

West Plains Little League

Minutes for January 29, 2006

3:00 PM

Sign in Members:

The following Board Members signed-in; Adam Smith, Pat Perez, Mike Paulson, Tony Harbolt, Jim Ford and Jeff King.

Safety Officer Update:

- ~ Jim Ford reported that he is in the process of updating our Safety Program.
- ~ Jim Ford inquired about purchasing 1st Aid quick reference cards to put in all of the 1st aid kits. Jim was directed to bring this up in March, when we have an idea on how many teams we will have.
- ~ The Board decided that extra ice packs for the North side will be kept at Jim Ford's house.
- ~ It was discussed to bring in an EMT for the coaches meeting and give them 15 minutes for a short 1st aid presentation on related baseball injuries. Tony Harbolt said that this would be fine.

Mailing and Copies:

- ~ Adam Smith reported that he has taken the items to be copied last Thursday and they should be done by early this week. Adam also reported that he and his wife have gotten all the envelopes ready and that the stamps have been purchased.
- ~ Adam reported that on-line registration is up and running and we had our first registration last Wednesday (January 25, 2006).

Treasure Report:

- ~ Adam Smith reported that we have received checks from Avista for \$150 and Inland Power for \$400.
- ~ Adam reported that we have approximately \$950 - \$1,000 in checking.

Meeting Update (with Spokane North and South):

Adam Smith reported on the following items

- ~ New Rules:
 1. Starter completes 3 outs and 1 at bat. Adam reported about possible problems with this especially with struggling pitching.
 2. 2008 rule about breakaway bases being mandatory. Adam reported about some of the problems that may incur including a field owned by someone else i.e. Medical Lake not allowing us to do this. The cost of a set of bases is \$400.
 3. Pitch Count. Spokane North will be doing this.
- ~ It may be possible for WPLL to host a Majors Softball Tournament this year. Two of the main requirements for us to host tournaments would be having a pitching mound and a fence.
- ~ City tournament with Spokane South is a possibility. Adam will check with Spokane South on some conflicting dates.
- ~ We were told that the casino can sponsor WPLL, but we cannot name the complex/field after a sponsor's name.

Coaches Meeting:

~ Adam Smith handed out a form for parents that were authored by Pat McCarren. Tony Harbolt agreed that this can be handed out at the coaches meeting.

Finding Umpires:

- ~ Jeff King reported that he is pursuing different groups and associations for finding umpires.
- ~ Jeff reported that some of the umpire gear needs to be replaced due to safety reasons.
- ~ Jeff reported about possible uniforms and other incentives for volunteers.
- ~ Jeff would like to purchase umpire training DVDs for WPLL. The cost is about \$30 each.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed for WPLL to purchase a DVD for each division for baseball and softball.
- ~ Adam Smith will check with Kimmel about umpire uniforms.

Trophies and Pins:

- ~ Adam Smith passed around a catalog from Little League displaying pins, trophies etc.
- ~ Jeff King will come up with a design for our Participation Pin for all players. It was suggested to try to make a design incorporating Cheney, Medical lake and Airway Heights.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to purchase 100 pins to handout to volunteers.

Sponsors:

- ~ Adam Smith handed out sponsor forms to Mike Paulson, and Tony Harbolt to be distributed to sponsors.
- ~ Adam reported that we still need to find 1 sponsor for each AAA and Majors. The Board decided that we will approach (in order) 1. Family Home Care (Cheney), 2. Horton's 3. Cheney Realty and finally 4. Tomlinson Black.

Opening Day Ceremonies:

- ~ Mike Paulson reported that there will be 1 AAA game and 1 Majors game to be played as a regular season game.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to agree to this format.
- ~ Mike will get with James Whitely to have this in the schedule.

Contact Coaches:

~ Tony Harbolt reported that the Major League Coaches are filled. Tony also reported that as of at this time he needs 6 AAA coaches, 6 AA coaches and 4 A coaches.

Grants and Building Fields:

- ~ Pat Perez reported that Dave Lowe of Waste Management is planning on having a meeting with the Spokane County Planning Department. Pat will attend this meeting.
- ~ Mike Paulson reported about a meeting that he had with an Architect. Mike presented a designed complex on a 40 Acre plot. Mike was told that he could figure on the cost of a softball field at approximately \$100,000 each.
- ~ We are still waiting on a lease from Waste Management.

Next Meeting February 08, 2006 @ 6:30 PM at Cheney High School

Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM

Respectfully Submitted by Patrick Perez