

December 13th Meeting

Sign In Members – Adam Smith, Kina Bailey, Rob Beamer, Kipp Sims, Ed Franklin, Jim Ford, Michelle Witt, James Whiteley, Carolyn Krieger

Volunteer Applications – 3 people completed their applications

Treasure Update (Rob Beamer) – 1,262 in checking, 900.22 in All-Star Scholarship Fund, 5,731.83 in Field Improvement Fund

Order Patches – Adam Smith presented ordering patches for the upcoming year. Ed Franklin moved, and Rob Beamer seconded ordering 100 Little League patches, 50 Jr. League patches and 50 Softball patches. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Dates – New calendars with dates typed in were handed out. No revisions or suggestions for different items were made.

Signup Form – Adam Smith handed out revised versions of the signup form for the upcoming year. Suggestions were made for its improvement. It was moved and seconded for the printing of 8,000 forms upon the completion of the revisions. Motion passed unanimously.

Uniforms and their collection – (Equipment officers report on missing items next meeting, moving into the PODS) – There were no decisions about when we would move into the PODS, Rob Beamer will send out the code for the padlock on the PODS to board members. Michelle Witt will remove the old white storage box from the Salnave fields on Saturday Dec. 16. The league will reimburse her for the dump fee.

Logo Design – (Michelle Witt) – Nothing new on the logo, however, Michelle Witt gathered information for the WPLL business cards that are going to be printed up for board members for free.

Junior League Rules and A/AA, AAA/Mjrs. Brochure Approval – Adam Smith handed out copies of this year's A & AA, AAA & Majors, and Junior League brochures that will be handed out to parents when they register their sons/daughters for the season. The brochures had important dates, league descriptions and league rules. Adam Smith asked for approval of new Junior League rules negotiated with North Spokane and South Spokane Little Leagues. It was moved, seconded and passed to use the rules negotiated for interleague games. Rules will be reviewed closer to the season for any adjustments needed.

Junior League rules covered are~

1. Curveballs ~ North Little League will not throw curveballs, WPLL and South encourage no curveballs, but do not have a rule against it. WPLL will play no curveballs against North. Coaches for the WPLL and North teams must inform the umpires before a game of this rule. A curveball will be determined at the umpires' discretion and called a ball immediately.

2. Courtesy Runner ~ WPLL coaches are not allowed to have courtesy runners. North coaches can option to use a courtesy runner only with 2 outs.
3. 10-run rule ~ There is no 10-run rule for WPLL, North and South.
4. Pitching Limits ~ Little League pitch counts must be followed. Scorekeepers should compare books at the end of each inning.
5. Time Limit ~ No inning shall start after 2 ½ hours.
6. Special Pinch Runners – No special pinch runners will be allowed in any JR league game. This is the special runner allowed by the LL rule book, but all leagues are going to play without it.
7. Reentry Rules – North, WPLL and South players must reenter into the same spot in the batting order after their replacements playing requirements are met.
8. Season Length ~ WPLL season will be over by July 4th.
9. Any other rule questions between leagues will defer to the LL rule book.
10. Interleague games will count towards league standings.
11. Teams will be formed from ML and Cheney players.

Fairchild Connection – (daniel.holland@fairchild.af.mil) – Jim Ford will contact Daniel Holland to tell him of the issues we have had with getting signups on the base and see what support he could provide.

School Carnivals – Carolyn Krieger reported that Betz already had their school carnival, and none of the other schools were planning on having a carnival except for Windsor who was having their carnival on March 1st. Discussion was had on how we can get teachers to cooperate more when trying to get handouts to students.

It was decided that if we were able to better break down the handouts to a class count, there would be better cooperation by teachers. Volunteers for each school are:

Windsor (March 1st) - Carolyn Krieger
Reid – Michelle Witt
Salnave - Jim Ford
Betz – Kina Bailey
Sunset – Kipp Sims
Homeworks – Kina Bailey

Workers for the Halet and Windsor school carnival will be decided at the next meeting.

Hosting District Tournaments & Tournament Bracket – Adam Smith handed out the bracket for the district tournament as it exists right now. There are several new leagues that may come in to the district, and one league that may drop out. Bi-County league may not exist at this point. Adam Smith is looking into this, and if this is the case will try annex the Sprague area.

New Software Trial Date – The new league management software that the league purchased last July will be getting a trial run on Wednesday Dec. 20th at 6:00 @ Cheney High School. Contact Adam Smith if you would like to be filled in on how it works. James Whiteley, Carolyn Krieger, and Adam Smith will be there.

Coaches Video – (Mike Paulson) – Nothing was presented on this.

Player Clinics – (Mike Paulson) – Nothing was presented on this.

Raffle Prizes – 2 tickets to Zag Men (game tbd) | round of golf for 3 @ Spokane Country Club (Date tbd) | ??2 passes to DAA Rock and Roll Concert?? |

No other items were presented at this time. Ed Franklin is going to send a letter to Southwest Airlines. Others were charged with coming up with ideas for the next meeting.

Sponsors Paperwork Handed Out – (Sponsors Assignments/Paperwork Handouts) – Adam Smith handed out sponsor contracts to people in charge of contacting each business. Discussion was held on companies that had not paid from last year. Whitworth (400), Tomato Street (400), Consumer Auto Liquidators (400), and Les Schwab (200) all had not paid. Sponsor coordinators were instructed to get responses by the next meeting so that we would know how many sponsors we were going to need for next year. Several sponsor contracts were taken by board members to contact sponsors for a league sponsorships.

Combining Kids for the North and South Major Drafts – After 45 minutes of discussion, it was decided that combining players from ML, Cheney and Airway Heights all on the same team would be best for the growth of the league. Many benefits of combining all three communities were discussed while the biggest drawback would be people having to travel a little further for practices.

It was moved and seconded that this year we remove the North/South barrier at the Majors Level. The motion passed unanimously. How this change would be implemented was tabled for our next meeting.

Web Site Updates – The new site layout was approved. No updates were discussed.

Other News – Jim Ford received the Safety Packet and will start working on it. The board was approached about the status of a player kicked out of the league last year. After 45 minutes of discussion, it was moved and passed that the player would be banned from the league for the rest of his eligibility with West Plains Little League.

Next Meeting Jobs –

Get Age Brackets for the Web Site

Load Pitch Count Q & A

Next Meeting Date – January 17th @ 7:00 @ Kina's House

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Minutes submitted by Adam Smith