

# Agenda for May 18, 2005

**Sign in Members** – Mike Paulson, Jim Ford, Marianne Davenport, James Whiteley, Rob Beamer, Jeff Holy, John McCallum, Ed Franklin, Rob Byrnes, Adam Smith, Jim King, Chrystal Southwick, Theresa Dormier

**Treasure Update** – (checks for Umpires) Balance in checking account is 2784.04. Checks were written for umpires, fundraising tickets and Little League banners at the meeting.

**13-14 Registrations** – 15 kids signed up over the weekend. We have 27 signed up in the south and 13 signed up in the north.

**Safety Plan** – Our ASAP was approved. Next year we will receive a 20% discount per team for this year on our team registration fee with Williamsport. This will mean an approximately \$240 credit. Thanks to Jim King for his hard work on this.

**Player Agent Issues** – Players were being put on teams without the player agent being notified. Also players are practicing and playing with out a registration form being turned in. Liability was a concern by the board. John was going to call the coach of players that do not have paperwork turned in and tell them that the player is suspended until proper paperwork has been submitted. For next year it was approved that we have a late registration fee and that there was to be no practicing or games by the player until the coach receives notification that the player is properly registered.

**AA Rules** – Based on Adam Smith visiting several AA games and league rules not being followed, there was discussion on what we wanted the rules to be. James Whiteley will contact all AA coaches and clarify the following rules:

- a. There will at no time be an on deck hitter
- b. When there is three outs, the teams switch sides
- c. Each hitter is given 3 strikes or 7 pitches which ever comes first. Coaches should work with hitters on identifying which pitches are strikes and which are balls. After 7 pitches if the hitter has not swung at 3 first, the hitter is out.
- d. To reduce the competitiveness there will be no standings kept. Score will still be kept, but there will be no standings.

**End of Season Tournaments** – **The Majors** will have a double elimination end of season tournament. The tournament will follow a standard 6 team little league bracket with the exception of having a seeding game between the first and second place teams in the first round. James Whitely will work on the schedule. **The AAA** will have two single elimination tournaments. One will be between the 1-4 teams and the other will be between the 5-8 teams. James Whiteley will work on this schedule as well.

**All-Star Tournament Dates and Draws** – (9-10s July 5th, 11s July 6th, and the 11-12s July 8<sup>th</sup>) Mike Paulson handed out the draws for the district tournaments. These brackets will be posted on the web site by Friday.

**Storage for Equipment** – Adam Smith made a desperate plea to get an equipment managers. There were no real takers, but Jim King is going to look into a storage facility for the equipment at the end of the year. Depending on its location, several board

members said that they would help with this issue. We still really need one person to handle this.

**Salvage Fields and their Maintenance** – The city of Cheney has said that they have sprayed the fields for weeds, and will look into spike dragging them next week. Also when asked for dirt, they said that they would try to get it done this summer to be better prepared for next year.

**Fall Baseball** – We need to start our push for Fall Baseball. Adam Smith will get a form together to go out to all coaches of AA, AAA and Major teams as well as 13-14.

**Junior League** –

- a. Numbers – We have 41 kids signed up in this age bracket
- b. Uniforms – To fully equip the teams it was going to cost 4,664.00. This puts this age bracket way over budget with out getting some sponsors. Adam Smith was going to look into this over the weekend.
- c. Schedule – This will hopefully be done by the weekend
- d. Coaches – Two of the three teams have coaches. The third team has several prospects that hopefully will be locked up by the weekend.

**Softball Update/Interleaguig with Post Falls** – Not much to update on softball. Games have started and things are going well. Post Falls Little League has contacted WPLL for interleague softball games. Paperwork is being filled out at this time.

**Fundraiser Report** – Ed Franklin clarified what we were raffling off and got final approval on the ticket order and what we were going to have as our prize order. We are going to give each kid 20 tickets to sell. All proceeds will go into our field improvement funds.

**Umpire Issues** – When they show, umpires have been good. Adam Smith will look into the no shows.

**Equipment needs** – (chalker) Unless the equipment is a dire need, it will not be purchased.

**Sponsors Updates –**

- Whitworth Physical Therapy
- Village Supply
- Kimmel Athletic
- Denny's (400)
- J&J Lube (400)
- Conoco One Stop (400)
- Whitewater Construction (400)
- Cheney Free Press (400)
- Bruchies
- JB Imports Auto Sales
- Cheney RV (500)
- Jarms Hardware (400)
- Tomato Street (400)
- DAA
- CAL

Softball has sponsorship from:

- Whitworth
- Cheney Care Center (100)
- Cheney Federal Credit Union (500)
- Inland Power (500)
- Swenson Tree (300)
- Rosa Pizza (300)
- WSFE Local 573 (300)

It is estimated that we are missing 3,300 in sponsor fees. We will be trying to get this tracked down in the next couple of weeks.

Web Site Updates – Everything looks good.

Next Meeting Date – To be determined

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30.**