

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 18, 2009

Members Present: Jordan, Leno, McNamara, Smith, Zwaska, Norton, Tomczak, Wood, Steeves, Miller, Hunter, Chitwood, Heneghan, Newburg, and Battista.

Members Absent: Metcalf

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order President Heneghan at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: motion, second and carried to approve minutes of the Sept. 14 and Oct. 10 meetings as distributed.

Financial Reports: Tomczak reported on various cash positions and Zwaska briefly reviewed the fiscal year-end budget tracking report. All is in good order. Heneghan moved, Steeves seconded, to move an additional \$5000 into the "Rainy Day CD Fund" from cash reserves. Motion carried.

Executive Session: The board recessed into executive session for the purpose of reviewing Exec. Dir. wages for the coming year.

Budget Committee Report: Zwaska reported on the Budget Committee's recommendations for 2009-10 fiscal year. Following discussion, Hunter moved, Norton seconded to approve the committee's recommendation for the budget. Motion carried unanimously. McNamara suggested the board consider some extra incentives for older umpires to attend the advanced umpire training sessions offered in the spring. No action taken at this time.

Operations Reports:

- **Building Project Construction:** Zwaska reported all is moving along according to plan. Heneghan noted one concern from a parent regarding the removal of the large trees in the area and suggested possible fund raising for replacement tree(s) could be included as part of the commemorative brick campaign this winter.
- **Building Project Financing:** Heneghan reported that construction loan funds are now in a money market account. He noted that a special Board Resolution was unanimously passed via an email vote on 10-2-09 authorizing this borrowing. The approved resolution is as follows:

The Board of Directors of West Madison Little League, Inc. ("WMLL") hereby authorizes either the President, Executive Director, Vice President of Baseball or Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board to borrow money on behalf of WMLL for the construction of the new storage and maintenance building approved by the Board at its April 19, 2009 meeting. Further, the Board members listed shall have the authority to execute notes, grant security, execute security documents and take other action necessary to bind WMLL and secure financing for the construction of the building.

- **Commemorative Brick Fund Raising Campaign:** Heneghan reviewed the basic concept of this fund raising campaign and showed a sample brick from the Bricks-R-Us organization. There is a committee working on this effort. Steeves suggested the full board make the final decision on the color brick to be used. General agreement to have the board approve.
- **Fall Ball Review:** Norton presented a wrap up of the 2009 Fall Ball season. He thanked everyone involved for their efforts and then outlined major items for consideration for the 2010 season including the following: possible re-alignment of the younger baseball ages into 7-8's, 9-10's and 11's to better distribute the skill levels; a slight modification of buddies for coaches (two coaches pairing up would have to select each other's child as their buddy); umpire no-show issues. Battista noted a possible Fall Ball league by East Madison LL in 2010 (EMLL had a fall softball lg in 2009). The Board thanked Norton for an exceptional job in coordinating Fall Ball and mastering the new online registration system.
- **2010 Board Responsibilities** -- Battista and Heneghan distributed the current board responsibility list for 2009 and asked directors to volunteer for specific roles for 2010. Several positions remain open and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Administrative Reports:

- **President's Report:** Heneghan noted a recent donation received from the Alliant Energy Foundation for \$400 and thanked John Kratchmer for recommending this donation. Heneghan gave a brief summary of the recent meeting of the Greentree Neighborhood Association with representatives from the DOT. While nothing is certain at this time regarding one or more new crossovers from the south to the north side of the beltline, it appears the Watts Rd extension and connection with Forward Drive to go over the beltline is the least desirable and most expensive of the options. Maintaining the status quo along Forward Drive is supported by WMLL as well as the Greentree neighborhood group.
- **Exec. Director Report:** Battista commented on items covered at the District LL meeting earlier today. A tentative schedule for district tournaments was distributed and hosts for each age group are being sought.

Other Business:

- **Scholarships in the Future:** Battista distributed a recent Wis. State Journal article regarding the increase in students qualifying for free or reduced lunch programs at school. In Madison, the current percentage qualifying has risen to almost 50%, which could impact the number of scholarship requests received by WMLL in future years. The board will continue to follow this trend and re-evaluate the program as needed.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Next Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 22, 6:30 PM, Vitense