

**Whitman Baseball Softball Association
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2012**

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association was called to order at 6:05pm at the K of C 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, Peter Brown, Marci Moulton, Andrea Cunningham, Annette Sweeney, Mike Cook, Kevin Briggs, Greg Goggins, Mike Kenney, Dana Peterson, Andrea Cunningham, Steve Buckley, Sean O'Brien

Not Present: Chad Huntington

1. Meeting Minutes from August 2012 were approved
2. Finances were approved

New Business:

Introduction of new BOD members.

Andrea Cafferty gave a financial update informing us that there is \$32,000 on checking. All bills are up to date. Soccer has not been billed yet.

The different options in regards to "Dolly" were discussed, Dan Desmond felt that we need to spend the money on the machine we have, Ollie Amado suggested having 2-3 machines (Cub Cadets) kept at different field locations, Al Cafferty thought we should fix "Dolly" and buy a new machine. Brian Schwede recommended that once we elect a Field Maintenance Director, he could look into that.

Marci Moulton informed the BOD that ABC Specialties re-did the Softball uniforms at no charge.

New Board position voting took place. Brian Schwede let everyone know that Chad Huntington had resigned from the BOD.

President – Brian Schwede
V.P Baseball – Jason Flebotte
V.P Softball – Marci Moulton
Treasurer – Andrea Cafferty
Secretary – Crystal McCormack
Player Agent – Diane Schwede
Sr. Baseball – Ollie Amado
Sr. Softball – Bill Hamilton
Safety Director – Joe Cunningham
Umpire in Chief Baseball – Steve Buckley
Umpire in Chief Softball – Andrea Cunningham
Field Maintenance – Dan Desmond

Majors Baseball – Brian Sullivan
Majors Softball – Robin Hamilton
Equipment Manager – Greg Googins
Minors – Sean O’Brien
Farm Baseball – Kevin Briggs
Farm Softball – Mike Cook
Inst. Baseball – Al Cafferty
Inst. Softball – Annette Sweeney
Fall Ball – Dana Peterson
Concessions – Peter Brown
Scheduling – Neal Cadorette
Internet – John Figueurido
Fundraising – vacant

John Figueurido will post the new Board positions on the website and asked all BOD members to sign up on the site.

There was a lengthy discussion about Whitman Home rules vs. little League rules and how and why we decided which ones to use. Mike Cook wanted to know why there were so many Whitman rules being used instead of Little League rules. Brian Schwede explained that the Home rules are reviewed each year. The conversation continued about Fall Ball, bat lengths and Home rules being used. Steve Buckley explained that when Fall Ball began there were only Whitman teams. Al Cafferty explained that other Towns want to use bats that are ineligible by Whitman Home rules. Brian Schwede explained that if a bat is challenged during a game, the player needs to provide proof that the bat is legal. It was also discussed that all Fall Ball teams should be using Whitman Home rules but never received a copy of them. John Figueurido wants to have all Fall Ball registrations online and an acknowledgement that they have received the Home rules.

Going forward we need to implement Home rules during all Fall Ball games. Dan Desmond wants BOD members to come to the fields and explain the rules to the other towns. Brian Schwede said there will be a WBSA presence at the field next Sunday. Jason Flebotte stated there should be a quick coaches meeting before the 9:00 games to go over rules and that he would email the Home rules to all coaches.

Al Cafferty would like to get back to the Sunday morning field maintenance crews.

John Figueurido encouraged that BOD members contact him with any questions or concerns about the new website.

Marci Moulton asked Steve Buckley if she could finish out the season as Umpire in Chief for Baseball to help simplify matters, Steve agreed to Marci’s request.

Andrea Cafferty would like to have BOD meetings somewhere new. Next meeting will be held at the Police Station. John Figueurido offered to contact them.

Ollie Amado wanted to know how much money was spent last year for infield mix at Memorial field.

Marci Moulton will be the only person to run Cori’s this year.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 by Brian Schwede.

