

Whitman Baseball Softball Association  
Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2014

Opening:

Brian Schwede called the regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association to order at 6:10 pm.

Present: Brian Schwede, Diane Schwede, Crystal McCormack, Robin Hamilton, Andrea Cafferty, Mike Kenney, Gerard Cooper, Jason Flebotte, Dan Herlihy, Nicole Sturgeon, Mark Spadorcia, Kris Nicholson, Joe Cunningham, Marci Moulton, Mike Cook, Dan Driscoll, Andrea Cunningham, Bob Coulter

Not Present: Dan Desmond, Kevin Briggs, Al Cafferty, Ralph Goodick, Christine Goodick, Kevin Cleary, Jeff Nicholson

New Business

A motion was made to accept the April financials. Motion approved.

A motion was made to accept the April minutes. Motion approved.

Andrea Cafferty informed us that the account balance was \$26,331, all bills paid to date.

Jason Flebotte thought the prices for uniforms this year seemed high; Brian Schwede stated he went line for line thru the invoices with ABC.

Bob Coulter advised after rain out dates the schedules have been adjusted for Farm Minors and Majors. Possibility of playing Sunday night games. Jason Flebotte asked if Bob could send out a master schedule every 2 weeks. Bob stated that he receives 60 practice requests per week and most are scheduled. Umps will be handled between Bob and Dan Herlihy.

We need to keep track of making sure when a game is cancelled the ump is notified as it is very costly to the league to have to pay for an ump of a canceled game. Joe Cunningham stated that with senior league out of town games he has to wait for the other town to cancel before informing the ump. Rich Furlong and Don Whitman schedule Jr/Sr league ump.

Jason though coaches should coaches can request 2 practices per week for 2 weeks in advance. Jason asked Marci Moulton if all softball games and practice are now confirmed, she states that they are.

Dan Driscoll said farm coaches are complaining that some coaches are manipulating the scheduling system and getting more practices than others.

There will be no games on MS1 and MS2 during Meadow Muffin/Fun day.

Andrea Cunningham passed around a sign up sheet for raffle baskets for the dance. The apparel website is up and running. Level directors need to contact coaches regarding Meadow Muffin tickets. Jason thought a letter should be sent out to coaches to send to parents regarding the dance. Andrea Cafferty said she would send one out and Jason said he would make a flyer.

Brian Schwede stated that 12 yr. old sweatshirts cost \$43 per player; a motion was made to approve the sweatshirts. They will be given out at a ceremony during playoffs.

Brian Schwede talked about Summer Baseball registration. Players must be paid up for spring ball and prior year summer ball in order to play All stars this year. Fees of \$150 the league breaks even with. \$560 per team for uniforms (\$28 shirt, \$15 hat, Softball \$40 uniform). A motion was made to have 2 teams per age level, fee kept at \$150 with two tournaments, no discount for siblings, players must pay before uniforms are given out, minimum of half the fee paid upfront (exceptions to see Brian Schwede). Motion was approved 10 in favor, 7 against.

Summer fees from last year need to be paid by draft on 6/8, players notified by 6/15, current year fees to be paid by 7/1. Motion made and approved.

Brian Schwede talked about the tollbooth on 5/10, a sign up sheet was passed around. We will need signs showing we are collecting for WBSA.

Mike Kenney advised that McDonalds day is 5.17 coupons will be passed out during picture day that morning. It will run 11-4.

Nicole Sturgeon asked if she could have a schedule for picture day posted in the MS snack shack window, Diane said she would get her one this week.

Dan Driscoll stated the first Farm league pitching clinic was a big success with lots of positive feedback.

Jason Flebotte suggested that we allow AAU teams to use our Middle School fields and collect a fee; Mike Cook doesn't think we should allow AAU on those fields.

Mike Cook is concerned with who has been using Dolly. Dan Driscoll informed us that the Conley School equipment shed is a mess. Jason Flebotte said the MS2 fences need to be replaced before the tournament.

Diane Schwede updated registration numbers, currently 559 players, and 2 more possible. Photo day is 5/17; she is currently working on a schedule with Bob Coulter and Jeff Nicholson. The 4 yr. old program began today. Diane suggested thinking about any changes people would like to see made to the draft process or home rules now instead of the fall.

Jason Flebotte suggested possibly trimming down the Majors division to 6 teams next year due to safety concerns.

Mike Cook talked about the softball fields and scheduling baseball games on them. Mike informed the BOD that Title 9 has designated those field for Softball use only, he felt that by booking baseball games there we were breaking Whitman Town laws. There was a lot of discussion about the use of softball fields. Brian Schwede reminded everyone that scheduling has been an ongoing issue for the last 4 years.

Mike suggested that we give a free "slushy" to anyone who runs the scoreboard. A motion was made and approved.

Andrea Cafferty felt AAU games should not take precedence over WBSA games or practices. Marci Moulton said she spoke to Duane Levangie about no using softball fields for AAU baseball.

Brian reminded everyone that all coaches must be Cori'd or they are allowed zero participation with the players.

Mike Kenney stated that the Home team should be supplying 2 baseballs per game.

Brian Schwede adjourned meeting at 8:30.