

## Meeting 2 - November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Cheney High School

**Sign In** - Members Present: Dawn Schafer, John McCallum, Mark Dixon, Tad Richardson, Gary Bond, Mike Fuentes, Amber Hughes, Curtis Wiseman, Adam Smith, James Whiteley, Rob Beamer.

**President - (James)**

-**Calendar for the season** - Put off until December Meeting

-**Mike F Letter** - James shared an e-mail letter that was written on behalf of Mike Fuentes by a family involved in discussions last year.

- **Charter Information** - WPLL will charge the following teams next year: 2 JR League, 6 Majors, 8 AAA, 8 AA, 8 A, 4 Challenger, 2 Majors Softball, 2 AAA Softball, 4 AA Softball.

-**Randy Elam Coaching Clinic** – Presented with Gary Bond's information.

**Treasure - (Adam)** - Reported account balances of: All-Star Fund-\$1,019.71, Challenger League Fund-\$256.30, Checking-\$9,876.94, Field Fund-\$3,809.71. Reported that letter to IRS worked and our \$1,200 fine for filing late has been waived. Also presented Jr. League missing money for t-shirts of 160.00, and received permission from the board to waive the fee. Amber Hughes will reiterate with Kimmel that WPLL will not pay bills unless the purchase is authorized by the equipment officer.

**Softball - (Tricia)** - Not present

**Juniors - (Adam)** - Nothing to report

**Umpires - (Mark)** - Working on setting up pitching/umpire clinic to match last year's clinic. After discussion later, will look to set it up on February as it was done last year.

**Player Agent - (John M)** - Nothing to report

**Website - (Bill)** - Bill wasn't present, but Adam Smith reported that he is working with Bill on some changes to the site. At this point, a Google search option has been added. Coming in the near future is a facebook fan box. This will lead to a change in navigation, probably some sort of dropdown menus. Bill is now running the site, so web information needs to go to him.

**Coaches Coordinator - (John)** - Not present

-**Plan for selecting coaches** - Long discussion on the coaching process. Rob Beamer and Adam Smith reported the Little League International protocol for coaches is that a Coaching Coordinator selects the coaches and makes recommendations to President. The President presents these recommendations to the board which has to give its final approval on who coaches.

-**Training changes?** - John Paikuli reported to James Whiteley that at this point, he is only planning on running the one preseason coaches' meeting. If anybody wanted to do more, they are more than welcome to. Gary Bond presented his plan in working with Cheney Parks and Rec. to run a player clinic on March 20 & 27 from 10-Noon at either EWU Phase or CMS. The clinic would be divided into a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade categories and a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade categories. Gary plans to have 4 coaches for each category and will work with John Paikuli to get volunteers. Gary also reported that Cheney High School is planning on running a clinic on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1 for

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, parents and coaches are welcome to attend. Mark Dixon also decided to keep is pitcher and umpire clinic early as to not conflict with these other clinics.

**Challenger - (Dawn)** - Nothing to report except there is a huge Challenger League opening ceremony in Portland over Memorial weekend. The District Challenger League board is looking into sending teams. Adam Smith commented that a Dawn build a budget with Ceremony entry fee and hotel rooms be built to allow for WPLL board to support sending a group of kids to this event.

**Equipment - (Amber/Gary)**

-**pants budget** -- Amber has finished her inventory and will work with Adam to develop an equipment budget to present in January. Part of next years budget will be Bats for Majors, New Uniforms for AAA and replacement equipment.

-**follow up on tractor** - Both tractors are ours. The green one works best. It does need some work with getting rid of the mow deck and getting a sticky clutch fixed.

**Safety - (John P)**

-**concussion report** - WPLL board is aware of the WIAA concussion standards and will be educating the coaches. John will present this process when present.

**Sponsors - (Tad)** - currently is sending letters to last years sponsors. No real changes in sponsorship except a discount off of last years rates of 50.00 if the fee is paid before Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Letters to last years sponsors and plaques will be sent out at the beginning of December.

**Registration - (Rob)** Nothing to report

**Opening Day - (Fred)** Not present

**Scheduling - (Kimo)** Not present

-**plan for changes when required school events conflict with schedules**

-**days to play per level** - This was mentioned and everybody wanted to keep them the same

**Tryouts - (Curtis)** - Nothing to report

**Scorekeeper - (Amber)** - Wants to do training on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Cheney High School. More details at the next meeting

**District 13 - (Mike/Adam?)** - Mike was not present, but reported to James the following. Little League International is looking adopt a policy to redraft every year at the Majors. District 13 will vote against this. All-Stars will be assigned per a rotating schedule that George presented to the individual leagues. This forced certain leagues to be responsible for hosting All-Stars and allowed for them to host on fields that were not their own.

-**Update regarding Mead and Northside** - Rob Beamer and Adam Smith reported some of the events that have been going on around this. WPLL board was generally disgusted with actions of the Northside board.

**Anyone else** - Rob Beamer reported on the failed bond. The bond received support in all precincts, but not a high enough percentage. Basically, it was 65 votes short of passing. At the last Parks Board meeting, most people voted no because they thought that the community center was to far away from the center of Cheney. Several options are being looked at and full details

can be found in this week's Cheney Free Press. Adam Smith reported that he has talked to Rob about where to go next for WPLL and Rob has invited Adam to present his ideas at the next Parks Board meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Tomlinson Black Building. Looks like Adam's ideas just earned him another meeting.

**New Business - (James) - Adam Smith presented** his idea of not allowing "Assistant Coaches" who do not have a kid on a team at the Majors and JR League level to be present at a draft or tryouts. Assistant coaches who have a kid already on the team are allowed to participate, but coaches who are trying to get their kid on a certain team are not allowed. This would be a step to prevent teams from getting stacked by the parents.

**Dawn Shaffer presented** ideas about board etiquette policy to be signed off on by board members. James Whitely will draft up a version of this and send it out for input.

Items to be discussed at the next board meeting are:

- WPLL Raffle
- "Assistant Coaches"
- Calendar
- Player registration fees for next year
- Registration form input
- Sponsors
- Board Etiquette policy
- Complaint tracking form to be developed by James

**Next Meeting Date -** December 16<sup>th</sup> @ Medical Lake Pizza Factory at 6:30. James is buying Pizza for the board, so we know that Pat Perez will be in attendance.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:45.**

**Adam to lead a volunteer Sports manager training after the meeting -** James attended and it went great!

**Minutes submitted by Adam Smith**