

West Plains Little League

Minutes for January 18, 2006

6:30 PM

Sign in Members:

The following Board Members signed-in; Adam Smith, Pat Perez, Mike Paulson, Tony Harbolt, Chrystal Southwick, Ed Franklin, Michelle Witt, Tricia Dormaier and Rob Beamer.

Introduction of Guest:

- ~ Adam Smith introduced Alan Gainer, the Mayor of Cheney.
- ~ The Board explained our needs for a Little League facility in Cheney
- ~ Alan explained that the City of Cheney owns approximately 50 acres of land and would like to help out with developing this land for possible a possible baseball/softball complex.
- ~ Alan Gainer will be looking into some of our inquiries.

Review Board Members:

- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to remove Marianne and Dan Davenport from the Board.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to remove Brennan Moore from the Board. Brennan would like to be put on the volunteer list.

Safety Officer Update:

- ~ Adam read an e-mail from Jeff Holy explaining his time constraints, and not being able to help out with the Board this year.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to keep Jeff on the Board as an inactive Board Member.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to have James Ford become the Safety Officer.

Volunteer Application Forms:

Adam handed out a form to Tricia Dormaier to fill out.

Review Constitution:

- ~ Adam Smith reviewed the current Constitution with the Board.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to approve the constitution as read. The only changes were minor items, such as dates etc.
- ~ It was brought up that Board Members should have photo I.D.s so that they can identify themselves during any events. Tony Harbolt will look into these being possibly done by the City of Medical Lake.

Review Signup Form and Letter for Mailing:

- ~ Adam Smith handed out a WPLL "State of the Union Address" letter that he authored. The letter will be sent out to all players from last year. The Board thought that this was a very good letter.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to purchase 450 stamps for mailing.

Treasure Report:

- ~ Rob Beamer reported that we have \$ 775 in our account.
- ~ We received \$400 for Cheney Federal Credit Union for sponsorship.

Coaching Requirements:

Adam Smith handed out a "Coaching Requirements" handout that was authored by Tony Harbolt. These were found to be very acceptable by the Board.

All-Stars:

~ Scholarship Fund

It was moved/seconded and passed to create a sub account for \$20 for a Scholarship Fund. It was then tabled to figure on how to fund this Fund at a later date.

~ 11 Year old All-stars adding 10 year olds

It was decided to table this matter.

This must be decided on as soon as possible.

~ All-star requirements

It was decided to table this matter until the All-star meeting.

Finding Umpires:

Adam Smith reported that he received an e-mail from Jeff King, stating that Jeff would like to purchase some training aids, and also to start to set up umpire training.

Equipment Turn-in:

It was decided that Tricia Dormaier would e-mail Mark Dixon for the return of his equipment and uniforms. If he does not return this within 1 week, WPLL will invoice Mark for the cost of those items.

Raffle:

Ed Franklin reported that he will get donations from the Peppertree Inn and Tomato Street Brothers Restaurant. We also have 4 tickets for a EWU Football game in 2006.

Sponsors:

~ We need confirmation from the following, if they want to be sponsor this year: White Water Construction, Conoco, Kimmel and Bruchies.

~ The following are possible sponsors: Gus Johnson Ford, Ronald McDonald House, Tomlinson Black and Family Home Care.

~ We need to replace the following sponsors: J&B Auto Imports and Cheney RV.

2006 Rule Changes:

The following are Little League Rule Changes:

~ New age cut off (On registration Forms and on the website). (2006)

~ Number of players on a tournament team determines coaches (2006)

12 players: 1 coach and 1 manager

13 or 14 players: 2 coaches and 1 manager

~ Starter must complete 3 outs and 1 at bat before being replaced. (2006)

~ All fields must have breakaway bases (2008)

~ Bats must be marked 1.15 BPF (2009)

The Board agreed that as we purchase and replace bats, we will purchase the bat required for the 2009 rule change.

Opening Day Ceremonies:

This was tabled until the All-star meeting.

Contact Coaches:

Tony Harbolt reported that the Major League Coaches are filled. Right now it is hard to find A and AA coaches.

Grants and Building Fields:

- ~ Adam reported that he spoke with Dave Lowe on Tuesday night (January 17, 2005). Adam reported that it may be possible to tie into Waste Managements water well for us to use. Dave also told Adam that he would like to see ball fields this fall.
- ~ Mike Paulson reported that he has set a meeting for this Friday (January 20, 2006) with a park/landscaper designer that has done several projects in the area.
- ~ Pat Perez did not have a report, as he has e-mailed all the information at this time to the Board Members that was present.

Next Meeting January 29, 2006 @ 3:00 PM at Medical Lake City Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Patrick Perez