

WPLL Board Meeting

October 29, 2012

Attending: Syrie Barsness, Casey Barsness, Mark Dixon, Robyn Chabot, Lynette Hagel, Amber Wiseman, Joe Cheevers, Tricia Cheevers, David Riggs, Adam Smith, Rob Beamer.

Old business: Positions-

VP- Curtis Wiseman, Moved by Riggs, seconded by Adam Smith.

Tricia Cheevers – Score Keeper training

Tryouts – Mark, Dave and Curtis

Opening Day- Lynette Hagel

Adam moves that all the positions be accepted as filled.

Robyn Chabot seconds

Adam moves and seconded by Dave Riggs to accept Casey Barsness as a new board member

All passed unanimously

- **Next item:**

Do we want to put a portable mound on the field at Waterfront Field?

Dirt is not cheap. Can get a prefab one online for about \$700.00

Robyn moves to table until this winter/spring to see how finances are. Second Adam, Unanimous.

- **Next item:**

Should we add “years experience” onto our registration form?

Tabled until bottom of agenda

- **Next item-**

District meeting update: Charter is due by December 1, 2012

Umpire school. 3 regional instructors will do a district clinic, 1st or second weekend of February at DAA. Moved by Adam, seconded by Dave to pay the \$100 for this clinic. Unanimous.

- **Next Item-**

All stars, do we ask kids families to pay? The all-star's program cost our league several thousand dollars per year. Propose a package with a t-shirt.

Adam moves that we adopt a fee to finance all-stars. We will determine exactly what the package looks like at the Feb meeting. Lynette seconds. Passed- one abstaining

- **Next item-** State Juniors Tournament, July 2013, we will host at Medical Lake.

Mike Paulsen has volunteered to head that up. We will need help and sponsors for the tournament. Adam said his students can head up the program. We can get kick -backs from motels. Vender space? We will solicit Airway and Medical Lake. We want to look at this as a fundraiser.

Adam moves to host this tournament. Dave seconds. Approved unanimously.

- **Next item-**

Major's tournament will not be available to us until 2020.

9 & 10 All-star's State tournament will be available to be ours in 2015.

- **Next item-** Things to purchase;

Whiffle balls for coaches. Majors and AAA. Cost? Number of teams? Equipment people will research.

- **Next item:**

Need signs on the fences to not hit balls into the fences. Rob will check with Park department. Adam moves to table until Rob knows what their answer is. Second by Lynette. Unanimous.

Need to replace some equipment totes and bags. Equipment people to write in to budget for these items.

- **Next Item-**

Single A- we have a 14 yr old girl who wants to coach. Is there a liability issue? Agreed that it would be a good experience as long as one of the youth's parents is willing to be the manager. Tabled until next meeting.

- **Next item-** T-ball issues

Rules for running bases in t-ball: Should we have a last batter of the inning run all the bases and running every runner in? Should they get to run until a fielder touches the ball rather than

just advance one base. Adam moves two rule changes to A. 1. That we have the last batter be the last batter. No running around the bases. 2- that the runners can run until a fielder touches the ball at which point they advance to the nearest base. Dave seconds, unanimous.

- **Next item-**

Stadium sports for t-shirts and Kimmel for other gear. This would relieve the problem of getting shirts from Kimmel printed correctly and distributed in a timely fashion. Also Sunrise custom apparel was recommended. Stadium Sports only does screen printing for shirts and hats. Kimmel wouldn't miss the business as they are downsizing the print shop. Stadium Sports prints for Spokane Athletic. Equipment people will look into this. Adam moves that Robyn, Amber and Jim Charbonneau, research different vendors. Dave seconds. Unanimous.

- **Next item-**

Opening Day ideas- 10 year celebration

Do something special for 10 year sponsors – 10 year plaque

Adam is working on a special commemorative logo

That would be the logo for the A and AA shirts

Bring back alumni wearing the colors of their respective teams. Give them a commemorative pin.

Lynette can get Otto or Doris to come out. (Maybe both)

Cake

Band

Fireworks

- **Next item-**

Clinics-

Coach's training- Adam, Umpire training- Mar

- **Next item-**

Sponsors- Banners, Adam's students will print these.

McKinstry, Mountain View, J&J Lube, out for sure. Cheney Free Press and Tomato Street probably will be out. Action Materials was the sponsor of the team that was plagued by bad coaching- drinking, profanity, etc. They donated about 8 truckloads of dirt. Will 3 more years of sponsorship be sufficient?

(Amber volunteered to call the parents of that team to apologize for the experience. Dave also volunteered to do this.)

Yarnell built foul poles for us.

- **Next item**

Fundraising.

Last year we increased the price of registration by \$5.00= \$1800.00

We also added a "Check here to donate" field to the registration form = \$1200.00

Total \$3000.00

Spent \$3000.00 in field improvements

So we still have \$0

We want batting cages. Possibly do as an Eagle project with Kyle Barsness. He would deal with city and solicit donations. We (the league) will buy the netting.

Move to not do a specific fundraiser but to do several smaller ones. For example home run derby, run the bases, collections around town and at other activities like clinics.

- **Next item-**

Interleague tournament between us and Riverview or Spokane South. This will involve Major's only and only regular season teams.

Amber will find out. Probably will do it with Riverview as South is unable to accommodate our schedule.

- **Next issue**

Can we play a game with 8 players on Majors and AAA. Current Little League rules say we have to forfeit. Proposal is that if the coach knows the #9 player will show up. Adam proposes that in Majors we start with 8 players and as the 9th player spot comes up it is counted as an out.

Then when/if player shows they get that 9th spot. Then for AAA the 9th player is not counted as an out but goes in as the 9th player when/if they show up. Dave seconds. Passes unanimously.

- **Next Issue**

Mentoring coaches: Propose that AAA coaches have to go to one Majors practice to observe how practice is run. Also the coaching clinic should help in coaching development.

3rd strike drop is implemented in the National level and in other area leagues. So we will let coaches know that this is a National by law.

- **Next item-**

Reorganize how AAA teams are formed. Amber stated that assistant coaches for AAA are not to be named until team is formed, because AAA is supposed to be pulled out of a hat. Carpooling can circumvent that rule. The main issue is to prevent team stacking. This issue has been tabled until next meeting.

Meeting called to be adjourned at 9:56 pm by Adam seconded by Rob.