

Minutes for Fourth Little League Board Meeting

Members Present – Dean Bitz, James Whiteley, Daryl Krumm, Mike Paulson, Chrystal Southwick, Ed Franklin, Adam Smith, Mike Hammer

Report from Committees that were formed at the last meeting

- √ **Checking account update** – Darryl Krumm has been looking into banking options. After looking at what all local banks were offering, it was decided that Cheney Federal Credit Union would be our bank.
- √ **Field Updates** – Mike Paulson reported on the meeting with Medical Lake city administrators. It looks good for West Plains Little League getting fulltime access to one of the fields at Water Front. No one was present to talk about the situation in Cheney.
- √ **Background check update** – Adam Smith has submitted the work to the Washington State Patrol and is waiting for user name and password to be mailed to him. Collection of volunteer application forms has begun.
- √ **Updates on some questions:**
 - **Insurance Form** – Paperwork of full insurance coverage will be sent when the leagues \$404 liability insurance is paid.
 - **Additional Fields** – Additional fields are covered in our Little League insurance at \$20.20 per field. That is why we need to keep the number of fields that we are utilizing to a minimum.
 - **All-Star Dates** – All-Star dates have not been set, but Mel Haas is trying to set starting dates for all three All-Star levels to start around the 4th of July.
 - **Training Dates for Officers** – There is training for VP, Pres, and Player Agent in Feb. Dates are coming.
 - **Safety Plan** – If we get a safety plan in by May 1 we will save \$4.80 per team.

League Decisions

Look at spreadsheet of league expenses then revisit player fees and sponsor fees (\$500, \$40 & \$55) – After looking at the numbers it was decided that we would raise the rate for the 9-12 year-olds to \$65 in the first year so that we could cover the costs of good uniforms at those levels.

Decide on Signup Dates – Tentative Signup Dates have been set. Medical Lake will have signup on Sat. 2-21 from 10 – 2 and Wed 2-25 from 5-8 in the Medical Lake City Hall. Cheney will have signups on Wed. 2-25 from 5-8 and Sat. 2-28 from 10-2 at Cheney High School in the Cafeteria. Tentatively, we will also have signups in Airway Heights on Sat. 2-28 from 10-2 at Sunset Elementary and on the base at the same place in an undetermined place as of yet.

Age Breakdown is firmed up and division ages are set – Our division name will be A, AA, AAA and Majors. A will be 5-6, AA will be 7-8 with 6 year-olds able to petition to get in. AAA will be 9-11 with 8 year-old being able to petition to get in. Majors will be 10-12.

Approval of Signup Sheet – Adam Smith distributed a signup sheet to be used for signup and handouts. Suggestions were made and will be corrected for a final issue to come out later this week.

Advertising of Signups – Signup sheets will be sent home with all students in Medical Lake and Cheney School District. Ed Franklin will contact newspapers, TV stations and radio. We are also going to post color flyers in local businesses.

Approval of Sponsorship Form – Sponsorship form was approved as a legal version. However, a more flashy copy was requested to show sponsors.

Approval of Parent Agreement – Parent Code of Conduct was passed out and discussed. It will be given to parents on signup day.

Decision on Fundraisers – Fundraisers were discussed and decided that we were going to try to avoid them instead; league sponsors were going to be pursued.

Form Committees

Form Umpire Committee

Form Signup Committee – Signup volunteers will be contacted after next meeting.

Sponsorship Committee – Dean Bitz volunteered to coordinate an organized effort to find sponsors for teams and the league. Other members of the committee will be assigned at the next meeting.

Coaches Committee – Mike Paulson the coaching coordinator is in charge of organizing the coaches.

Little League Web Site

We will try to get a Little League Web site up and running by the next meeting. The site will start off with the colors of Little League; red, white and blue. Ed Franklin will secure the domain name westplainslittleleague.com. Adam Smith will get students working on a basic page.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 11 @ Medical Lake City Hall.

**It is very important that all board members
attend the next meeting!!!!**