

Minutes for Third Little League Board Meeting

Sign in members – **Members present (Adam Smith, Brennan Moore, Mike Paulson, Ed Franklin, Jim King, Jeff King, Curt Kelling, Tony Harbolt, James Whiteley, Dean Bitz, Steve Southwick, Chrystal Southwick, Tim Easter, Harlan Shellabarger, Kathy Brainard)**

Additional Board Volunteers – **Two new board members voted in (James Whiteley, Dean Bitz)**

Handout Volunteer Application Forms

Status of the Little League Charter – **We have received our charter and are recognized by Little League**

Status of 501 © 3 Process – **We have received 501 © 3 status. Official letter handed out**

Report from Committees that were formed at the last meeting

- √ We need a field committee to find at least 2 fields – **Medical Lake - Determination of fields cannot be made until they see Little League can fill the requirement of providing a program to Medical Lake. We also need insurance policy in place. Medical Lake Parks and Rec meets on 1-23. Cheney – 2 fields near Salnave and 2 fields @ Moose Field. Very pro Little League. New Parks Board meets on Feb 5 for Cheney Parks.**
- √ We need an equipment committee to get prices. (*Reardon: \$7,000=20 teams, and not too small*) (Baseball {3 dz. Per team}, uniforms, bats, catchers gear, helmets, chalker, rakes, chalk, umpires?) – **Medical Lake and Cheney both agreed to offer equipment for rent or purchase. Spokane Athletic, Kimmel and Big 5 all supplied quotes for equipment. Estimated cost \$7,500.00 for uniforms/\$420.00 per team. Estimated \$6,598.00 for equipment/\$365 per team.**

League Decisions

Background Check Information (*Watch Program*) – **Previous decision to use rapsheets.com for background checks was revisited and reversed. President will use the Watch Program sponsored by Washington State Patrol.**

Decide on paying umpires – **It was decided to have one paid umpire at top two league levels and have one volunteer. Coaches and parents can help umpire at bottom two league divisions.**

Charter Information

\$1317 for 14 teams

Additional teams are \$72

Decide on fees for players and sponsorship (*Reardon: \$375 sponsorship and \$175*) – **It was felt that a good team sponsorship fee was \$500 with a promise to cut that to \$250 the second year.**

Decide on League age brackets (*5-6, 7-8, 8-11, 9-12*) – **League Age groups will be 5-6, 7-8, 9-11 and 9-12. 5-6 and 7-8 teams will be formed through a lottery. If 9 and 10 year-olds want to play on a Major team they can and must try out, otherwise they will be placed in the 9-11 bracket. All 11-12 year-olds must try out.**

Signup Fees – **It was decided that a signup fee of \$40 for ages 5-8 and \$55 for 9-12. If a player needed assistance for the fee the league would scholarship them, or they could use community organizations such as Cheney Outreach or Medical Lake Friends for Children.**

Decide on Number of All-Star Teams (*\$75 per team*)

9-10 Clarkston June 28th

11 Walla Walla

11-12 Clarkston July 5th – **The league wants to sponsor all three All-Star teams**

Decide on League Start Date/League End Date – **After looking at the calendar and the All-Star tournament date, it was decided that we would schedule a tryout date of March 27 & 28. A backup date of April 8 & 9 was chosen in the case of bad weather. The first game of the season will be April 26 and the last day of the season will be June 19 with a League Championship for both Majors and Minors being June 22.**

Decide on Signup Dates (*End of February at Latest*) – **No Signup date was scheduled since the availability of sites was not known. Groups were going to look in to buildings availability and report back at next meeting.**

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 4 @ Cheney High School @ 6:30

Thanks to Chrystal Southwick for keeping the Minutes.