

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, Oct 19, 2008

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

Guests Present: Former Board member Todd Boehm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Heneghan at 6:35 PM and he welcomed the two newest members to the Board...Randy Norton and Mark Wood. Heneghan then presented a plaque to retiring director Todd Boehm in recognition of his years of service to the Board and the girls' softball program.

Minutes of Prior Meetings: September 14 and October 11 Board Meeting minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Discussion Items:

- **Board Responsibilities for 2009** – Heneghan reviewed the list of board duties for 2008 and asked for volunteers for 2009. There are still several significant positions that remain unfilled (Special Events Coordinator; Fall Ball Coordinator; Baseball Equipment Coordinator). Heneghan asked all directors to give these positions some thought prior to the next meeting.
- **Calendar of Events for 2009** – Battista reviewed the proposed calendar, which will be posted on the website. One major change will be the start of Fall Ball next season. The normal start date is the day after Labor Day, but this would be about a week later than 2008 and extend the season into late October. It was agreed to begin on Aug 31 and play through the Labor Day weekend and holiday in order to keep the schedule on track for an October 17, 2009 finish.
- **Observance of Religious Holidays** – Heneghan noted that a request had been received to consider not scheduling games on Rosh HaShanah during Fall Ball. The item was briefly discussed and will be reviewed by a committee of the board.
- **Mailing List Request** – Heneghan reviewed a request from HittersSportsPlex in Middleton for copy of our WMLL member mailing list. This new facility is set to open in December and they would like to do a mailing to all WMLL families. Following discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to maintain its longstanding tradition of NOT distributing the league's mailing list to any commercial entity. However, Battista was directed to offer the option of an emailing of the brochure via Constant Contact at no charge. In addition, the offer of a standard mailing was to be offered with HittersSportsPlex paying all related costs, but only after reviewing the materials to be mailed.
- **Change of dates for next two Board Meetings** – it was agreed to change the next two meeting dates to November 16 and December 14.

Financial Reports: No reports were given due to the same information recently being presented at the Annual Meeting.

Administrative Reports: No reports were presented.

Operations Reports:

- Concessions – Heneghan complimented Concessions Manager Darin Crapp for a record year in the stand.
- Groundskeeping – Steeves noted the path up to the Minor field (left field corner) has now been blacktopped, including the area under the left field bleachers.
- Sponsorships – Steeves reviewed the current status of all sponsors and noted a high proportion of renewals due in 2009. He cautioned this could be an issue due to current economic conditions and that all board members need to pitch in to get renewals. The budget for this item has been adjusted somewhat for 2009, as a result.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: **Sunday, Nov 16, 2008 at Vitense, 6:00 PM**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM