

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, March 9, 2008

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

Guests Present: Kevin Wegner

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Heneghan at 6:05 PM with a quorum present. February 10 Board Meeting minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Financial Reports: Tomczak reviewed cash balances and indicated all bills are paid and that he is moving more funds into interest bearing accounts as registration fees are received. Various tax and employee forms have been filed. It was agreed that the concessions and grounds staff payroll period will begin on March 31 and continue for 30 weeks. Zwaska distributed the 2/29/08 budget tracking report. All reports indicated WMLL is in good financial order.

50th Season Celebration: Miller reported the committee of himself, Battista, Zwaska, Lubarsky, Heneghan and Tomczak had met earlier tonight to formalize plans. The date of the celebration was changed to Saturday, June 21 with June 22 as the rain date (as opposed to the original plan of Memorial Day weekend). There will be a picnic, ceremony and activities planned approximately around the dinner hour. The committee recommended that the regular game schedule for the day continue as much as possible and that several hours be carved out for the celebration. More details to come later.

Registration Review: McNamara reviewed the current registration numbers for each age group and indicated a large increase in number of 8's and 9's registered compared to prior years. A lengthy discussion ensued as to how best to organize the various age level leagues in light of the registration numbers. Following discussion, a consensus was reached on the following league alignments:

- Atlantic Lg (8-9's) will consist of 16 teams
- Pacific Lg (10's) will consist of 8 teams
- Central Lg (11's) will consist of 6 teams
- Major Lg (mainly 12's plus a few 11's) will consist of 10 teams. Approx. one 11 year old will be drafted up per team.
- Badger Lg (13's and 14's not in High School) will consist of 11 teams
- Senior Lg (14's in high school and 15-16's) will consist of 7 teams
- Maximum player numbers per team were agreed upon (14 on ATL teams and 13 on all other league teams)
- Player registrations postmarked after the deadline date of March 1 will be placed on waiting lists for each league if that league is full.

Administrative Reports: President -- Heneghan commented that Darin Crapp has agreed to return as Concessions Mgr for another season. He will provide details to Tomczak for payroll purposes.

VP Baseball -- Miller indicated he has received 82 applications for baseball umpires and 7 for softball. We still need more umpires 15 years of age and older for upper leagues. The umpire coordinators will be the same as last year and there has been discussion about posting umpire schedules on the website. He is encouraging all coaches to call the umpires for their game the day before to confirm and will provide umpire contact lists to each league coordinator. Heneghan asked that coaches be instructed to be proactive when there is an umpire no-show and make some phone calls themselves to resolve the problem.

VP-Softball -- Mike Metcalf indicated there will be another softball committee meeting this coming week.

Exec. Director -- Battista commented on the following items: he asked for all LC's to forward the date, time and location of their coach meetings. He asked for a show of hands on board members that will assist at tryouts. It was agreed that Heneghan will bring bats, baseballs and helmets; Battista will arrange for volunteer food; Zwaska will bring yellow tape;

Tomczak will arrange for numbers and pins; McNamara will develop reports for registration table to check in players. Battista commented that the reschedule date for the Bowlathon is April 6 and indications are that most everyone who signed up originally will be able to bowl. He concluded by reporting that he will be meeting with Janie Peck, a parent volunteer, in the next week regarding assembly of first aid kits.

Operations Reports: Sponsorships – Battista reported for Steeves and reviewed an updated list of sponsors and noted ones who haven't paid yet as well as new team sponsors. He is asking that League Coordinators help him to contact any of these sponsors with whom they are familiar. This has been done by several LC's and has been very fruitful. Overall, results are good with over \$28,000 received to date from team and sign sponsors plus a number of other general donations.

Groundkeeping -- Zwaska reported on several items that are being worked on including the backstop fencing on the Senior Field. He showed a series of slides of the backstop pole installation and noted that there was some ground damage outside the playing field that will need to be repaired. He noted it is likely that the availability of fields for pre-season practice may be extremely limited due to the amount of snow, melting, drying and field prep work that will need to take place before opening weekend. He will try to inform the LC's as soon as possible on availability.

New Business: Chitwood presented a slate of probable coaches for the Senior Lg (Anderson, Wise, Leno, Fonzen, Reese, Tipple, Hulick and Heneghan). Motion, second to approve these coaches carried unanimously. Leno presented two additional coaches for the Central League. Motion, second to approve the suggested coaches (Gretzlock and Jones) carried unanimously. Newburg presented a list of proposed coaches for the Pacific Lg (Scott, Albrecht, Ayala, Olson, Andringa, Kratchmer, Cronin, Gille). Motion, second to approve these coaches carried unanimously. Battista asked if we had received a proposal from a new photographer and Tomczak indicated we had not. Battista will follow up with photographer to see if they are still interested.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 13, 2008, 6:00 PM, at Vitense.

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