

West Madison Little League
Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 8, 2011, Vitense Golfland

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

Introductions: In addition to 10 Board members, 16 general members were present. Each person introduced themselves.

President's Report: President Heneghan thanked all the volunteer board members and staff for their efforts and commented on the operation of the organization during the past year. Topics included participation levels, facility upgrades, thanks to the grounds and concessions crews, Challenger League and Picnic Porch sponsors, success of Major softball and State 9-10 year old baseball tournaments hosted at WMLL. He thanked Mark Wood for his service to the board over the years. Tom also commented on continuing brick sales, the new Rookie Softball league and thanked the Executive Director for his efforts.

Financial Report: Battista reviewed the annual estimated financial report as of September 30, 2011, as compiled by Tomczak and Zwaska. Due to a death in Zwaska's family, he was unable to assemble the usual written financial report in time for the meeting. Based on estimates from previous Septembers, the operation is projected to show a net margin of \$12,000 to \$13,000 for the year. The organization maintains very adequate cash reserves for current operations, as well as long term projects. **Proposed Bylaw Change:** due to the difficulty in finalizing the annual financial report in time for the annual meeting each year, it was proposed that a bylaw change be considered, as follows. By general consensus, it was agreed to place this proposed bylaw change on the 2012 Annual Meeting agenda and announcement.

Current Bylaw:

Article IV. Annual Meeting, Section 1, Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting for the Local League shall be held on the first or second Saturday of October of each year. The Board of Directors will determine the specific date of the annual meeting. Notice of this meeting will be posted on the WMLL website and delivered electronically to each member for whom an e-mail address is on file at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting.

Suggested Bylaw Change:

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Open Forum: Members present were encouraged to bring up suggestions for the board's consideration. Suggestions included a lengthy discussion about umpire training, scheduling and overall coordination. The board will take the matter under review in the off-season via a special Umpire Committee established by President Heneghan. He asked for those interested to please volunteer to serve on this committee. Other topics of discussion included Challenger league scheduling, plans for the Jefferson softball complex, softball numbers at older ages and a suggestion for an event where parents would compete with players on a "pay to play" basis as a fund raiser.

Elections: Battista explained the election process and opened the floor for nominations. Current board members Chitwood, Heneghan, Lenocho and Norton all expressed their desire to run for re-election. Steve Hagens had previously offered to run for Mark Wood's position (Wood is retiring from the Board). Also nominated from the floor was Kris Scholten. Following a ballot vote, Chitwood, Heneghan, Lenocho, Norton and Hagens were elected to three year terms.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Battista
Recording Secretary