

# Minutes for July 24, 2005

5:00 PM

## ***Sign in Members:***

The following Board Members signed-in; Adam Smith, Pat Perez, Chrystal Southwick, James King, James Ford, Mike Paulson, James Whitely, Rob Beamer, and Tricia Dormaier.

## ***Treasurer's Update:***

- ~ Rob Beamer gave the Treasurer's Report  
Rob is waiting for the final bill from Kimmel so That he can give us a final report for the year. He will have the final numbers at the next Board meeting.
- ~ We are also waiting for final payment from the following sponsors.  
Whitworth, Les Schwab (\$250), and Farmers Insurance

## **END OF SEASON CONCERNS**

- ***Melisa Majnrich Letter:***

- ~ Adam Smith read a letter from Melisa Majnrich. This was a good letter that addressed some items that we must address as a Board. One of the major items brought to our attention were about coaches and how they coach. Adam Smith will come up with a coaching policy for the September Board meeting. This will address some of the requirements for coaches.
- ~ James Ford volunteered to come up with an end of season parent survey for the League.

- ***Fundraiser:***

- ~ We earned \$6,000 from the raffle tickets fundraiser.
- ~ It was brought up that the t-shirts from the t-shirt fundraiser were handed out late in the season. We will try to do better next year by getting the word out earlier, also there needs to be more participation with this project.

- ***Umpires:***

We need to address this issue right now. We need to be pro-active and start recruiting now.

- ***9-10 All-Stars:***

- ~ There was discussion on possibly changing the selection process of the 9 & 10 year old All-Stars.
- ~ There was discussion about the pitcher selection for All-Stars.
- ~ There was discussion that for the selection process of these All-Stars, the head coaches from both AAA and the Majors should attend.

- ***Coaches:***

There were parent concerns of coaches for the AAA team Denny's Foods and the Major League team J & B Imports.

- **Late Registration:**

- ~ Adam Smith suggested that if people are late with registrations, then they must pay a late penalty fee.
- ~ Tricia Dormaier suggested that for people who registers early should have a reduced fee.
- ~ Both of these ideas were agreeable to the Board. To do these two items, we will need to set up a registration date.

- **End of Season Tournament:**

- ~ The major problem with the tournament is that we had it scheduled too late.
- ~ Next year we will schedule the tournament along with the regular season schedule.

- **Car Pooling:**

- ~ There were discussions that a couple of AAA teams were stacking teams by using the car pooling rules.
- ~ Next Year West Plains Little League will come up with a car pool request form that will be included with or on the registration form.

## Where we got Better

- **Rain-out Communications:**

Communication was excellent this year, and it was reported that only one team showed up at an officially cancelled rain-out game.

- **Overall Coaching Performance:**

- ~ Adam Smith reported that he received many compliments about the League's coaches from the player's parents. These compliments were for coaches in Tee-ball thru Majors, including softball.

- **Equipment Handout and Collection:**

- ~ This was another area that we improved.
- ~ Tricia Dormaier will be the new equipment Officer for next year.

- **Softball and Junior League:**

- ~ This was the first year for both leagues, and things went well.
- ~ 77 girls signed up for softball
- ~ 38 kids signed up for Junior League

### **Overall Coaching Performance:**

- ~ Junior League All-Stars won the District Tournament and went to State where they lost 2 games and were eliminated.

- ~ Majors All-Stars finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District Tournament.
- ~ 11 year old All-Stars lost 2 games and was eliminated.
- ~ 9-10 year old All-Stars finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District Tournament.

***Softball Issues:***

Jim King reported that all went well for the first year. Jim also personally thanked every coach in the Softball League.

***Fall Baseball:***

- ~ As of this meeting we only have 2 registrations for Fall Baseball. It was questioned if we will offer Fall Baseball to the 8-12 year olds.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed for the League to offer Fall Baseball.

***Recruiting Board Members and Board Positions:***

- ~ Adam Smith reported that at the next Board Meeting (September 21, 2005) we will have nominations and elections for Board Positions. Adam stressed that we need to recruit people and have them become part of the Board and be involved with West Plains Little League.
- ~ There are 36 positions available for Board members next year.
- ~ In a bit of bad news, Jim King announced that he is resigning from the Board. Jim had led the way for softball and was also the Safety Officer for the League. Thanks for everything that you have done (PP).

***Field Improvements and Construction:***

- ~ The Board discussed possible field improvements for some of the baseball/softball fields. Some of the ideas discussed are:
  - Fences at Salnave Fields
  - 50/50 with Medical Lake School District with new Aluminum benches for the Middle School softball field
  - Have dugouts installed at the Cheney Middle School
  - Possible Pitching mounds at a couple of locations

It was moved/seconded and passed to have Adam Smith approach the proper authorities to do these projects.

- ~ The monies for these projects are from our raffle ticket fund raiser in which we collected \$6,000.

**Next Meeting September 21, 2005 @ 6:30 PM at Cheney High School**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Patrick Perez