

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 20, 2007

Members Present: Battista, Zwaska, Metcalf, Maglio, Boehm, King, Chitwood, Heneghan, Tomczak, Lubarsky, Smith, Peters, Franken, Newburg. **Members Absent:** Miller, Mueller

Guests Present: Thomas Olson, Marcy Kahl

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a quorum present. Approval of March meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting awaiting distribution. April Minutes were approved as distributed.

AED Training: Marcy Kahl presented optional training opportunities for the new AED equipment obtained for the complex through the efforts of Logan Kahl. Meriter will provide training for up to 8 people at a cost of \$180, which will include CPR certification. Kahl also discussed a potential option for training through the Madison Fire Department with details pending. Board discussion followed. It was proposed that training should be pursued through either option based on the most comprehensive opportunity and those who should receive training would include concessions and ground staff, league coordinators, and WMLL Board officers. Upon motion by Lubarsky, seconded by Metcalf, the proposal was approved unanimously.

Property Insurance Proposal: Battista explained that the property insurance coverage for league had not been reviewed for an extended period of time. At the request of Battista, Thomas Olson from Klein Insurance provided a proposal for new property insurance coverage for WMLL through our current carrier. Olson provided an overall review as well as a line item discussion of the coverage options considered based on a survey of the property involved. Following questions and clarifications, the proposal was tabled for further discussion until the end of the meeting.

Financial Reports:

Cash Flow: Tomczak reported that the general checking account currently has a balance of \$7,500, Money Market has a balance of \$63,000, the concession account has a balance of \$15,000 (pending weekend receipts), and the Certificates of Deposit have balance of \$18,000 (all numbers rounded).

Budget: Zwaska provided a Budget Report as of April 30, 2007.

Sponsorship: King reported no new or outstanding issues.

Administrative Reports:

President – Battista reported that there was no formal report available for the golf outing, but was aware that hole sponsors are still needed. Registration flyers have been distributed.

VP-Baseball – Battista reported on behalf of Miller that Brewers night information has been distributed, roster books are out, and that issues with umpires are of the usual nature.

VP-Softball – Metcalf reported that the Girls' Softball season officially opened on Saturday, May 19, 2007 with all active teams playing and that Opening Day activities were very successful.

Operations Reports:

Concessions: Smith reported that the concessions activities at the Softball Opening Day, led by Karen Jensen, exceeded expectations with gross revenues of over \$2,300 and a net profit in excess of 60%. Revenues included over \$600 in apparel sales.

Volunteers for concession duty, as required to be provided by teams playing at the complex, are beginning to be a problem with concessions staff needing to search out responsible coaches at game time. It was emphasized that team reps and coaches need to observe WMLL policy with respect to concession stand duties.

Operations: Zwaska reported that, with respect to backstop replacement, initial cost estimates indicate that replacement should be significantly less than planned.

In response to communications from a family, Zwaska indicated that the complex area will be posted when pesticides or herbicides have been applied to alert concerned families or players.

Registrations and Required Reporting: Franken reported that all reporting is on track for on-time submission to Little Lg, Inc in Williamsport.

League Coordinator Reports: no major issues to report at this time.

Continuing Business

Blacktopping – Battista reported that the area near batting cages was completed and looks excellent. He also indicated a trade was arranged with Watts Landscaping whereby they filled in only the really bad holes in the pathway (which will probably be replaced in August anyway) and used the balance of the blacktopping material to finish the entrance and areas surrounding the 3rd base dugout of the Minor field.

Big League – Heneghan reported that player interest for a Big League team sponsored by WMLL was insufficient. Those players who did indicate an interest (6 or 7) will be joining a team playing within the league operated by the Madison School-Community Recreation (MSCR) organization.

Long Range Planning – Heneghan reported that meetings have been held with staff of both Representative Baldwin and Senator Feingold. Work continues.

New Business

14 year old tournament team participation – Questions have arisen regarding potential participation of 13 year old players on the Junior (13-14 year old) District tournament team. It was noted that this issue was raised, discussed and resolved at a previous meeting (9-10-06) with a team participation minimum of 75% 14 year old players. Board discussion noted that the posted local rules do not reflect this prior decision. Upon motion by Heneghan, seconded by King, a proposal to support the prior decision and amend the tournament rules to reflect the prior vote was approved by a majority of those present.

Curfew – The issue of curfews and game suspensions due to time of night was raised. Though no recurring problems were noted by league coordinators, it was proposed that declaration of such curfew suspensions be left to the discretion of league coordinators for the remainder of the season and that the subject be further discussed in the off-season and a uniform planned be considered for 2008. Upon motion by Franken, seconded by Heneghan, the proposal passed unanimously.

Scholarships – Concern was raised regarding potential abuse of player scholarship opportunities provided by WMLL. Franken, King and Heneghan volunteered to serve on an ad hoc committee to explore the issue further and bring back a recommendation to a future meeting.

Property Insurance: Discussion regarding property insurance was reopened. The proposal was reviewed on a line-by-line basis for discussion and determination of necessity and cost-benefit. Based on that review, the Board arrived at a consensus determination for sufficient coverage. Upon motion by Metcalf, seconded by Heneghan, it was unanimously approved that Battista should proceed with placement of new coverage subject to the discussed line items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is June 3, 6 PM at Vitense.

Todd Boehm, Recording Secretary