

Whitman Baseball Softball Association  
Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association was called to order at 6:07pm by Brian Schwede.

Present:

Brian Schwede, Diane Schwede, Crystal McCormack, John Figueirido, Greg Googins, Robin Hamilton, Mike Kenney, Andrea Cafferty, Dan Desmond, Ollie Amado, Steve Buckley, Andrea Cunningham, Joe, Cunningham, Dana Peterson, Sean O'Brien, Neal Cadorette, Brian Sullivan, Jason Flebotte, Kevin Briggs, Mike Cook

Not Present: Bill Hamilton, Al Cafferty

1. Meeting Minutes from May were approved
2. Finances were approved

New Business:

Andrea Cafferty reviewed the Finances stating that the account was at \$38,792 as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Andrea also talked about the prizes for Meadow Muffin. At this time only 20 spring season registrations were still not paid. Greg Googins gave 2 \$50 gift cards to the person who brings the cow for meadow muffin.

Mike Kenney said that we would need 7 buckets of paint for the Meadow Muffin grid, DPW advised us to use "traffic paint".

Brian Schwede discussed which tournaments coaches had already committed to, as of now 10As are in Rehoboth and Holbrook and the 10Bs are in Dighton and Stoughton. All teams are able to play in two outside tournaments and Whitman tourney. The 8s will have one outside tournament and Whitman tourney.

Brian Schwede discussed Summer registrations, John Figueiredo will set up on line registrations, fee can also be paid to coaches. There is no family discount for Allstars, payment plan requires \$75 down for one player and \$100 for multiple players, pd by the end of the season. Draft will be 6/9. 12As can be announced on

6/9 all other teams on 6/13 or 14. Uniform orders will be in by 6/15. Division play begins on 7/1.

Brian Schwede also talked about supplies needed for Summer ball. Conley School fields will need 3yds of dirt per field, poles for fences and chalk; a motion was made and approved to allocate \$1000 to the Conley fields. Another motion was made to have a tractor for Conley fields that was approved for an additional \$1000.

Brian Schwede talked to the BOD about Williamsport games, teams in that division will be Whitman, Norwell, Hanson, Avon and Hull. Brian asked the BOD if we wanted to host Williamsport games, we will need a lot of assistance getting the fields prepared, the Board agreed that we should host the games.

Jason Flebotte discussed having the Whitman Tournament be an A/B tourney vs. A. As of now 18 teams are registered and we need 42 for a full tournament. Expense for an A tournament will be around \$17,850 with a profit of \$12,000, a B tournament profit would be \$10,000. After much discussion the BOD decided to keep it as an A tournament. Diane, Crystal and Andrea Cafferty will handle T-shirts. Supplies needed will be Speedy dry, paint, chalk and baseballs. May need temp mound. Andrea Cafferty and Marci Moulton will stock the concession stands. There will be a Thursday start. Town Park will be used for Thursday and Friday games. 8s will start on Friday and the coaches will work out a concessions schedule.

John Figueiredo informed the BOD that the website renewal fee is due in July (\$725-\$750) and a \$100 fee in December to keep the WBSA name. John recommends we renew, a motion was made and approved.

Brian Schwede let the BOD know that Mike cook helped to move the 615 baseballs from the Town Park Memorial. Whitman Memorial will give us a vault and all necessary parties have been contacted. \$1500 is being donated towards the project from an outside source. Brian will keep us informed of the progress.

Kevin Briggs talked about the Farm division, it has been progressing very well and the coaches are also doing well. Kevin said there were some issues with the younger ump's not knowing all the rules. Pest control also is an issue at the Conley fields.

Marci Moulton told the BOD that there would be a Farm softball game under the

lights on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Dan Desmond informed us that Al Caffertys tractor used for mowing needs a tune-up; a motion was made and approved to allocate \$150. Dan also suggested an A/C for Conley snack shack; money from Conley supply allocation can be used.

Joe Cunningham asked why we have not approved a new Concessions director; Brian Schwede felt it would be too overwhelming for one individual at this point.

Mike Kenney stated that we profited \$460 from McDonalds day. Mike wanted to know if we could keep the riding mower for Middle School in "Dolly's" shed, we would revisit that this week. A tractor will be at Conley by Friday.

John Figueiredo said the Code of Conduct box on registration forms now needs to be checked off online.

Jason Flebotte talked about the Instructional division parents and coaches being unhappy about no practices and scheduling issues. He felt fields should not be locked down for specific divisions or rain dates. There will be a coaches tutorial at the start of next years season. Jason also talked about his son Matthews's ejection from a Major league game by the umpire. Jason felt it was unfair and requested that the ump should not work anymore Whitman games. He stated that coaches should be disciplining players for throwing equipment. If a child is ejected and no parent is present, the coach needs to assume responsibility of the player.

Brian Sullivan discussed regular season playoffs starting on 6/10 and finishing by 6/19. First round will be single elimination. Second round best of 3. Minor league will get a top team bye; Farm will get a two top team bye. All Farm rounds will be single elimination.

Diane Schwede talked about 12yr old sweatshirt night. Diane also discussed that alternates for Allstars should be assigned during draft and taken from the B levels. Alternates should be permanent. Diane also felt that WBSA scholarships should be given to kids who have been in the program.

Marci Moulton told the Board that all Asst coaches need to be CORI'd for the summer.

Dana Peterson reviewed important Fall ball dates and info.

7/14 – registration opens  
8/11 – fall ball coaches selected  
8/18 – web registration closes  
8/23 – draft teams  
8/31 – season begins  
10/26 – playoffs begin  
11/2 – championship game  
Fees will be \$65 per child with a family max of \$150.  
Spring season rules will be followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 by Brian Schwede.