

West Plains Little League

Minutes for October 29, 2008

6:30 PM

Sign in Members:

- ~ The following Board Members signed-in; Rob Beamer, Pat Perez, Curtis Wiseman, Chrystal Southwick, Joe Cheevers, Tricia Dormaier, Mike Paulson, Tad Richardson, and Adam Smith.

Treasurer Updates:

- ~ Adam Smith reported that there is \$6,424 in WPLL's checking account, \$1,101 in the All-Star account, \$254 in the Challenger account, and \$7,651 in the Field account.
- ~ Adam Smith reported that we are owed \$400 from Linda Bees, \$400 from Bruchies and \$25 from Barbara Hamby.
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed for Adam Smith to purchase 20 new totes for Uniforms and equipment.
- ~ Adam Smith will pursue the purchasing of new uniforms for the Majors League, and bring the costs to a future Board Meeting for approval.

Approve New Board Members:

- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to add Mark Dixon to the Board
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to add Kent and Laura Martin to the Board
- ~ It was moved/seconded and passed to add Erin and Larry Gleave to the Board

E-mail:

- ~ Rob Beamer went over an e-mail that was sent from one of the parents in the League to one of the WPLL. The e-mail was derogatory in nature, and found by the Board to be inappropriate.
- ~ Adam Smith will contact the author of the e-mail and let them know that this behavior was inappropriate and not acceptable.
- ~ If people have problems with coaches, the league, etc., they should express their concern to a Board Member, so that these matters can be handled by the Board.

Fields in Cheney:

- ~ Rob Beamer reported that he is meeting with Cheney Public Works in early November to go over the installation of sod at the Salnave Fields.
- ~ Adam Smith reported that the Cheney Parks Department is submitting the new City park for approval by the City Council at the November 7, 2008 meeting.
- ~ Once the park is approved, Adam will seek funding from several sources including possible Grants.

Challenger League:

- ~ Rob Beamer reported for Dawn Schafer that the new contact for the District Challenger is Heather Sutherland.
- ~ Things that Dawn Schafer would like to see for 2009 is more games in Cheney, a possible Jamboree, and possible a traveling team to go play in California and Western Washington

Old Items:

- **Time limit for AA baseball games**
After much of discussion from the Board, it was decided to clarify the existing rule of *2 hour time limit on games*, to start from the scheduled start time, and to end 2 hours later regardless of the game situation.
It was also decide to also clarify the same rule with A baseball, but with the 1 ½ hour as stated in the rules.
- **Stealing at the AAA level**
After much discussion from the Board, it was decided to keep the rule as is.
- **Ten Run Rule at the Majors Level**
After much discussion from the Board, it was decided to keep the rule as is.

Board Meeting Protocol:

- ~ Rob Beamer discussed the importance of keeping the meetings short, but still address all of the issues and business that needs to be done.

Sponsor Ideas:

- ~ Tad Richardson reported that for Opening Day Ceremonies, we set up a sponsor area (mall) for our sponsors to set up, and get involved with the League.
- ~ Tad asked Board Members for the most updated contact info for the WPLL sponsors.

Softball News:

- ~ Tricia Dormaier reported that the 9-10 year Old Washington State Tournament will be held in Spokane for 2009.
- ~ The State Tournament will be held at either Franklin Park in Spokane or Plants Ferry Park in Spokane Valley.
- ~ The District is looking for any volunteers for this Tournament.

Website Update:

- ~ Adam Smith reported that the website has been updated recently, and had been quite awhile due to some networking issues.

Next Meeting Jobs:

- ~ Mark Dixon (Appointed Umpire Coordinator) reported that he wants to start an umpire training course for our League. Including 3 sessions in the classroom, and 2 sessions out on the field in practice game situations.
- ~ Mark has many ideas for WPLL to consider. Including paying umpires that receive League training, premium pay.
- ~ Mark was directed to come up with a budget for the 2009 season. Last year we spent \$4,500 on Umpires.

Other News:

- ~ Adam Smith reported that the combination locks for the P.O.D.s at both Cheney and Medical Lake has been changed with keyed locks.
- ~ Adam Smith and Mike Paulson will be the only one with keys.

Next Meeting will be November 19, 2008 at Cheney High School at 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Patrick Perez