

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, April 19, 2009

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

Guests Present: Nate LaDien; Angela Steeves

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Heneghan at 6:20 PM

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

Financial Reports: Tomczak reported on the various cash positions and status of CD's. Zwaska distributed the 3-31-09 budget tracking sheet. All aspects appear to be in order. Steeves reported on the status of sponsorship income, which appears to be on track. There are currently 8 team sponsors who have not yet paid for 2009 and reminder letters have been sent. Various Board members agreed to follow up on behalf of WMLL.

Discussion Items:

- **Proposal from Long Range Planning Committee** – Zwaska reviewed a Power Point presentation regarding a proposal to construct a new storage facility on site that would replace the two current storage and maintenance sheds. The facility would house the grounds maintenance area, baseball and softball storage areas (replacing the current rental lockers used by WMLL), coach mailbox/pitching machine room, concessions storage, etc. It would also include a large picnic pavilion on the southeast side facing the Senior field. Following discussion, Metcalf moved, Steeves seconded, to approve the project with the addition of more security lighting for the current parking lot, contingent upon WMTV's approval per terms of the existing lease. Motion carried.
- **Proposal for Online Registration System** – Lench presented an overview of an online registration system he had researched. A demonstration of the system was conducted several weeks earlier with Lench, Newburg, Battista and Dina Boyke in attendance and follow up reference checks were conducted with several current clients. Following discussion, Lench moved, Metcalf seconded, to trial the Active Network system for Fall Ball 2009, including a \$10 increase in WMLL registration fees to cover the Active Network fees. Motion carried. Lench will follow up with Active Network and Battista will follow up with Boyle regarding her interest in serving as WMLL's program coordinator for the set-up and installation process.
- **Ump Evaluation of Coaches** – McNamara suggested this process be left informal at this point with all umpires encouraged to report any problems with coaches to their Lg Coordinator and himself. Agreement by the board.
- **Tournament Teams for 10's and 11's** – Miller discussed several possible ways by which to allocate players to the tournament teams for the 10 and 11 year old age groups. Following discussions of pros and cons, it was decided to maintain the template used in 2008 for the 2009 season and re-evaluate after another year of experience. This decision only applies to each age group having two "district teams" and one "open team" and the district teams being selected first. The new selection process by which players and coaches vote will be initiated for 2009.
- **Request by Hitter's Sportsplex** – Heneghan reviewed a request by Hitter's Sportsplex to distribute information about their programs at WMLL. Following discussion, Heneghan will follow up with Hitter's to get more specifics about how their programs and WMLL programs mesh and make a decision on the request.

Administrative Reports:

- **President** – Heneghan reviewed the new parking pass regulations and asked the Board to only use their passes when really necessary so enough spots are available for coaches with equipment..
- **VP-Softball** – Norton reported for Metcalf that 45 new pitchers attended the Softball pitching clinic today at Hitters.

Other Business:

- None

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 31, 2009 at Vitense, 6:30 PM

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM