

Agenda Jan. 4, 2012 – 6:30 @ Cheney HS (6:30-8:45p)

Sign In – Mark Dixon, Rob Beamer, James Charbaneau, Robyn Chabot, Amber Wiseman, John McCallum, Augie Hernandez, Sabrina Meyer-Quiroz, Lynette Hagel, Syrie Barsness, Adam Smith

Volunteer Application Forms – distributed/returned

Approve new board members – Augie Hernandez

Treasure Update –Troy Heuett (via Adam Smith)

- 2nd week of December, t/c with Paul Simmons from City of Cheney– WPLL approved to apply for Baseball Tomorrow Fund. Needed budget report immediately, which was prepared by Troy Heuett. Report copies handed out and reviewed at meeting. Bottom line for 2011 budget... net (-\$9,172.69), savings account used for shortfall. Many improvements made last year.
- Current savings account \$1,800
- Need to work on sponsorship fees coming in very quickly. Budget ran thin last year with improvements made. This year will be a make-up year budget-wise.
- President's proposed 2012 budget circulated. Income estimates based off analysis of last year's player numbers and this year's registration costs. Add \$3,000 to estimates where player registration fees were miscalculated on proposed budget (i.e., player registration is expected at \$25,800, not \$22,000). Adjust budget accordingly.
- Anticipated costs discussed (see 2012 budget sheet)
 - o Leo's – 10% of net income being kicked back to WPLL from pictures (about \$1,200 income anticipated)
 - o Equipment costs may be lower if we can get police department to return stolen items in time for season.
 - o May not need to buy safety baseballs, and we should have enough bats, so WPLL may save money off estimated budget there. Many composite bats in storage ... consider recycling these non-regulation bats.
 - o All-Star parents may be charged nominal fee to help offset anticipated cost (\$2,800). Needs discussed further.
 - o Break away bases cost estimated, but may not need anew this year. Budgeted in case.
 - o Field costs will be lower if more games played in Cheney rather than elsewhere where field usage fees are higher.
 - o Little League All Star fee \$150 per team (doubled last year)... we send 7 teams for total of \$1,000.
 - o Note: need to add \$50 for equipment storage totes to proposed budget. Approved.
 - o Banners for individual teams/sponsors... costs kept low at \$250 due to contact at CHS. Amber needs list of current sponsors so we don't make unnecessary banners a.s.a.p.
 - o Grand total savings of approximate \$7,000 should remain in account at end of year with proposed budget.
 - o If more money needed in particular area, board member shall return to board and ask for board to approve additional funds.
 - o Moved, seconded... All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. 2012 budget passes unanimously.
- Opening ceremony fundraising will be a go if someone wants to spearhead this.

Softball Updates – Joe/Trisha

Not present

Sponsors – Syrie Barsness

Kimmel “yes” for 2 teams, Kojo Farms a “maybe” for AAA (Adam to follow up), Jarms “yes” for Majors, Rosas Pizza “maybe”, Cheney Free Press and Oldies But Goodies not confirmed but “anticipated as a yes”, Robert Hahn Law Office “maybe” for AAA (Jim to confirm), Action a “maybe” (Syrie to follow up), Jason Youngward (sp?) Construction “yes”, Paikuli and Tomato Street “maybes” (Adam and Syrie/Tricia to follow up), Collins Dentistry a “no”, Fast Signs “no”, Lighthouse auto “anticipated no” (Amber will check), Leos “yes” (Adam will collect), Pizza Factory ? (Kimo/Adam to follow up), Mckenstry (sp?) (Amber will check), Brad ?, TriCounty Septic “yes” for A, Chets “no”, Joe taking care of softball sponsors, Bi-mart a “yes” for challengers, Avista usually donates \$300-500 (Syrie to call), Lynette volunteered to follow up with Spokane Indians for possible sponsorship.

Still need Majors sponsor. 8 AAA sponsors needed. With above expected/maybe sponsors, we’ll have enough. Syrie to send sponsor forms via email to board members still following up with sponsors, as requested.

2012 Coaches – James Whiteley/Bill Peabody (coordinators)

Not present. Coaching coordinators’ proposal expected at February meeting.

Question to board – how are coaches assigned to particular team? Generally, parent coaches/asst. coaches own child’s team. Co-coaching situations have been created in past. Never had problem in past with too many coaches. Coaching coordinator usually makes sure those who want to coach are able to, with approved background check (though some not asked to return).

Coordinators to go over by-laws and enforcement of by-laws with coaches.

Suggest coaches give goals to players so they have ascertainable, realistic goals for improvement.

Suggest coaches solicit assistance/bookkeeper to help track playtime and player rotation for fair playtime.

Old Business

League By-Laws – A rules. Discussed rules that were not followed last year and reasons. Discussed enforcing rules. Proposed changes. Regardless of changes or rules maintained, need to communicate rules and expectations for enforcement to coaches through coordinators. Proposed: once through batting order each inning (to replace 10 batter max or 3 out rule, whichever happened sooner). Proposed: outs will be enforced (i.e. runner leaves base and returns to dugout), but no limit of three outs per inning (i.e., each team bats its line up every inning). Motion to accept rules as re-written, all in favor, passes.

Review President’s Letter – Adam Smith – edits suggested/made. Will be sent to families early February.

Registration Form Approval - Adam Smith – edits suggested/made.

League Brochures Approval - Adam Smith – edits suggested.

On-Line Calendar for 2012 – Adam Smith

Playtime Policy Statement – Adam Smith – edits suggested/made. Discussed whether or not to reference minimum playtime as required by Little League (policy statement goes above and beyond minimum requirement, but is not a requirement in and of itself, only a policy statement). Board declined to reference Little League minimum playtime rule. Policy statement to appear on web site. Moved, seconded. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Merchandise Sales – Adam Smith/Amber Wiseman

Augie – merchandise alternative supplier (Jeff Sweat, Spokane Athletic Supply). Concern about switching from Kimmel is having to recreate database of needs, would be difficult to match with existing equipment. Could cause more work to order and start process all over with new company. Last year had a lot of problems, but expecting this year will be different. Suggestion: see how it goes this year with Kimmel; if switching companies, start process at end of season rather than beginning of season. Suggestion: use multiple companies for different items and chase best price regardless of supplier (e.g., bid jerseys thru one company, baseballs thru another, etc.). Amber has Jeff Sweat’s contact info to investigate alternatives. Amber will approach Spokane Athletic and Kimmel to check best prices.

Pins – Board Discussion. Need different backing that doesn't fall off. Majority of comments supported continued pins. Start brainstorming 10 year anniversary design.

Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run – Adam Smith. Possibility that we'll have this contest here in May, but WPLL is not running it, so depends on the organizer.

Pitching/Umpire Clinic – Mark Dixon

Umpire clinic will happen. Working on calendar.

Pitching clinic for baseball and softball too big for Mark to do alone. Need volunteers. Amber and Syrie recruiting volunteers. Last weekend February or first of March? Mark will organize, but will need help on day of pitching clinic. May have location conflict with baseball practice at CHS. Consider Eastern field house through parks and rec.

Will need approx. 25 rule books

Field Use Agreement with Medical Lake/Cheney/Airway Heights – Insurance Form- Adam has forms ready to distribute, (Airway Heights does not want copy)

Medical Lake School District Form Distribution – Kristina to go to school district and fill out form granting permission to distribute player registration forms.

Other Business

New fields high school built will be available next year.

Web Site Updates?

Next Meeting – Sunday - Jan. 29 @ 2:00 @ Tad Richardson's House (registration form stuffing party). Look for email with address closer to date.

Moved, seconded, adjourned at 8:45.