

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, Nov 16, 2008

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

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Heneghan at 6:35 PM

Minutes of Prior Meetings: October 19 Board Meeting minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Discussion Items:

- **Board Responsibilities for 2009** – Heneghan reviewed the list of open board duties for 2009 and asked for volunteers. Norton volunteered for the Special Events Coordinator; Fall Ball Coordinator remains open; Baseball Equipment Coordinator will be shared by Lenocho and Wood. Jensen will handle softball equipment and Christy will handle softball umpires.
- **Helfaer Field Review** – Heneghan related the results of the Helfaer survey with 87 in favor of continuing and 14 opposed. He noted 12 of the 14 opposed were not against Helfaer Day, but could accept its cancellation if budget constraints necessitated. Discussion followed. Concensus to hold off decision until December meeting.
- **Calendar of Events for 2009** – Heneghan reported a later schedule for LL World Series in 2009 and possibility of moving the District tournaments back a week. He asked if this would have any benefit to WMLL's schedule (opening day, particularly). It was decided to confirm district meeting dates with Wolfe prior to December meeting and make a decision at that point.
- **Alternate Location for 2009 Skills Sessions (tryouts)** – Heneghan noted an offer from HittersSportsPlex in Middleton to host our skills session next year. He will follow up with Jeff Haen regarding schedule and possible conflicts with other area leagues on March 28, 2009. He will also check about holding a board meeting at this new complex in December. Following further discussion, concensus seemed to be to remain at Memorial Field House as long as its available at no charge, as most WMLL families know the location and the routine.

Financial Reports: Tomczak reported on cash positions and projected cash flow going into January. Zwaska distributed the 10-31-08 budget tracking sheet.

Administrative Reports:

- **VP-Baseball** – Miller reported in several items discussed at recent District meeting, including 1) LL roadshow will be held in Wis in January; 2) District Ump Clinic tentatively set for 3/22/09; 3) LL Night at Brewers set for June 23 vs Twins; 4) District Tnmt player eligibility issues for 2009; 5) a proposal from Kennedy LL to skip the District Junior tnmt and have all teams from all districts go directly to a larger State tnmt (Battista was directed to inform Wolfe of our support for this or a similar plan of sending two teams from District tnmts); 6) interest by other leagues in the Challenger program.
- **Executive Director** – Battista reported on the following: 1) Boyle has accepted the role of registrar for the 2009 regular season; 2) a website redesign is underway with Schorr and Compton; 3) a donation of \$400 was received from the Alliant Energy Foundation compliments of John Kratchmer; 4) Bowlathon is set for Feb 8; 5) meeting was held with Bennett about Metro Baseball Camp. Bennett agreed to pay flat fee to WMLL starting in 2009; 6) first meeting of the Tournament team selection process review committee will be held 11/18; 7) nothing has been received from Wolfe regarding WMLL's request for documentation of player eligibility ruling from Williamsport.

Operations Reports:

- **Concessions** – Heneghan complimented Concessions Manager Darin Crapp for a record year in the stand and noted he and Battista would be meeting with Darin for annual review on 11/17.
- **Groundskeeping** – Zwaska reported the completion of new scoreboard installation on Senior Field as well as new concrete pads being poured under Senior and Major field bleachers. Daniels did the work and Lycon donated all the concrete for the project. In addition, he has completed the annual review meeting with Chris Steeves.
- **Sponsorships** – Steeves noted he will be sending out sponsor renewal notices and invoices beginning Thanksgiving week..

New Business: None

Next Meeting: **Sunday, Dec 14, 2008 at Vitense, 6:30 PM**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM