

Minutes for December 8, 2004

Sign in Members – Adam Smith, Tony Harbolt, Jim King, Michelle Manley, Robert Barnes, Rob Beamer, Chrystal Southwick

Board Members Info Update – People that needed to update were not present.

Volunteer Application – The new 2005 volunteer application form is in. New forms were handed out to those present. New forms can be downloaded off of the West Plains Little League web site. New this year, there has to be a photo ID with the application.

2005 Budget Report from Daryl – Daryl sent his report with Adam Smith. The report gave a listing of what the league spent money on last year. \$10,000 was missing, so it was hard to make a budget for this year. What could be seen on spending from this year, the board voted to keep our registration fees the same as they were last year. The board had hoped to lower the fees this year, but only having \$500 in the bank caused the board to reconsider lowering fees. It is felt that if we can build up an account this year, we will cut fees next season.

Calendar Updates – The only real calendar change came with the beginning of the softball season. It was first proposed to have softball tryouts at the same time as baseball. However, softball's season is not suppose to start till almost a month after baseball starts. Therefore, the tentative plan was to have tryouts on Sunday and Wednesday April 17 & 20. This will be finalized at the next board meeting.

Charter Updates – The West Plains Little League Charter has been sent off, and accepted. Our cost to charter this year's league is \$2,218.30. This cost will go up if we add more teams than what we had this year.

Registration Form Final Approval – There was not much feedback on the registration form from the board members present. Adam Smith has since gone back and redone some of the form and will be sending out the new form along with the minutes. Final feed back will be given at the first board meeting in January so that the forms can be printed up and given to kids the second week of January.

Softball Update – Nothing new was really reported. Jim King has finalized writing his grant to Avista asking for \$11,000 to help start the softball portion of the league. The league wishes him good luck in this. Also, Jim has secured the field behind the LDS church off of Melville road. The church has volunteered to clean the field up for the leagues use.

13-14 Junior League And VP for JR program – We still do not have a VP for the Junior Program. Adam Smith read an e-mail from Dan Peck the Spokane North president that the SNLL is going to have a Junior Program and is wanting to work with West Plains for interleague games. In addition, Pete Reynolds of Spokane South has been in contact

with Adam and is trying to get the SSSL to come onboard with a league as well. More information will be coming from Pete shortly.

On Line Registration (Yes or No) – Adam Smith contacted ActiveTeamSports.com the company that offers the service of online registration. The company policy is that they charge 6.25 percent of the cost and a \$.25 processing fee. This would mean that at our \$65 league fee, it would be \$5.00 more to register on-line. The company offers three ways to combat the cost. The first way is that the league picks up the fee, the second way is that the fee is split between league and parents, and the third way is that parents pick up the whole fee. The board voted to have the parents pick up the whole fee this year as we use it experimentally. There were some questions that the board had about the service that Adam Smith has since solved.

1. How do we know someone has registered? – The league will be notified of a registration by e-mail, and will also have a user name and password to the database of all registrations. This will be updated immediately upon the completion of the registration.
2. How will we get paid? – Active will send out a check every Monday to the League.
3. How will be gather information? – When you sign up with Active, you get to customize your form. This form would then plug the information into a database that could be downloaded and imported into Excel.

Based on this information, and the boards approval at the last meeting, Adam Smith is going to create the on-line activation over Christmas Break.

Gather Uniforms – Adam Smith is going to inventory all of the equipment and get a list going of uniforms that need to be gathered. Due to the departure of Jeff King as the North Equipment Manager, Tony Harbolt volunteered to help with equipment on the North Side.

Web Site Updates – The only web site updates pointed out were on the contacts page where the old board positions were listed. Adam Smith has taken care of this problem, but because of a computer malfunction, he has not been able to update the site. Right now, he is missing the address, username and password to update the site. The site will be updated as soon as this problem is fixed.

Grants and building fields – Tony Harbolt suggested that the league set up an account that is earmarked for field/capital outlay. The board felt that this was a great idea, and will work with Daryl to set up such a sub-savings account.

Other Items –

Jim King wanted to know when the next Cheney Parent/Teacher meetings were. He hoped to go talk to them about the league.

Jim King also has been talking to the Seattle Mariners and the Spokane Indians about fundraisers. The Indians have donated four upper level box seat tickets to any game next

year. The Mariners have not committed to what they are going to donate, but have said that they will support our league.

This years coaches meeting was addressed. Chrystal had gone through the Medical Lake coaches meeting for soccer and was wondering if there was some kind of curriculum we could follow for our coaches meeting this year. Adam Smith had information on Al & Al a coach and manager clinic sponsored by Little League. Al & Al will be visiting the Post Falls Little League this February and West Plains Little League was invited to attend. Al & Al also have a ton of videos and material for coaches. Mike Paulson will be contacted on what he is going to need for this years meeting. Everyone thought that the trainers from Whitworth PT were great at the meeting last year and wanted them to come back this year.

Sponsorships were discussed briefly in that we are going to give a discount to sponsors returning this year. How much, we did not decide. We also are wanting to give a discount to a sponsor that sponsored both a Softball team and a baseball team. Details were not discussed.

West Plains Little League has paid our fee and is now a member of the West Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Tony Harbolt brought forms for the Gonzaga All-Star Winter Baseball Camp. Brochures were given out to those present. Adam Smith volunteered to put the form in PDF format on the web site and will do that as soon as he gets access to update the site.

Next Meeting Date – January 5. Everyone is needed to attend.