

West Madison Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 9, 2009

Members Present: Lubarsky, Chitwood, Heneghan, Newburg, Zwaska, McNamara, Norton, Smith, Tomczak and Battista.

Members Absent: Metcalf, Miller, Hunter, Lenocho, Wood, Steeves

Guests Present: Nate LaDien

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

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

Financial Reports: Tomczak reported on the various cash positions and status of CD's. Zwaska indicated budget tracking through July 31 was not yet complete. LaDien indicated concessions sales went well but the cool temps in July definitely had an effect. He also noted that we would be adding team party packages on a trial basis this fall to maintain some of those sales through the stand. Norton commented that planning has begun on the Bowlathon for 2010 and he will be working with Andrea Chaffee again.

Operations Reports:

- **Building project update** – Zwaska reviewed the status of the project in terms of scheduling. Everything has been delayed at least three months due to all the plan revisions required by the city. Most issues have been dealt with but several major hurdles still remain, primarily with the Fire Dept code. These requirements have the potential to add as much as 15% to the cost of the project if no variances or other solutions are agreed upon. It is hoped to begin construction immediately after fall ball. Heneghan reported very favorable terms from the bank on the project loan and noted that he was checking several other banks for their proposals.
- **Softball Field Upgrades** -- Norton reported on a proposal to add concrete pads for bleachers behind the home plate backstops. Following discussion, motion and second to approve the proposal with an approximate maximum cost of \$5000. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Update on Online Registration System** – Norton reported all is going well with the new online system and 615 are registered for Fall Ball. Decision to leave registration open for a while longer for leagues not yet full.
- **Fall Ball Challenger Division Rules** – Lubarsky reported on work being done to formulate fall ball rules for the Challenger Division based on his contacts with other leagues around the country and McNamara's research on high school rules from MN for disabled baseball. Following discussion, it was decided that the Challenger coaches and committee members should get together and set out the rules for the inaugural season.

Other Business:

- **Budget Meeting Planning** -- Zwaska asked all who will participate in the budget meeting to confirm availability.
- **Babe Ruth and Other Baseball Conflicts** -- Newburg suggested that thought be given to further discussion over the winter on possible solutions or alternatives regarding teams forming to play in travelling leagues such as Babe Ruth, Junior Legion, etc as this seems to be occurring on a more regular basis. A lengthy discussion ensued with general agreement that further discussion is warranted.
- **Annual Board/Staff/Spouse Dinner** -- Battista was directed to set up a date and location for this annual event.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM

Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept 13, 2009 at Vitense, 6:30 PM