West Madison Little League

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, Feb 8, 2009

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

Guests Present: none

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

Minutes of Prior Meetings: December 14, 2008 Board Meeting minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Financial Reports: Zwaska distributed the 1-31-09 budget tracking sheet. All aspects appear to be in order with cash coming in from registrations. Zwaska advised that the contribution from 2008 for the "Rainy Day CD Fund" be deposited and possibly the 2009 contribution be added as well. Tomczak reported on the various cash positions and status of CD's. Steeves reported on the status of sponsorship income, which appears to be running slightly ahead of 2008. More details will be provided at the March meeting where individual sponsor status will be updated.

Discussion Items:

- **Helfaer Field Review** – Heneghan reiterated the positive results of the Helfaer survey. Following discussion, motion, second and carried to continue the Helfaer Field Day for 2009, with review again in 2010. McNamara suggested a parent survey immediately after the event this year to assist the board in future evaluations. Battista will follow through on this item
- **Tournament Team Selection Process Proposal --** Miller presented a summary of the proposal from the Tournament Team Selection Process Review Committee. Following discussion, consensus to incorporate these proposals into the overall tournament team policies for final review at March board meeting.
- **Baseball/Softball Operations Committee Report –** Miller reported on major items reviewed by the committee. Consensus to incorporate these changes into the 2009 local rules handbook and review at March board meeting.
- **Coach Recommendations and League Updates –** Lg Coordinators reported on status of their respective leagues. Several reported recommendations for 2009 coaches, as follows: Pacific Lg Coaches recommended were Compton, Wilson, Murphy, Simmerman, Jessup, Reichenberger, Boeckelman, Vredenbrecht, Borland and Lemberger. Central Lg coaches recommended were Albrecht, Ayala, Ramsdell, Kratchmer, Andringa, Cronin if there are six teams with Collins and Burlingham added if there are 8 teams. Major Lg coaches recommended were Gille, Blythe, Mack, Marty, Cates, Karns, Trummer and Friedow. Following discussion, the coaching recommendations above were approved by vote for each league.

Administrative Reports:

- Softball – Hunter reported for Metcalf on several items related to softball rules and new LL Int'l policies regarding tournament team selection, etc. Each of these items will be reviewed in more detail by the softball committee with recommendations coming back to the board for final decision.
- Executive Director – Battista reported on the following: 1) Concessions Manager position has been offered and accepted by Nathan LaDien. He will begin March 30. Angela Steeves will serve as Assistant Mgr; 2) Coaching clinics are now being planned for 3/22 (WMLL session by Tom Young) and 4/5 (Edgewood College); 3) Drafts are all set and LC's should inform Battista if they need meeting room reserved for coaches meetings; 4) Challenger Program planning is coming along well with all other leagues now informed and a mailing by Easter Seals planned for March; 5) Registrations appear to be ahead of schedule compare to 2008. Boyle will have update later next week.

Other Business:

- Zwaska reported on recent groundskeeping issues including: 1) NR151 report requirement is now complete and we are in compliance with new state regulations; 2) Public Address system is on hold due to reservations about the wireless system's effectiveness; 3) Batting cage re-do will be held off until August due to temps required to install the new artificial turf; 4) Chris Steeves will only be able to devote approx. 30 hours per week to WMLL this year due to changes in scheduling for his position at Home Depot. Zwaska will be assessing the situation and developing a reviswed plan for labor.
- Steeves recognized Norton for an excellent job of planning the Bowlathon. Norton thanked Chaffee for her efforts and Battista for his help in the transition.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 8, 2009 at Vitense, 6:30 PM

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