

Whitman Baseball Softball Association
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association was called to order at 6:12 pm by Brian Schwede.

Present:

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

Not Present: Peter Brown, Joe Cunningham, Jason Flebotte

1. Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2013 were approved
2. Finances were approved

New Business:

The new WHRSD HS baseball coach, who was scheduled to attend, was unable to

Per Ollie Amado, the HS coach did not want his players playing both town and HS ball. Per Brian's conversation with the coach, the HS coach said that he was fine with his players playing both.

Andrea Cafferty reviewed the finances. She reported that current balance was \$39,201.00 - she did say that \$7304.00 in registration fees and \$3,250.00 in sponsorship monies not deposited yet. She also reported that roughly \$9,000.00 still needs to be collected in player registration fees. A motion and made and approved to accept finances from February.

We received town approval for opening day parade scheduled for 4/13/13. Father Jay will speak at the ceremony. Let Brian and Crystal know of any suggestions for special guests for opening day.

Uniforms - Brian stated that all Minor League uniforms need to be replaced - 72 shirts, six Minor League teams, 14 per team. Rob from ABC sent two sample shirts for review - one was \$25 per shirt, the other was \$21. A motion made and approve for 14 \$21 shirts per team (vote 19-3 in favor of \$21 shirts). Order will be place on March 6.

Softball - Marci stated that she needs to order softball shirts though TeamWorks - shirts are priced at \$36 a piece. The total would be 18 shirts for Seniors and 30 for Majors. Farm and instructional get ordered through ABC at a cost of \$7-8 a piece - amount unclear at this time. The players will be wearing pants starting this season instead of shorts. Marci also wanted her players to change from visors to hats. Motion made and approved to order all softball shirts.

4 year old uniforms - Brian stated that the four year old program uniforms will remain the same as last season. Minor League replica jerseys will be ordered through League Direct at a later date.

Registration numbers - per Diane Schwede, currently, 433 players have registered - baseball - Seniors = five players, Juniors = 27, Majors/Minors = 135, Farm = 95, Instructional = 109. Softball numbers - Seniors = 13, Majors = 23, Farm = 26.

The board decided to leave registration opened for another week - until 3/9/13. Senior League baseball and

softball would be held opened 4/7/13.

Coach selections - Brian reviewed coaches and number of teams needed. The board unanimously approved Brian's recommendations for coaches in the farm and instructional divisions. For Minors, the board approved 18-3 and Majors was 12-9.

Andrea Cafferty spoke about the WBSA dance, slated for Saturday, May 11 at the K of C. Suggestion of a Prom Night theme came up. Big Daddy Ray could possibly DJ the event. Andrea also spoke about the Meadow Muffin fundraiser. She will have tickets ready for the coach's meeting on 3/24/13. A tent would be set up on 6/1/13 to sell tickets the day of the event.

Marci Moulton stated that the Sunday softball clinics are going well. Good turnout despite registration numbers still being down.

Neal Cadorette stated that the Major League schedule is complete.

Brian Sullivan informed the board that the "A" Tournament invitations have gone out to perspective teams.

Andrea Cunningham asked the board for approval for a "B" tournament slated for July 26-28. The board unanimously approved her request.

Sean O'Brien said that he would continue to try to reach out to approved coach Scott Gilcoin, who was interested in coaching a Minor League team. Gilcoin is from Hanson and Sean was unsure of his interest.

Ollie Amado told the group that he thought that the batting cage netting was stolen before making some calls to find out that the softball group was using it for their Sunday clinic. Ollie suggested better communication for the group going forward. The group reminded Ollie that the netting request was mention in a previous meeting.

Brian Schwede mentioned that, in the Minor League and the Farm League drafts, that each coach can take one assistant coach and their child as their second pick after taking their own child. Clarification was made that this rule did not apply to the Major Leagues unless that coach was the assistant coach for the prior season and attended 90% of the team's games.

Dan Desmond asked for Field Clean Up to be scheduled for Saturday, March 30. The board approved the date.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting of the WBSA will be Monday, April 1, 2013 6 p.m. at the Whitman Police Station.