

Minutes for 8th Little League Board Meeting

Sign in members – Brennan Moore, Daryl Krumm, Ed Franklin, John McCallum, Mike Paulson, Tony Harbolt, Dean Bitz, Jessica Roberts

Report from Committees

- √ ***Field Updates & meeting with Cheney Parks and Rec (Mike, James and Daryl)*** – There was a long discussion about fields. The gist of it is the City of Cheney has sent the assignment of its fields to committee. One of the committee members is James King who is on our board, so the West Plains Little League should have good representation. Adam Smith spoke to Bob Reisenauer at Cheney School District, and Bob said that when we decided which fields we want to use, we just need a facility use form and it will be taken care of. Jessica Roberts reported that Medical Lake has set up three fields for use. They are Dora Burton, Reiking and Waterfront #2. The Dora Burton and Reiking fields are available after 5-5:30 and Waterfront is available all days but Tuesday and Thursday.
- √ ***Uniform Update (Mike)*** – Mike brought the uniforms that the league was looking to buy. They were a mesh uniform with matching hat. They were going to be work with a gray pants. Colors are (Navy, Red, Black, Maroon, Purple, and Forest Green). West Plains will be written across the front in two-color text with Little League written in the tail created by the S in Plains. Total uniform cost approx \$50.

Results from late registrations – Registrations keep coming in. We are up to 255+ with more on the way.

Late Signup date final approval of form – The late signup form was approved and 3000 copies will be made and distributed for to all students 6th grade and under.

Photographer – Leo's was finalized as the photographer for the league. A sample sponsor's plaque was shown. They were contacted and forms will be given to the league to hand out to players. Picture dates need to be set sometime around spring break.

Board member expectations – Chrystal was not at the meeting so this was tabled

League Decisions

Discussions on Sponsorships – Dean Bitz has secured 1 team sponsor on the Cheney side in Jarms True Value. Also Cheney Reality and Les Schwab have signed on to be \$200 league sponsors.

Coaches Committee Decisions about coaches (meeting, training, expectations,)
(Tabled)

Fence Options – We need to get final approval to build the temporary fences for our fields. Jessica Roberts will pursue documentation of the City's approval of the fence, and Adam Smith will contact James King to get Cheney City Approval. We need to get these up by tryouts in order to make a statement to the players that we are serious about making this a first class league.

Little League Web Site update and Schedule Web Site – Dean Bitz found a host for our web site it is Choice Net. For the sample sites that kids created, 4's information was chosen to be placed in 5's layout

Discussions on Fundraisers (tabled till last week of March)

Form Committees

Form Umpire Committee

Form Equipment Committee – Daryl will look to inventory the City of Cheney's equipment and Jeff and Mike will work with Jessica Roberts to inventory Medical Lake's equipment.

Form Fence Committee – A work party will be formed when we get documentation allowing us to build the fences.

Form Scheduling Committee – This will be formed at the next meeting. Jessica Roberts, who has vast knowledge on scheduling ☺, volunteered to help.

League Rules –

Practice Requirements? – Decided at last meeting. At least 1 a week and no more than 2. Before season starts, no more than four a week.

How All-Stars are selected? – All coaches select the all-stars. Exactly how coaches select is still up for discussion.

Minimum Playing Requirements? – 3 full defensive innings and 1 at bat

Number of Players per team? – 12 in majors and because there may be some extra kids in the minors, no more than 15 on a team in the minors

How the Draft is run? – John will facilitate the draft. Draft order will be based on a draw out of a hat and then will be run 1-3 and then 3-1.

How are Assistant Coaches assigned to teams? – There will be no more than one assistant coach assigned to a team with the assistant coach having the understanding that his son will not be picked on a gentleman's agreement. For this reason, assistant coaches' sons must be picked in the first round. Coach's kids are taken in the second round no matter what.

How are brothers selected? – Siblings are counted as one pick. That team will not select in the final round if it selects brothers

How many 12 year-olds per team? – There will be no more than 7 12-year-olds on any team. This is to prevent the team from being decimated by players moving on to the next level.

Cuts? – There will be no cuts. Once you have selected a player, he/she is on your team for the remainder of their career in Little League.

Pitcher Rules? – Rules follow Little League rules, which is a max of six innings per week. They can all be in one game if the coach chooses.

Reentry? – If a player reenters, it must be in the same position in the batting order.

Courtesy Runner? – There will be no courtesy runner used in any games

Ball used for lower levels? – A safety ball will be used for the A and AA levels.

Coach Pitch – To get players use to pitching, at the AA level, coaches will pitch exclusively for the first half of the season. The second half will have coaches pitch the first three innings and then kids pitch the remainder of the game. This age will feature 3 strikes your out approach.

Stealing – Stealing and advancing on wild pitches will be allowed only on the AAA and Major level

Next Meeting – March 17th at Cheney High School at 6:30