

Whitman Baseball Softball Association
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2014

Opening:

Brian Schwede called the regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association to order at 7:13pm.

Present:

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

Not Present: Jason Flebotte

New Business:

Andrea Cafferty informed the Board that we have \$50,453 in the account plus registration checks coming in (about \$22,000 in PayPal waiting to be moved), we are currently waiting on the bill for dirt used on the MS1/2 projects. All registration money is due by 3/31.

A motion was made and approved to accept the finances.

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Mark Spadorcia stated that he had asked for last years financials earlier in the day because he mistakenly thought we had \$11,000 less than last year at this time, however he was not taking into consideration \$15k in outstanding registration money.

Diane Schwede gave an update on registration stating we currently have 497 players with a breakdown of 92 instr, 85 farm, 66 minors, 84 majors, 39 juniors, 21 seniors and 10 4yrs olds. Instructional rosters are now complete. Minor and farm drafts will be conducted this upcoming week.

Mark Spadorcia stated the 4yr old division will begin 4/29.

Joe Cunningham stated Jr League had approx. 40 players and would have 4 teams. Senior league may include East Bridgewater players. Players from other towns will be rated. Season will start 4/28 for juniors and 4/26 for seniors.

Kevin Briggs stated that the minor league draft would be held on Tuesday, no assistant coaches would be allowed to attend. Kevin also stated that locks are changed at Middle School and Memorial fields. He suggested we make non-duplicating keys for the concession stand. Soccer would possibly split the \$295 fee with us. Nicole Sturgeon thought we should have 10 keys and 2 for soccer, approx. \$10 per key.

Dan Driscoll stated that he bought new keys locks, doors and frames for the Conley School snack shack and had 24 keys.

Dan Herlihy informed the BOD that we currently have 11 returning umpires and 11 new umpires. He would like to see the new umps partnered with experienced umps for the first few games. Dan states umpire shirts would be in this week.

Christine Goodick spoke about her concerns regarding website access, stating that people were given rights to scheduling when they shouldn't have been, she then started going through her laptop and specifically accused Diane Schwede of giving scheduling rights to Dan Driscoll on 3/28 at 3:31pm, Diane stated she wouldn't even know how to give anyone those rights, she merely adds in teams, players and coaches on to rosters through the system. Brian Schwede asked if it specifically said Diane Schwedes name, Chrissy said "no, it just says DS". Diane again commented that she did not give Dan any rights to scheduling and doesn't use the website for that purpose.

Nicole Sturgeon then insisted that there had been a "breach in confidentiality" because Brian Schwede had given Mark Spadorcia access to Instructional rosters. Mark stated he asked for access so he could see how many and which children had registered in the instructional division. Crystal McCormack asked Nicole how this could be a Breach, Nicole stated Brian gave Mark access to personal information of the children of Whitman and should be held accountable. Brian stated when he gave access to Mark it was specifically for looking up the information in the instructional division; Brian asked Mark if he used the rights to access any other information. Mark state he absolutely did not and wasn't even aware that he had any other access. Nicole stated people's credit card info is on there and Andrea Cafferty corrected her stating all credit card info goes through PayPal. Nicole still insisted it was a breach, it was again brought to her attention that Mark did not maliciously use or even view any information he had access to therefore there was in fact no breach.

Marcie then discussed that she had been given scheduling rights for Softball to schedule practices, which has always been the case in previous years because of softball playing other towns and having differing start dates. Marci stated she should have full schedules for softball divisions to Bob by 5/1.

Brian Schwede stated Opening Day will be Saturday 4/19, Crystal was asked to book a room to have an opening day planning meeting and to then send an email reminder.

Kris Nicholson suggested Richard Rosen throw out a pitch on Opening day. Other suggested opening day quests were Jack Stachen, Bruce Martin, members of the Forlizzi family, and Geoff Diehl. Letters will be sent.

Marci Moulton informed the BOD that all softball shirts were ordered online, clinics are done and that nets need to be taken down from the VFW by Friday.

Major League asst coaches were voted on and approved as a block.

There was discussion as to if a coach is voted in and then a Cori comes back with an issue, what would happen, Marci Moulton stated she would then take any issues to Little League.

Dan Driscoll asked the BOD to approve Steven Green and Rob Baker as Farm coaches as two more coaches were needed. They were voted on and approved. Assistant coaches for Farm were also approved.

Minor league assistant coaches were voted on as a block and approved.

Instruction Coaches and asst coaches were voted on in blocks and approved.

Softball coaches were voted on and approved.

Ollie Amado then came forward to discuss the fact that District 8 and specifically Rich Furlong had asked him to come down and speak to the BOD about some complaints they had received and were concerned with. He stated they had some recommendations for the BOD. Ollie advised that we should look into our by-laws and be sure we are following them. He also stated that all parties should drop any hard feelings since last year's election before District 8 has to come down and speak to us, which he was sure no one wanted. Ollie proceeded to state that he had been contacted by parents in the league who were concerned that softball was conducting "secret meetings" and planned to break away from WBSA, he informed everyone that the reason he was there as a concerned parent himself. Marci and Mike Cook assured the Board there were never any secret softball meetings, anyone and everyone is and has always been welcome to attend any get together regarding softball.

Kevin Cleary informed the BOD that MS2 needs some work and materials before the season starts.

Dan Desmond thinks Memorial field should be worked on first. Dan talked about field cleanup day on 4/6.

Chrissy Goodick brought up the fact that since Jason Flebotte had just emailed in his resignation from the BOD a few days earlier we needed to discuss how it should be handled. Chrissy then suggested maybe we should see what Ollie thought, Crystal McCormack asked why we would consult Ollie Amado since he was a non-board member, Chrissy stated because he said he was here with recommendations from District 8. Crystal then asked Ollie if he was here on behalf of District 8 or as a "concerned parent". Brian Schwede asked Ollie Amado directly if he was at the meeting to represent District 8, to which he replied "No", recanting his statement from earlier. Brian then spoke to the BOD in regards to Jason's resignation, he reviewed some history between all parties and stated at this time he had reached out to Jason and hoped to have a sit down meeting with him before the end of the week. He also explained that the resignation was received after a series of emails back and forth regarding Marci Moulton having scheduling rights for softball practices. Brian also stated that if Jason did not return as VP we would follow Little Leagues recommendations on how to proceed.

Marci Moulton and Bob Coulter both addressed issues and concerns with scheduling softball fields, Marci felt that Softball games should not be getting bumped or moved because baseball needed those fields for practices. Marci again stated she would contact Bob so they could get together to work out scheduling that was beneficial to both baseball and softball.

Meeting was adjourned by Brian Schwede at 9:55pm.