West Madison Little League

Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 10, 2009
Madison Ice Arena

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Miller at 9:05 AM.

Introductions: Board Members in attendance were introduced 13 Board members and 7 members were present. VP Miller thanked retiring board member John Lubarsky for his 10 years of service on the board.

Operations Report: Miller reported for President Heneghan and commented on the operation of the organization during the past year. Topics included participation levels, building plans, fall ball participation increases, very positive coach evaluations, top-notch field conditions, increases in concession sales, facility improvements, online registration, Challenger League, success of tournament teams advancing to Regionals (12's) and World Series (Seniors) and fund raising efforts.

Financial Report: Battista reviewed the annual financial report as of September 30, 2009, as compiled by Tomczak and Zwaska.. Total Income rose to $425,741, an increase of about $8,000, primarily related to higher concession sales and regular season and fall ball registrations. Total Expenses also rose to $425,308. This increase of $22,000 was mainly due to the $17,000 down payment for the new multipurpose building planned for this fall. Net Income was $432 for the year. The organization maintains very adequate cash reserves for current operations. as well as long term projects.

Open Forum: Members present were encouraged to bring up suggestions for the board's consideration. Suggestions included a review of the player roster assignment process for Fall Ball; review of Fall Ball age alignments for the various leagues to better balance the talent; expanding the offering of softball clothing at the Forward Drive facility; offering more aggressive outside sales and internet ordering capabilities for clothing; assistance with the WMLL website.

Elections: Miller explained the election process and turned the meeting over to Battista to conduct the elections. Since there were no further nominations beyond the five candidates for the five open positions, a motion was made by Hunter, seconded by Collins and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for all five candidates. Motion carried. Those elected to three year terms were Newburg, Tomczak, Miller, Metcalf and new member Bob Jordan.

Other Business: Hunter noted the activities of the Softball Committee and encouraged participation by any interested members. The issue of umpire no-shows and overall training were discussed briefly. McNamara addressed both and noted some new ideas for 2010. Discussion again on the issue of fall ball major league balance as noted in the open forum.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Battista
Recording Secretary