

## Agenda Nov. 16, 2011 – 6:30 @ Cheney HS

Sign In – Augie Hernandez, Sabrina Myer-Quiroz, Rob Beamer, Adam Smith, Mark Dixon, David Wiggs, Kristina Nichols, Tad Richardson

Volunteer Application Forms – filled out by present members. Will hand out to missing board members next meeting.

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### **Treasure Update** – Troy Heuett via Adam Smith

WPLL received letter from IRS accepting last year's return. Accountant was paid to balance books, which worked out well. Same accountant will do books this year voluntarily. Current treasury report pending, though reportedly \$4,000 in bank. Accountant will balance this figure and reconcile against bank statement. Full treasury report will be prepared, with aid of students in accounting class (great youth experience too!), and Adam will circulate this report via email before next meeting.

### **Old Business**

**North/South separation issue** – Absent board member suggested 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice for choosing geographic location for team participation. Players/parents could rank choices and WPLL would place on team based on request, as WPLL is able. Alternate suggestion: adjust player registration form/online registration (sample form circulated) to explain that north/south delineation is so that parents can choose where they would like child to practice, regardless of where they live. Suggestion: also change registration form language from "Where do you live" to "Preferred area." Board accepted latter two recommendations.

### **Raffle Status** – Vote on one of 3 options:

A – 5.00 Raise w/purpose explained to registrants, Booth @ Opening Day, Set a Goal w/list of projects, Option when signing up

B – 5.00 Raise, Opening Day Booth w/50/50 raffle

C – 10.00 Raise

D – Run the raffle again

Recommendation re: raffle decision from absent member – option (a) (detailed email justifying this option was sent by John McCallum and read during meeting by Adam Smith).

Option A will require organization for Opening Day (i.e. organize raffle, 50/50, and/or other fundraising activities, etc.). Establish goal and list of projects to reach the goal. Recommendation: display showing where the money has gone in the past, including field development pictures. Registration form/online registration will also be adjusted as necessary to reflect option A above.

Absent votes – 2 for A, 1 for C. Present member moved for option A. All members present are in favor, 1 absent member opposed. Motion passes to approve option A above.

### **Sponsors** – Syrie (via Adam)

Need to confirm sponsorships for next year. Adam talked with Kimmel (yes for Majors and junior), Cojo Farms (very likely yes for AAA). Rob – Jarms (yes for Majors), Rosa's (yes for AA). Waiting for remaining sponsor confirmations from assigned board members.

### **Softball Updates** – Joe (absent)

### **Merchandise Sales** – Adam

Explained last year's problems to Kevin Hutton at Kimmel regarding missing or incorrect merchandise. Adam explained that he wants to turn in a form with an order and receive the exact order in return. Kimmel offered to run website so people can order online to simplify process. We'll provide number of items we anticipate to sell and they'll give us the bulk pricing without dealing with hassle of a bulk order. I.e., Kimmel can have delivery date and bags individualized for WPLL to deliver to the individual families.

Suggestion – choose alternate merchandise supplier, such as Greg McGowen?, Spokane Athletic Supply, other. WPLL will likely risk losing Kimmel's sponsorship, though new supplier may take over that sponsorship. Kimmel beat other suppliers with bids in the past (we've worked with them for 10 years and had good experience overall until last year), though it may be sensible to at least research other vendors. WPLL's volume approx \$30,000 annual, including all uniforms and gear. Adam has prices from Kimmel that can be compared. Members interested in vendor change should report alternate vendor options at January meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Teams for Charter – Adam**

Last year chartered 6 Majors teams (maintain for next year). Junior league had 3 teams (maintain unless registrations increase). T-ball had 8 teams chartered last year, paid for one additional (keeping at 8 for next year). Minors chartered 21 teams last year (consensus to reduce to 18). AAA/AA have 9, will be maintained. Challenger had 4 teams (maintain). Softball had 3 teams (consensus to reduce to 2). Softball minors 14 teams (reduce to 12).

We have crime insurance with \$500 deductible (our cost \$205). Also have general liability insurance for \$1,922. Each facility used is covered. Not covered on FAB. Each facility \$20 (\$101 to cover liability).

Each team \$16 per plus \$30 per for insurance. 53 teams = \$2,438 plus above insurances, for a total of \$4644. Will need \$3,600 to start season.

### **Calendar for 2012 – Adam**

- Google Calendar – Bill
- Cheney last day of school – 6/8/2012
- Medical Lake last day of school – 6/19/12
- Next board meeting 1/4/12 at 6:30 at M.L. pizza factory
- Spring registration opens 1/1/12
- Upcoming “folding party” for registration forms. Tad volunteered his home for 1/29/12 early afternoon luncheon (2pm).
- 1/30/12- circulate registration forms at schools for distribution. (approx 70% of registrations come online). Kristina to do Hallet and MLMS, Tad to do Windsor, David to do Betz and CMS, Amber? to do Sunset, Malissa B. to do Salnave
- 2/22/12 – 6:30 board meeting at CHS.
- 2/25/12 – in-person registrations at CHS, M.L. pizza factory and Airway Heights library.
- James Whitely (coaching coordinator not available last weekend March)
- 3/14/12 – 6:30 board meeting at M.L. pizza factory
- 3/17-18/12 – Tryouts 11a.m. (usually completed by 12:30 or 1:00)
- 3/21/12 – 6pm Make up tryout and 7pm draft in M.L.

