

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, June 26, 2011

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Miller at 6:30 PM

Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion, second to approve the May, 2011 minutes. Carried.

Presentation by Marc Joyal: Former WMLL parent and coach, Marc Joyal, presented some basic details of his new business...a Pro Shop at Madison Ice Arena...that will be opening mid-August, 2011. He would like to handle WMLL Clothing, used and new equipment on consignment, etc. This would be a revenue source for WMLL and Marc would be willing to regularly staff a clothing and equipment tent sale at WMLL during the season. Following Marc's review, the board asked Battista to follow up and work out the specifics and come back to the board with a detailed proposal, including commission rates, etc.

Request for Refund: Miller reviewed a recent request from a WMLL family for a refund of their WMLL fees, as they decided to leave WMLL due to a conflict with the coach of their son's team after several games. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to deny the refund request. The principal reason for the denial was the board's feeling that WMLL made an effort to set up a meeting between the coaches and the parents in an attempt to reconcile differences, but the parents declined to participate and pursued playing at East Madison Little League, instead.

Financial Reports: Tomczak reported on the various account balances. He will be renewing the current CD in mid-July. Zwaska reported on the Budget Tracking Report. All is in order and he noted the new breakouts of scholarship income from donations as well as from registrations.

Operations Reports:

Lg Coordinator Reports -- LC's gave brief updates on each league. No major issues other than rainout makeups.

Sponsorships -- Battista reported for Jordan on Brewer ticket sales. Net for the event will just over \$5000.

Tournament Team Coaching Applications -- Battista noted that the Softball Coordinators were out of town at a softball tournament and suggested that they conduct an email poll of board members regarding softball tournament team coaching applicants.

Administrative Reports:

-- **President's Report:** no report

-- **VP-Baseball Report:** no report.

-- **VP Softball Report:** no report.

-- **Exec. Director Report:** Battista noted that a parent who works for Baker Tilly (a WMLL sponsor) has offered six free used laptop computers for WMLL's use. The units will be clear of all software and Compton indicated a willingness to program them accordingly. He also noted the clothing tent sale went quite well a few weeks back netting \$851 in sales.

Other Business:

-- **Discussion of State 9-10 Tournament at WMLL in July:** Battista reviewed the basic tournament schedule, need for volunteers, etc. He asked for input on hosting a picnic and a homerun derby during the event. Following discussion, it was agreed to include both items during the tournament as this seems to be traditional for the all Little League State tournaments at the 12 year old age and younger. Several suggestions were offered for possible donations by vendors, sponsors, etc. Compton and Battista agreed to follow up. Great Dane Restaurants will again be sponsoring the HomeRun Derby.

-- **Possible Food Vendor at Jefferson softball fields:** Steeves reviewed a recent inquiry from Silly Sweets food vendor to provide food service at the Jefferson softball fields, including potential income for WMLL. Following discussion, it was agreed that Steeves will suggest Silly Sweets try a night or two at Jefferson in the parking lot near the Lussier Center to see what the interest level is. If they deem it worthy, WMLL will consider pursuing permission from MSCR/MMSD, per language in our softball agreement, to establish a formal program for food vending on the site.

-- **Protest from Pacific Lg Coach:** Miller and Newburg related a protest from Coach Jones of the Pacific Lg regarding a parent umpire who volunteered to serve as the umpire when the regular umpire did not show up for the game. Following discussion, it was deemed the matter was not protestable per Little League rule. Miller will inform Jones of the outcome.

-- **Next Meeting Date Change:** based on several conflicts with the scheduled meeting on August 14, it was decided to change the meeting date to Aug 21, 6:30, Vitense.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Meeting: Sunday, Aug 21, 6:30 PM, Vitense