

Whitman Baseball Softball Association
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2014

Opening:

Brian Schwede called the regular meeting of the Whitman Baseball Softball Association to order at 6:45pm.

Present:

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

Not Present: Greg Googins

New Business:

Andrea Cafferty reviewed the January financial statement and advised at this time there is \$15,238 in that account as well as registration and sponsorship money coming in, states she will move money from PayPal into the account by the end of the week. A motion was made and accepted to approve the financials.

Motion was made and accepted to approve the January meeting minutes.

Brian Schwede asked that all ideas including guests of honor for Opening ay be sent to Crystal McCormack.

Jason Flebotte reviewed tournament information, stating that emails have already begun coming in. The tournament will be held 7/10 – 7/13. Cost will remind e same at \$425 per team. 8yr olds will play at Conley School, all other divisions at Middle School. Jason suggested that we should allow some of the Whitman “B” teams to play in the tournament, there was much discussion as to how he would decided which could and couldn’t be entered. Brian Schwede commented that we should reach out to the “B” team coaches to see if there is an interest in a 2nd tournament.

Diane Schwede suggested Saturday May 17th as picture day using New England Sports Photography again this year. Mike Cooked voiced his concerns over the online order forms and the placement of picture taking; Diane said she would address the issues with picture company. Last year NE Sports photography gave the league back \$700, red sox tickets and sponsor plaques. A motion was made and approved to accept the date and photo company.

Nicole Sturgeon thanked the BOD for the gift sent to her family. She would like to have a safe installed at the MS snack shack, the cost would be about \$159 and it could be bolted to the floor. It was suggested that we should also get one for the Conley snack shack. A Motion was made and approved.

Kevin Briggs talked about modifying the stealing rules in the Minor league, Jason Flebotte asked for the item to be tabled and stated all the Home rule changes would be done at the same time.

Andrea Cunningham advised the BOD that the dance will be held 5/17 and Meadow Muffin on 6/7. DJ Ray Vassil has been booked for the dance. Tickets can be made and order on line, need to be ready for welcome packets in March. Andrea also talked about the online Apparel coming down on opening day and leave sample items for the snack shacks, she said it would be a 20% profit back to the League, it was discussed that the Apparel company would need to cut a check back to WBSA as the league should not be held responsible for collecting funds or clothing items.

Joe Cunningham brought Ollie Amado to the meeting to talk about new District 8 rules regarding 14 year olds being able to move up to the Senior league, Diane Schwede pointed out that this would be the limited group of players who did not make the May 1st birthdate deadline for baseball. (5/1 – 8/31). Joe informed the BOD that all junior senior league uniforms have not been collected; he gave a handout showing which ones were still missing. Parents will need to be called from those rosters. Joe discussed more work needing to be done at memorial field, Brian Schwede told him to get bids for the project, stating the town will not assist with work there aside from spreading the dirt.

Kevin Briggs informed the Board that he got a quote of \$320 from Abington locksmith to change the locks.

Dan Herlihy stated he'd like to have the umpire clinics on Sundays 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16. Diane Schwede mentioned that a lot of the kids who would like to ump have conflicting Sunday schedules. Dan stated he would speak to Ed O'Dell about changing to Saturdays. Dan asked about having Steve Buckley help due to his prior experience, Marci stated she would be happy to assist as she has done the clinic in past years.

Dan Driscoll reminded the BOD about the coaching clinics at the High School on 2/26, 3/5 and 3/12 from 7-8:30. There will also be mini camps held for kids over Feb vacation.

Jeff Nicholson suggested having the Major league tryouts at the Kingston Sports center available dates were 3/8, 3/15 and 3/22. A proposed date for the draft would be 3/29.

Marci reminded the Board that Dicks Sporting Good Day was 3/22, coupons are for 20% off and the League will receive money back.

Bob Coulter informed the BOD that Minor and Major League schedules are done.

Diane Schwede thanked everyone who came out and helped with registration.

Brian Schwede said he had been speaking to the president of Whitman soccer about possibly splitting the bill for the new locks.

Brian suggested Opening day dates of either 4/12 or 4/19 depending on weather and condition of the fields.

Brian also informed the BOD that the WPD was not pleased with persons in the WBSA membership who were not forthcoming with information regarding an incident that took place at O'Tooles Pub. The WPD would like to be able to expect full support and cooperation from WBSA.

Coach Selection bean for the 7 major league teams, the voting style decide on by the Board was ballot style, there were 9 candidates presented, bod members could vote for no more than 7. Dan Driscoll and Crystal McCormack counted the votes. The top 7 vote getters were:

Tom Meehan
Mike Kenney
Kevin Briggs
Jim Pare
Duane Levangie
Jeff Nicholson
Jason Flebottte

Brian suggested the following team assignment.

Tom Meehan -	Whitman Police
Mike Kenney-	Duvals
Kevin Briggs -	Venus
Jim Pare -	VFW
Duane Levangie-	Kiwanis
Jeff Nicholson-	Mutual
Jason Flebotte-	Whitman Fire

A motion was made and accepted by the Board to approve Brian's recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 by Brian Schwede.