

West Plains Little League Board Meeting
Call to order: 6:37p

03/08/2017

Attendance:

-Brandie Barry, Wendy Armes, James Gall, Heather Ambute, Josh Dow, Jeff Heuschkel, Stacy Ashcroft, Adam Smlith, Justin Knighten, Rachel Griffey, Steve Griffey.

Safety Plan-Rob Beamer

-Safety plan and Charter were formally approved.

2017 Coaches Meeting-Josh

-Forms are on Google Drive for coaches meeting. Background checks need to be back right away. Big Al's coaching, new rules and changes will be talked about. Mark (Dixon) would like get coaches together for a basic rules meeting. Coach/Umpire interaction rule will be touched on with coaches. Adam wants to stress the Big Al's coaching lessons to justify our board buying into it. We need to mention All Stars to all of the coaches as well. Equipment turn in needs to be mentioned also. Josh has 4 coaches for Majors. Randy Weatherby Anthony Frank and Art Vega would like to coach AAA. Rachel moves to approve the new coaches. Anthony Frank would need to coach from Medical Lake. Steve seconds motion. All for it, Motion passes unanimously. We are in need of a 5th Majors coach. The board is trying to find one more coach.

Sponsors Contact List-Stacy

-Board discusses some sponsors to donate gift cards as an incentive for returning equipment on time. Stacy informs board of updates with sponsors. Other than Pizza factory all of our AAA sponsors are good. Jarms has not been confirmed but we are fairly certain they will continue to help. American Family Insurance is a new sponsor. We have quite a few new Softball sponsors. Still may be a sponsorship from Banner Bank coming to the league. We have a few sponsors that will be changing.

Scoreboard Remotes-

-Adam has no new information on the replacement remotes. They will be ordered up.

District 13 News-

-No new news. If the board has any questions please reach out to Adam or the "Green Book". Board discusses inter-leaguering paperwork needed. The board is not planning on inter-leaguering at the Majors level. We have not heard of any options from other leagues.

Umpire L&I-Mark Dixon

-Mark did not make the meeting. He is working on Umpire training. This Sunday, March 12th, Cheney High School will be opened up for umpire training. The training will be at 2pm.

Fields-

- The board discusses setting a date to work on the fields. It is hard to know when the fields are going to be snow free. We can tentatively plan on Sunday April 9th at 1pm for volunteers to help clean up fields.

Challenger Update-

-We have 2 challenger kids registered right now.

Registration Numbers-

-2017 Numbers are doing OK. We are down a little over last year but we have enough kids to make our teams. Softball numbers are great this year compare to other years. We still may have a few AAA Baseball kids that have not registered yet.

Phone Call Recap-

-Most families that have been called intend on playing baseball but have not registered yet. Majors coaches have been following up with their teams.

Mike Paulson Voluteer Award-

-A reminder that this is coming up.

Treasurer Report-

-We have \$9007.74 in our checking right now but we have not been billed for our equipment order yet. Everything is up to date and we have no outstanding expenses. Sports Manager owes us \$8465 as of right now. That will be added to our current balance once it clears.

General Discussion-

-Josh would like to see the 9th player being automatically out in Majors rule removed. He would like that rule to be the same as AAA with no penalty for playing with 8 players. The majors rule is set that way to get the boys ready for middle and high school ball. It may not be right to limit the play time for the boys just based on who can make a game. The rule book states a forfeit and we do not want to give up entire games because there aren't enough boys for a complete team. The rule is in place to prevent bad coaches from keeping players out to help the team. We could have a conditional rule. If we start a game with 8 players the rule would not apply but if we start a game with 9 or more then the rule stands for the entirety of the game. Steve motions to change our rule. James Seconds. All for it. Motion passes unanimously.

Tryouts-

Tryouts have been moved back one week to March 18th and 19th. We should be able to play outside well enough. Holding tryouts indoors may give an unrealistic display of the players ability. The weather is not going to be perfect all spring and the players will need to adapt to weather. We will need a tryout sheet for the coaches to rate the players. Stacy is going to work on that. Wednesday the 22nd at 6 will be our makeup tryouts and the draft will be held the same night at 7pm. Roster will hopefully be made up that night as well as sent out to coaches so they can get together and start practicing. AAA teams should be formed by the weekend of the 25th. The coaches meeting will be Saturday March 25th at 9am at Cheney High School. Equipment will be handed out after the coaches meeting.

Next Meeting-

-April 19th at Cheney High School at 6:30pm

Meeting called to an end at 7:58pm

