

Minutes for March 30, 2005

Sign in Members – Theresa Berquest, Tricia Dormaier, Chrystal Southwick, Jeff Holy, Jim King, Ed Fraklin, Jim Ford, Mike Paulson, Rob Beamer, Adam Smith

Treasure Update – Balance in the Bank account at this time is 21,344. All paperwork for the West Plains Little League Books were being turned over to Rob Beamer at the end of the meeting.

Draft Discussions –

12 year-olds being drafted ~ There was much discussion about the change in West Plains Little League's policy to match the Little League's Operation Manual policy that not all 12 year-olds will play Majors.

Thanks to Theresa Berquest for coming and sharing ideas of a parent about this situation.

For this year, the board decided that there was nothing that we could do to address this situation. For next year, it was agreed that educating the parents was important. To do this, we are going to publicize that 12 year-olds can play Majors on our registration form. In addition, we are going to define the tryout and draft process on our web site as well as defining what categories players will be evaluated on.

It was also discussed that some 12 year-olds may not get a chance to play due to the leagues policy to allow no more than 7 12 year-olds on a team (The reason for this is so that teams will always have a core of returning players to ensure the success of the team)

Scheduling updates – Schedules have not been completed yet. They will be available for the board to critique at the next board meeting.

Airway Heights Fields – Jim King raised safety concerns over Airway Heights Martella Field. The fence in front of the dugout was reported to be 4 ft tall and player could be struck by foul balls. Another WPLL board member will check on the site.

Equipment needs – None were requested.

Ordering hats, socks and unies for teams – For the A and AA teams, we ordered 14 hats, for AAA and Major teams 15 hats were ordered. The same number of socks were ordered for AAA and Major Teams. Discussion was also held on who our sponsors are. Without having sponsors finalized, we were not able to finalize the names on the back of the sponsors on the back of uniforms. JB Auto Imports was finalized as a Major Sponsor and will replace NAPA. Mike Paulson will finalize sponsors on Friday.

Creation of Teams and Meeting Requests update – Nothing to Update

Sponsors Updates – See Unies for discussion

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitworth Physical Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> JB Imports Auto Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village Supply | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheney RV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kimmel Athletic | Others needing to be contacted are: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denny's | <input type="checkbox"/> Jarms Hardware (400) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J&J Lube | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL (Ed Franklin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conoco One Stop | <input type="checkbox"/> Longhorn BBQ (Mike Paulson) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater Construction | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheney Free Press (400) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DHL | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bruchies | |

Other places of business that have expressed an interest in sponsorships are:

Farmers Insurance

Altons

Oldies but Goodies

Medical Lakes Kiwanis is being contacted for \$200 towards the purchase of baseballs

Softball has sponsorship from:

Whitworth

Kimmel

Cheney Care Center (100)

Cheney Federal Credit Union (500)

Inland Power (500)

Swenson Tree (300)

Rosa Pizza (300?)

WSFE Local 573 (300)

Salvage Fence – Adam Smith will be writing the proposal for the fence. The city wants as many details about the fence as possible. Discussion was held to determine the fence will be from foul pole to foul pole, have poles that are dug 2 ft into the ground and that will be 8 ft apart. To build the fence, the league is still planning on using inmates from the prison. To make sure this will be OK, the league will work with the school to make sure this work party is OK.

Opening Day Ceremony – Not much to report here.

Pins, T-Shirts for Opening Day – Mike will order t-shirts to be sold at Opening Day.

Fundraiser Report – Items that have been finalized so far.

Ichiro Uni, 4 Gonzaga tickets, Movie Stuff, Mariner Care Packet, 100 GC to Tomato Street and a Hotel.

Web Site Updates – Nothing here

Next Meeting Date – April 6th at 7:00 @ Medical Lake City Hall.