recap – Adam Smith went to an All-Star meeting last Sunday for seeding into the All-Star Tournament. The draw went good.

Our 9-10 year-old team will play Warden in the first round of the tournament.

The 11 year-old team will start off with Yakima National North.

The Major 11-12 year-old All-Star team got a bye in the first round and will play the winner of the Walla Walla Valley/Warden game.

The district tournament's start dates are:

9-10 Asotian County June 26th

11 Walla Walla Pacific June 26th

11-12 Asotian County the week of June 28th

State will be:

9-10 Port Orchard July 10

11 Vancouver July 17

11-12 Sammamish July 17

All-Star Player and Coach Selection – The board heard recommendations from several coaches on the how to select All-Star players and coaches. The consensus from the board and the coaches are as follows.

Majors All-Stars – The coaches for the 11-12 year-old All-Star team will be chosen by the coaches before the All-Star team is selected. The first concern will be that the coach be available to take time off of work to coach the team as long as is needed. If there is not a consensus between the coaches, the first tie breaker will be the team that finishes as the regular season champion if he cannot do it then it will default to the second place coach. If the head coach cannot coach the team, he can nominate his assistant coach. All coaches must agree on the assistant coach coaching the team.

For the selection of the team, all coaches will first write out the 12 players that they feel deserve to be on the team. All players that are on all six coaches lists will automatically be put on the team. All other players will be considered as nominated. The coaches will then discuss and use stats to determine the rest of the roster. Also used in determining the final selections will be players being listed on more than one coach's all-star roster.

11 year-old All-Stars – The 11 year-old All-Star coach will be selected by the board. The board will develop a questionnaire for a coach interested in coaching the 11 year-old All-Star team to fill out. After looking at the questionnaire, the board will determine who the coach of the team should be. The team will be selected by the Major coaches following the selection of the Major 11-12 year-old All-Star team. Coaches will nominate players and a general vote will put the players on the team.

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9-10 year-old All-Stars – The coach for the 9-10 year-old All-Star team will be determined by the board. The board will develop a questionnaire for all coaches that are interested in coaching the team to fill out. After looking at the questionnaire, the board will determine who the coach of the team should be. The team will be selected by a joint AAA and Major coaches meeting. Coaches will have to use discretion in determining statistics between two different levels of play.

All-Star Uniforms – We are going to order new All-Star uniforms for all three teams. The league colors was decided to be Navy, Silver and Teal. Our All-Star uniforms will reflect these colors.

Sponsors for our All-Star Teams – Since we are cutting it close with money, it was determined that we are going to need sponsors for our All-Star teams. These sponsors will not get recognition with their names on the uniforms, so we tried to come up with how we could recognize their assistance to our league. We determined that we were going to try to raise \$700 for each All-Star team to pay for the uniforms. For their contribution, the sponsors were going to get the following: A picture plaque that would thank them for sponsoring the All-Star team, a thanks in the Cheney Free Press for the summer baseball edition, and a whole page on the web site that would have pictures and results from the All-Star team they sponsored.

Treasures Report – Daryl submitted a high quality report on the status of money in our league. At this time we have over \$20,000 in the bank, but still have an over \$18,000 bill with Kimmel to pay for uniforms, equipment and such.

Makeup games – Concern was expressed over the AAA having to make up games mid-week and have three games in a row. All makeup games have to go through the Medical Lake Parks and Rec to ensure that the fields are not being double booked. We will try to ensure that three games in a row does not happen again.

Fundraisers – A fundraiser was presented to have our kids sell telecommunications for Nx communications. The idea was quickly voted down by the board. At this time the board felt that it was probably going to be too late to put together a fundraiser, and determined that getting some business sponsorship would be the best way to raise the funds needed to finish out the year.

Refunding Money – We still have two sets of parents waiting for refunded money. The board determined that we should pay them 50% of what they paid in. We also developed a refund policy that will be posted on our web site. It is as follows:
There will be no full refunds, we will keep 20% as a service fee.
After teams are formed, we will only refund 50% of the money.
After the practices start date for you level, we will not refund money. If you tryout, there will be no refunds after the tryouts.
We are also going to add a NSF fee of \$35 for any check that bounces.

Parades – Discussion was held about our teams walking the Founders Day Parade in Medical Lake, and the Cheney Rodeo Parade in Cheney. We determined that we were going to try to partake in the Founders Day Parade since it was the last weekend of the season. The Cheney Parade fell a little too late after the season had been completed. Jeff

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King will be in charge of organizing the parade. He will call all coaches to try to get as many players as possible to wear their uniforms and walk in the parade.

Umpires and our mid-season evaluation – The board has not been overwhelmingly impressed with the umpires that have been provided by the umpire association. Adam Smith is going to try to line up high school kids to see if they can umpire both league. Brennan Moore will be contacted by this weekend.

Little League Web Site feedback: What needs to be added

Current Evens on the home page. It is too boring and needs more information. If Adam Smith was not spending all of his time typing out minutes, he could get that taken care of (we will see how many of you read to the third page)

Our refund policy

Our accident report form

Directions to the ball fields

Stealing on an overthrow to pitcher at AAA level – There has been mass confusion over the rule of stealing when the ball is thrown back to the pitcher. Further clarification of the rule is that you can advance when the ball leaves the 10-foot radius around the pitching rubber by going past the pitcher or off to his side. The runner cannot advance when the pitcher bobbles the throw back from the catcher. When the pitcher has the ball inside the 10-foot radius of the pitching rubber, all runners have to go back to their base. All AAA coaches will be contacted and notified of this rule clarification

Shed and Field Water at Salnave Staking down the fence – The city of Cheney approved the shed and getting water on the fields, but we do not know where to put the shed and how to get the water. Jim King will contact them for clarification on these two issues. Steve Southwick has made the stakes to put on the fence to keep it from tipping over. He will drop them off at the field on Friday. Jim King is going to contact the city to find out when they want to mow around the fence. After they are done mowing, we will stake down the fence for the rest of the season.

Getting Results from coaches/Writing highlights from the game – The coaches will be asked if they would like to write a two sentence highlight summary of their game and submit it to be published in the Cheney Free Press and on the Web Site. We need all coaches to do this in order for us to use it. Coaches will be contacted this weekend to see if it is something they would like to do. All summaries would be sent to John McCallum at the Cheney Free Press and then forwarded on to Adam Smith for the web site.

Equipment and Uniforms – Everything seems to be going good with uniforms and equipment right now.

Other Business – There are two spots on the schedule where two North teams were playing in the south and two south teams were playing in the north. These games will be flipped. They are on June 3 and June 5. Adam Smith will contact the South coaches and Mike will take care of the North Coaches.

Also, there was discussion of the reentry rule. A e-mail will be sent around to all board members to maybe amend our reentry rule.

Next Meeting – Not in May, maybe first week of June.