

Whitman Baseball Softball Association
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2014

Opening:

Brian Schwede called the regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association to order at 6:05 pm.

Present: Brian Schwede, Diane Schwede, Crystal McCormack, Robin Hamilton, Andrea Cafferty, Gerard Cooper, Jason Flebotte, Dan Herlihy, Nicole Sturgeon, Mark Spadorcia, Kris Nicholson, Joe Cunningham, Marci Moulton, Mike Cook, Dan Driscoll, Andrea Cunningham, Bob Coulter, Dan Desmond, Ralph Goodick, Christine Goodick, Al Cafferty, Kevin Cleary, Jeff Nicholson, Greg Googins

Not Present: Kevin Briggs, Mike Kenney

New Business

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

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

Andrea Cafferty advised us that there is \$28,642.50 in the account.

Jason Flebotte advised the BOD that Brian Sullivan would be assisting with the tournament this year. Brian stated the registration numbers were very good for the tournament and there were only a few spots still open.

Jason told us that T-shirt for the tournament would be the dry wicking style and about \$12-\$15. Staff shirts would just say "STAFF", not have tournament logo as in prior years. Trophies have already been ordered. Temp fences will be needed for Conley A and B, and MS2. A motion was made and approved to purchase 3 fences at \$1900. They would last about 4yrs and kept in equipment shed.

Jason said we would need chalk and speedy dry for tournament as well as a specified "grounds crew". There would be limited use of the Town Park for the tournament. Mark Spadorcia, Ralph Goodick and Christine Goodick will spearhead the 8yr old tournament at Conley.

Andrea Cunningham informed the Level directors that there were still several tams that had not turned in Meadow Muffin tickets and cash. At this time \$8900 has been collected. Andrea Cunningham separated all the tickets and monies. Andre, Nicole sturgeon and Chrissie Goodick will count all tickets and put in order by Tuesday afternoon, Bob Coulter will have plotting done by Thursday. Mark Spadorcia said the

school grounds crew will be cutting the grass and that grid lines will be put in on Friday, with Bruce Martin, Mark and Greg Googins. Nicole will bring waters to the group on Friday morning. Diane Schwede state the Red Sox tickets were for a game on 7/29.

Dan Herlihy discussed using 2 kid ump's and 1 adult for the playoff games, a motion was made and approved. Dan advised he would schedule the adult umpires for the games.

Diane Schwede let the Board know that the 12 yr. old sweatshirt night will be the first night of the championship round tentatively 6/13 games are scheduled for 5:30 and 7:30. The ceremony would begin at 6:00pm. There are 34 sweatshirts including, majors, minors and softball. Crystal McCormack and Andrea Cafferty will assist with the Ceremony. Leslie Cadorette will take pictures.

All Star Coaches were nominated and selected as follows:

8 's - Ralph Goodick and Dan Driscoll
9A - Mark Spadorcia
10A - Dan Desmond
10B - Jason Flebotte
11A - Mike Kenney
11B - Don Butler
12A - Chris Giuliani
12B - Lou McDonald
13 - Dillon Buckley
14 - Jim Murphy
15 - Tony Nicotera

Diane Schwede discussed changing home rules such as the order that Major/Minors drafts are done and new coaches having to take their own child in the 2nd round. In order to make changes there must be an open meeting of the membership, this was last done on 3/13/11. Diane will spearhead this effort.

Robin Hamilton asked about why we don't vote for positions in the open elections. Brian Schwede explained Little League require that the BOD members be selected first and then can vote in positions. Robin also clarified that the Past President does not get a vote, and this is a typo in our bylaws.

Andrea Cunningham question why players cannot use 33inch bats as little league says they can. It was explained that Whitman home rules state no bat larger than 31 inches shall be used on the first page.

Uniforms for summer ball cost approx. \$42.50 for shirts and hats w/ names. We will be placing the order 6/2, ordering 168 shirts to ensure availability and sizes.

It was suggested that Junior League shirts be upgraded. The BOD was in favor of this and Joe Cunningham will work with Jason regarding shirts.

Marci advised the board that there will Instructional softball awards given out on 6/8.

Playoffs will begin Monday 6/9 – 6/13. Summer ball will begin on 6/18 – 8/1.

All Star asst. coaches were chosen. An email was sent to all BOD members with these names.

Robin Hamilton and Dan Driscoll said they would bring generators for the tournament.

Nicole Sturgeon suggested that we have a collection box for old cleats that can be given to players in the league who may need them.

Jason Flebotte felt there are too many text message being generated by the website, and level directors/coaches need to send more personal message to parents directly.

Kris Nicholson let us know she has heard many complaints regarding fundraising ideas needing to be update and made new and interesting.

Brian Schwede adjourned the meeting at 8:40.