

WPLL MINUTES-DECEMBER 16, 2009

-Meeting was called to order by President James Whiteley

-James Whiteley announced that effective immediately, Chrystal Southwick is resigning from the Board.

-Introductions were made

-Board Expectations – James noted that he received several responses from the Board regarding Board conduct and expectations. Discussion ensued regarding conduct while serving on the WPLL Board. Adam Smith mentioned that there was a list from the last quarter of 2005 which detailed expectations. A suggestion was made to solidify a document detailing the Board Expectations and having a formal document to share with everyone who serves on the Board.

-John Pikuli discussed the WPLL Concussion Policy

- options were discussed to implement a training program for the coaches which include; concussion training during coaches training and/or handing out a DVD of the training course or having coaches going online to the Washington State site that details the new rules regarding the Concussion Law that has been put into effect.

- More decisions to follow regarding if each WPLL player/parent will need to Be educated on the new state concussion rules

- Adam to look into an online revision of the Medical form to cover the concussion requirements.

-Treasurer's Report – Adam Smith

- Charter Fee of \$3187.60 paid to cover the 2010 season

-Scheduling – Kimo Pikuli

- John would like to avoid scheduling problems during the season with school events. John has looked at the CMS and Medical Lake schedules to ensure that there are no conflicts. If there is a conflict the coach needs to give the scheduler 10 days notice and the game will be rescheduled most likely on the following Saturday.

-Asst Coaches – Adam Smith

- There was a lengthy discussion of limiting Assistant Coaches whose children are new to the draft access to Try-Outs and the draft prior to their children being assigned to a team

- A motion was made from Adam, "For any new player in the Draft, the parent is not allowed to be present as a coach at Try-Outs or at the Draft", the motion Was seconded by Jon P. the motion as voted on and passed unanimously.

-Optimal Team Numbers – James Whiteley

- James brought up this topic for discussion. John M. communicated that the current player minimum is 9 and Max is 12.

-It was discussed and decided that 11 is ideal for all levels.

-Players Agent and President will have input in final team numbers based on registrations

-8 Year Old AAA Try-Outs – John & Kimo Pikuli

-It was reported that approximately 20 Eight year Olds are placed in AAA baseball. Some 8 year olds are able to be competitive in AAA while others would be better served in AA.

-It was decided that we have several options to mitigate this concern; 1) parent makes the decision 2) AAA Try-Outs, 3) Make AA prerequisites to play, 4) no 8 year old players in AAA, 4) Leave the policy the same, 5) call each AAA 8 year old registree and discuss options of play. It was decided to select option 5 to be carried out by the President and the Player Agent.

-New Pin Design – Adam Smith

-Adam presented a new WPLL pin design for 2010. The Board voted to accept the new pin design and was tied at 5 votes for, 5 votes against and 3 abstaining. James Whitely cast the deciding vote to keep the old pin design

-Calendar Items – James Whiteley

-Meeting Adjourned