

**West Madison Little League**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 14, 2009

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

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Heneghan at 7:05 PM

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

**Financial Reports:** Tomczak reported on the various cash positions and status of CD's. He noted that we had received a notice from the IRS for both charters that we were being assessed a penalty for late tax reporting. Our CPA (former WMLL President Ken Klinzing) is investigating and will be petition the IRS to waive the assessment since we owe no taxes and are a non-profit (taxes filing has now been completed and is in order). Zwaska indicated budget tracking through Aug 31 was in order and on target when considering the \$17,000 deposit that was made on the new building. Steeves reported a new team sponsor has been brought on board for 2010 (Mad City Labs).

**Operations Reports:**

- **Building project update** – Zwaska reviewed the status of the project in terms of scheduling and presented a calendar layout of the plan. Heneghan reported very favorable terms from Associated bank on the project loan and noted that he had to provide additional information due to new banking regulations and oversight by the government. Zwaska noted that we need to begin planning for selling of WMLL tiles for the new building pavilion as soon as possible so the process is in place for the spring.
- **Softball Field Upgrades** -- Hunter reported on the addition of concrete pads for bleachers behind the home plate backstops. With donation of concrete from Lycon (Mark Nelson), the project came in on budget at \$5000. More consideration will be given to adding height to the backstops in the future.
- **Fall Ball Update:** – Norton reported all is going well with Fall Ball, with very few problems reported. Battista reported the Challenger program is going very well and parents of the players seem extremely pleased. We have received nice coverage from WMTV and there is an article due out this week in the State Journal.

**Administrative Reports:**

- **President's Report** -- Heneghan noted that one of our WMLL coaches, Jeff Lackney, passed away several weeks ago. There will be a memorial service on Sept 19 at HospiceCare. He also noted that WMLL is now officially registered as a corporation in Wisconsin; something there was no record of in the past.
- **VP Reports** -- None
- **Exec. Dir. Report** -- Battista commented on the positive response by many WMLL parents about the operation of the concession stand this season since new manager, Nate LaDien, has been in charge. Lots of good feedback on cleanliness, as well as the many new offerings and specials Nate has brought in.

**Other Business:**

- **Central Region Umpire School Funding Request** -- Battista explained a request from umpire Zef Rosnbrick for WMLL financial support to attend next spring's Central Region LL Umpire training in Indianapolis. Following discussion, motion and second made to approve the request (\$199 fee) with the understanding Zef would return to WMLL in 2010 and assist in umpire training, as well as conduct a clinic on balk rules for the Badger and Senior leagues prior to the season starting. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Annual Meeting Plan** -- Heneghan reported on the status of several individuals who may be interested in serving on the WMLL Board and encouraged other board members to recruit candidates. The only current board member who has indicated he will be retiring is John Lubarsky. Several others are still deciding. The annual meeting is set for Sat, Oct 10, 9AM at Madison Ice Arena. Heneghan also gave some brief background on an item that will be on the annual meeting agenda regarding possible safety gear for pitchers in Little League. Dr. Ken Noonan will provide more information at the meeting.

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

**Next Meeting:** Following the annual meeting, Oct 10 (next regular meeting is Oct 18, 6:30 PM, Vitense)