

Members Present: Adam Smith, Bob Norman, Linda Norman, Mike Paulson, Chrystal Southwick, Tricia Dormier, Ed Franklin, Kina Bailey, James Whiteley, Justin Smyth, Carolyn Krieger

- A. Fall Ball: Attending members signed in and discussions began regarding fall ball. Pros, cons, and areas for improvement. Generally, the consensus was that fall ball was a success and a great experience for the kids. Views discussed: 1. Questioning the double header. 2. Setting a time limit worked well. 3. Three weeks vs. five weeks. 4. Mix team players. 5. Instructional experience vs. overall competitive. 6. We have to consider parents needs and support. Ask Adam about an old survey to send out to regarding fall ball and to also say thank you.
- B. Uniforms and Collections: We need to see if Adam will secure pods with Jason. We need to get middle school authorization for Pods on their grounds. Concerns were made regarding locking or securing the Pods. Board members recommend access to Pods only by certain members; and coaches have separate storage for their coaching needs. Some equipment is still out and collection will be passed on to new equipment managers.
- C. Brochures: Michelle emailed and said we might need to go to plan B for logo design. Board voted to use what we have. Mike reviewed Brochures. They will be trifold and will include core values, history of the league, growth and development of the league and contact information for funds. Further discussion and review of Brochure will be at the next meeting.
- D. Treasure update: Adam spoke with Rob to send \$600.00 to purchase the batting machine. Sponsors money missing in each of our three accounts.
- E. New software trials: Names of past players in the league will already be in computer. Software review and education of functions will take place at Cheney High School Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am for Board members. Coaches will have different log-ins than board members.
- F. New little league rules: 1. National sex offender database check for participants/coaches/etc. 2. People within your boundaries. 3. Pitchers and limits: 13-16 yrs.-95 pitches per day, 11-12 yrs.-85 pitches per day, 10 yrs and under-75 pitches. Pitch through batter if over limit. Walks don't count (before a pitch is delivered). 16 yrs. and under: 61 or more pitches, 3 days before pitching again; 41-60, 2 days; 21-40, 1 day; less than 20, no days. Should we have pitch counters? Will try them. Failure to notify of over pitch can result in managerial removal. 4. Softball used must meet standards Minors: not less than 6 1/4oz or more than 7 1/4 oz Minors: not smaller than 11 7/8 or larger than 12 1/8 in circumf. T-Ball not smaller than 10 7/8 or larger than 11 1/8 in circumf. And not less than 5 1/2 oz or more than 6 oz. 5. Seniors: bats - See Adam's notes. 6. Pitching rules reviewed for Tourneys. Established Softball Rules: We will email among ourselves. 1. Girls can play in minors if they have at least 1 year of T-ball 2. AA 1 base advance with an overthrow. Overthrow was defined as: After any attempt to make a play at any base, the runners may advance one additional base following that attempt. 3. Coaches may not deviate from the established rules. Any deviation may result in disciplinary action by the WPLL board. 4. No head first slides allowed. Disciplinary action will be taken. First offense, runner will be sent back with warning to previous base, if available, and if previous base is not available runner is out. Second offense is an automatic out. (see Adams notes for further clarification) 5. Dive backs are ok subject to umpires interpretation ( see Adams notes for clarification). 6. Mandatory slide on a close play as defined in Adams notes (see Adams notes). Runner must slide at base if there is a play. 7. Stealing at AAA is allowed in the second half of the season. ( see Adams notes)
- G. 2007 Player Registration - At Nov. meeting we will establish dates. Adam will have his cell phone number only on the form and on the web site. Adam proposed P.O. Box at Geiger, proposal was approved. Registration fees have been adjusted. A late fee of \$20.00 at all levels. A small adjustment will be allowed for multifamily players.
- H. New Rules for next year:
  - Overthrows in AA – Following any attempt to make a play at any base runners may advance only one additional base after the attempt was made.
  - AA Coaches Following Rules – Coaches may not deviate from the rules. Any deviation may result in disciplinary action by the WPLL board.
  - Headfirst Sliding – Head first sliding is not allowed. Should a runner safely arrive at a base via a headfirst slide, he/she must return to the previous base and both teams are

warned that the next violation will result in an out. In the case that there are no unoccupied bases to return runners to, the runner will be called out. The hitter cannot be forced to return to the batters box.

- Headfirst Diving – Diving to a base is allowed if in the umpires discretion, the runner was diving rather than sliding.
  - Mandatory Slide – In the case where there is a play at a base, the runner must slide, unless, in the umpire’s discretion, the runner was attempting to avoid contact with the fielder. If the umpire rules a slide was warranted, the play will result in an out.
  - Stealing at the AAA Level – Stealing/Advancing on passed balls is allowed at the AAA level for the second half of the season.
- I. Grant money was discussed as well as some softball parents were called (8) of ( 8 ) parents agreed to donate minimal 2 hours of their time toward the development of west plains little league softball.
  - J. Next Board meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup> and is set tentatively to be at Kina Baileys house. Adam will email with details.