

Jan. 11 2016 WPLL Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order @6:32p

**Attendadnce:**

-Rob Beamer, Steve Griffey, Rachael Griffey, Shannon Dow, Josh Dow, Jeremiah Docken, Terri Haas, Gene Haas, Stacy Ashcroft, Robyn Chabott, Justin Knighten, Adam Smith, Brandie Barry, Tannya Hurley.

**New Board Members:**

-Brandie Barry has been added to the board. Rachael moves motion, Rob seconds; Motion passes unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**

-\$4042.78 in funds. Rob paid charter fees of \$3143

**General Items:**

-Adam is going to edit our registration form and will send out via email.

-board chose to discuss call-up procedure at next meeting rather than this one.

-Pitch count must be tracked by score keeper and coaches must keep paper score book.

-Coaches meeting discussion:

-board has concerns about forming of teams. Teams cannot be changed. If changes are necessary Rachael must be informed and she is the only one able to approve/make changes.

-Board discusses coaches from previous year and believes that a few coaches will not be invited back to play with us do to issues throughout the season.

-constitution must be reviewed every 2 years. Board reviews constitution. No changes are to be made. Rob moves to accept constitution and Josh seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**-Board reviews league by-laws:**

-Rachael would like a rule about stealing bases on walked players. She would like a rule limiting stealing bases when batter is walked. Gene would like staling on walks to continue in the Majors league unless the pitcher is on the mound. Adam addresses teaching baseball fundamentals and letting players steal bases should be legal and left up to umpire discretion. Board agrees on leaving ruling where it is and allowing stealing on walks within the majors but not allowing it in AAA.

-Gene would like umpires talked to about sliding runners. Player should always slide at home base if the play is at the base or could be at the base. If the ball is in route to home base the runner should slide. Board discusses it and agrees to refresh this rule with umpires. A play at home requires a slide unless trying to avoid physical contact.

-AA rule 2-C (Coaches will pitch from on a knee and from approximately 30-35 ft.) must be followed.

- Majors rule 9-A (No new inning can start after 2 1/2 hours.) must be followed.

-Game limit ruling and terminology needs to be consistent. Board discusses game limit ruling and decides on using Majors 9-A style ruling (see above) with Majors rule stating no new inning started after 2.5 hours of play and no new inning started after 2 hours of play for AAA.

-Gene reminds board that pitching mounds at Medical Lake must be used everytime. A reminder will be made to coaches at coaches meeting.

-Rachael moves to approve changes made to by-laws; Rob seconds; voting passes unanimously.

-Robyn verifies we are moving forward with using Momentum Ink as supplier for attire and ask board if we are to order attire for coaches. It is decided we continue like before and order 1 coach shirt and 2 coach hats. Assistant coaches will receive only a hat. This applies to each team.

-Momentum Ink will set us up an E-commerce store where parents can purchase team attire and apparel items for sale. Board agrees that all items should have West Plains Little League logo on them.

-Momentum Ink has pants for sale at \$18.50 each for belted and \$7.75 each for elastic waistband. Board agrees to stick with Kimmel for pants as they are cheaper.

-Socks will be from Momentum Ink as well as Visors. Visor are \$8 each.

-T-shirts are \$9 for dry-fit and hats will be cotton with adjustable backs.

-We will ask for 10% of the sales proceeds and all replacement jerseys will be from Momentum as they can match our old style.

-Board discusses sponsor changes and there are no major adjustments or changes made at this time.

-Board discusses moving try-outs to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of March and moving draft to 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Coaches meeting and equipment hand out will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> and make-up tryouts on the AAA and Majors level will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

-Board discusses game days for Majors. Josh would like games on Monday and Thursday to leave time for Saturday inter-league play without playing two days in a row. Board discusses in length and Gene moves to have games Monday and Thursday; Josh seconds voting passes with Rob opposed and Stacy abstained.

-All games will start at 5:30p. Board discusses and agrees on 5:30 start time. Games will start week after spring break (week of April 10<sup>th</sup>) Rachael moves to approve games start time and dates; Shannon seconds; voting passes unanimously

-Board will table all unaddressed issues until next meeting.

-Salnave Field update

-umpire pay

-Umpire coach interaction

-requiring pitching mounds for AAA

Meeting came to end at 9:03p with next meeting scheduled for 2.1.16 at Cheney High School at 6:30p