

**Whitman Baseball Softball Association  
Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2012**

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association was called to order at 6:05pm 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, Dana Peterson, Andrea Cunningham, , Sean O'Brien, Annette Sweeney, Steve Buckley

**Not Present:** Peter Brown, Mike Kenney

1. Meeting Minutes from October 28 2012 were approved
2. Finances were approved

**New Business:**

Mr. Hogan from the Whitman Food Pantry spoke to the BOD about the donation that was made. The WBSA donation made it possible 100 families to be fed. He wanted us to know how very grateful the Whitman Food Pantry was for WBSA's assistance.

Ross from Ryan Motors spoke to the BOD about a Golf ball drop fundraiser. He explained how the drop works and the cost, which would be \$800 and an additional \$200 for a second drop. Brian Schwede talked about the need for a second big fundraiser since we will not have a "tollbooth" this year. Jason Flebotte thinks kids will have a tough time selling tickets for this and Meadow Muffin. John Figueiredo suggested we sell tickets at registration. Jason Flebotte suggested we sell a sponsorship to cover the cost of the Golf ball drop. Bill Hamilton thought we should get an okay from the town before we make any decision.

Andrea Cafferty gave a financial update stating there was \$30,755 in checking and \$2,500 in savings with all bills paid up to date. A motion was made and accepted to approve the Finances.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Minutes from November.

Brian Schwede talked about Winter fest being held on Sunday 12/9 from 2:30 - 6:00. WBSA will have Radar gun and Softball targets located at the Town Park field. The softball targets were made by the Hamilton's. Brian Schwede suggested giveaways such as visors, candy and t-shirts.

Brian Schwede spoke about registration fees. Brian would like to keep the fees and family max the same as last year. He would like to have 2 walk in registration and have them publicized as new player sign ups. Most sign ups should be done on-line. Tentative dates for walk in registrations would be 1/19/13 and 2/9/13. Possibly close registrations end of February.

Diane Schwede would like to be the only person entering registrations into the system.

John Figueredo said he would speak to Craig Finley about using the Middle School computer lab during walk in registration. John also stated that online registrations will begin on 12/9/12.

Brian Schwede gave the BOD an overview of what the 50/70 league.

- District 8 would oversee this league

- Field must be 275ft.

- Teams would play other towns

- Whitman could be a host town

- Ages would be U12

- A WBSA coach would run the team

- 3 games played on weekends only

- Only 1 team to be entered

There will be a meeting in January to get feedback from other towns.

Ollie Amado likes the 50/70 league as a good transition from majors division to junior division.

Steve Buckley felt that pitching would become an issue with this league. There was split interest amongst the Board. Brian Schwede suggested getting a few kids together to see if they even show any interest.

Jason Flebotte told the BOD that sponsorships are already coming in and asked that Board members give out sponsorship letters to any businesses they know.

Brian Schwede informed the Board that Joe Cunningham is credited with being the best Safety Director in the League.

Marci Moulton asked for a list of new sponsors so Thank You notes can be sent out. Marci also spoke about possibly having a "mascot" for WBSA.

Ollie Amado stated that the work on Memorial Field needs to be finished.

Brian Schwede told the BOD that the luncheon for DPW went very well and that WBSA donated free family registrations to both Cooperstown teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 by Brian Schwede. The next regular meeting of the WBSA will be on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Whitman Police Station.

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