

**Whitman Baseball Softball Association  
Meeting Minutes  
October 28, 2012**

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association was called to order at 6:05pm at the Whitman Police conference room by Brian Schwede.

**Present:**

Brian Schwede, Jason Flebotte, Diane Schwede, Crystal McCormack, Dan Desmond, Brian Sullivan, , John Figueiredo, Oliver Amado , Al Cafferty, Andrea Cafferty, Joe Cunningham, Neal Cadorette, Marci Moulton, Andrea Cunningham, Mike Cook, Kevin Briggs, Greg Goggins, Mike Kenney, Dana Peterson, Andrea Cunningham, , Sean O'Brien

**Not Present:** Peter Brown, Annette Sweeney, Steve Buckley

1. Meeting Minutes from September 30, 2012 were approved
2. Finances were approved

**New Business:**

Andrea Cafferty stated that financials will be emailed to all BOD members prior to meetings to be reviewed. At present all bills are up to date except for \$500 to 4 Seasons for repairs to "Dolly". There is currently \$31,000 in checking and \$211 in savings.

John Figueiredo presented an in-depth look at our website and explained in detail how different functions worked. The website can now be used for registrations, field closings, team pages and sponsors etc... The Player Agent will be giving the laptop to the Treasurer since registrations will be able to be done through the website going forward.

Brian Schwede asked if any teams needed extra snack supplies for end of season parties to let him know as there is still some product in the Conley snack shack.

Brian Schwede asked the BOD to approve the use of any left over product and \$200 be allocated to a DPW lunch. BOD approved.

Jason Flebotte discussed making changes to the WBSA baseball divisions. The changes would be as follows:

- eliminate the 7yr old division
- Farm would be 7yr olds and 8yr olds (creating 12 farm teams)
- 9yr olds would go directly to the Minors div (creating 7 minor teams)
- 12 yr olds can stay in Minors if they choose, but cannot pitch

All divisions would have a controlled Draft.

These changes would bring in more coaches to the League through the creation of more teams. John Figueiredo wondered how the changes would impact the field logistics. Sean O'Brien thinks it's a good idea to get the 9yr olds ready for the Majors division. Everyone agreed that these would be positive changes for the League. A motion was made and approved to implement the changes for Spring Season.

Jason Flebotte asked free registrations to be donated to each of the Cooperstown teams. BOD approved.

Marci Moulton asked for a free family sign up for Mothers Club. BOD approved. Marci also informed the BOD that Softball is now registered with ASA. ASA does not require masks for the girl's helmets at this time. The VFW offered use of the Pavilion for winter practices using indoor balls. Insurance coverage would be through the Charter. Marci also suggested that there be a Softball pitch for Winterfest.

Dan Desmond discussed that baseball prices have gone up and we should use the Dicks Sporting Goods balls for Farm and Instructional. Dan questioned whether or not Face Masks should be built into the price of registration.

Brian Schwede reviewed the registration fees and at this time recommends we do not raise the fees. We will need to adjust some payment levels due to changes in baseball divisions. Family cap will remain at \$250. We should begin online registrations 12/1 – 3/2 and have a few walk in registration dates closer to the end of that time period.

Andrea Cafferty suggested that WBSA be involved in Community projects to help promote a positive image of the League, possibly Food Panty, and send out Thank You cards.

Jason Flebotte informed the Board that Sponsor requests have already been sent out.

Marci Moulton stated that Social Security numbers are required on all CORI forms.

Meeting of the WBSA Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:29pm by Brian Schwede.