- 3/24/12 – players informed of teams. Coaches meeting
- 3/26/12 – Majors practice begins
- 3/28/12 – AAA practice begins
- First week of April – spring break
- 4/9/12 - A and AA coaches meeting approx. 5:30 pm, hand out equipment afterward
- 4/11/12- scorekeeper training 6:30 CHS
- 4/13/12 – Majors games begin
- 4/14-15/12 – A and AA players notified of teams by their coaches
- 4/16/12 – A and AA practice begins; AAA games begin
- 4/18/12 – board meeting at CHS at 6:30
- 4/28/12 – opening ceremonies.
- 4/30/12 – A and AA games begin.
- Discussion: Leos does pictures. Problem last year: scheduled same day as Jr. Bloomsday. Picture turn-around is 1-2 weeks. Picture schedule adjusted to avoid known conflicts.
- 5/11/12 – Majors pictures at Salnave and Waterfront. Adam to schedule pictures and Rob B. to schedule games to coordinate.
- 5/12/12 – All other pictures. Rob B. to schedule games starting 9 a.m. at Salnave
- 5/13/12 – Tryouts for Jr. League and Draft
- 5/25/12 – no majors games
- 5/28/12 (Memorial Day) – no AAA games that weekend
- 6/2/12 – Junior League games begin
- 6/10/12 – 5pm - All Star coaches meeting at CHS
- 6/4/12 - Majors designated make-up day
- 6/9-15/12 -Majors and AAA end of season tourney
- [Earlier Discussion: 15 weeks for Majors... trying to schedule and build in final tournament. Options: go 1 week past traditional season in June (thru week after Cheney school is out), or start earlier (though snow a concern). Final consensus: go 1 week late, tourney to be 6/11-16/12 (allows tryout dates to remain the same and build in rain days/make-ups). No tourney for AAA last year because so many rainy day make up games last year, but will attempt tourney this year.]
- 6/15/12 – All Stars announced
- 6/16/12 – 10a.m. coaches turn in gear AAA and Majors in M.L.; A/AA turn in gear Cheney 1pm
- 6/20/12 – Junior League All Stars selected
- 7/3/12 – Juniors end of season
- July All Star Tournament Dates TBA

### **Registration Form Approval – Adam**

Registration form amended to reflect above date changes, “preferred area” change, raffle explanation, \$5 price increase with explanation. Basic information and layout approved by Board. Challenger price not subject to price increase. Recommendation: no registration fee for Challenger Division. Moved, seconded to waive Challenger Division registration fee... 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

Optional field donation included on registration form... Adam to incorporate to online version.  
Registration form approved by Board.

Recommendation: Be prepared with tax i.d. number for donations, possibly incorporate in registration form. Action plan: Form to include explanation that WPLL is 503c and can provide donation receipt upon request.

**Letter from the President to families** – Adam (State of Little League) Letter circulated by Adam and reviewed by board members. Edits made.

**Review proposed draft of possible WPLL Policy statement** regarding play time and positioning – Policy memo drafted by Adam, reviewed by board. Suggestion: maintain Little League requirements and no more, reduce number of suggested minimum games for Majors (e.g., from 4 to 2). If policy statement adopted, include language that responsibilities include maintaining player safety. AAA Little League calls for 2 innings per game, WPLL calls for 3. Suggestion: recommend continuous batting order rather than minimum game recommendations. This is policy statement to encourage coaches to be conscious of play time, not to make guarantees to parents. Discussion tabled till next meeting... to be added to next agenda.

**Bylaws and rules circulated for review before next meeting.** Will be circulated to parents. WPLL needs to ensure compliance with these rules. Note: philosophy of board can change with new board members. Be prepared with any recommendations for adjustments at next board meeting.

**League Brochures Approval** - Adam

**Pins** – Kristina?

Suggestion: re-design pins (10 year anniversary 2013)... 10 year anniversary logo for shirts, new pin. Current logo took 2 years to develop, so get ball rolling now for 10-year logo. Recommendation: obtain graphic design intern from EWU with possible contest. Brainstorm ideas for design ... Sabrina has graphic design contacts at school (she reminds to be mindful that EWU is on quarter system.) Tabled and to be added to next agenda with recommendation that members continuing brainstorming design ideas.

**Approval for Startup Supplies** –

- Paper-10,000 (approx. \$20)
- Envelopes-1,000
- Stamps-5 Rolls
- Printer Cartirdges-2 Refills (approx \$60)

Moved, second, all in favor, motion passes unanimously. Adam to purchase and start printing process, to be ready by “folding party” end of January.

**Web Site Updates?** See website for any updates made.

**Next Meeting** – Jan. 4 @ 6:30 @ Pizza Factory

Adjourned.