

BOD Meeting 11.10.2020 -Minutes



Association

Whitman Baseball and Softball

P.O. Box 223 Whitman, Ma 02382

Attendees: Ryan K., Chris G., Dave M., John B., Mike S., Alyssa S., Paul C., Julie C., Anthony F.

Absent: Pat M. excused; Rick J. excused; Dan C. no-show

Meeting Start Time 7pm

- **Treasurer: update** – Update from Treasurer Jon Bergeron. Some bills came in to be updated: NGrid, Water Bill, Sprinklers, etc. VP desires to see a Revenue vs. Expense report (year over year to include month over month). To be generated by VP with treasurers' input. Need to file taxes with Little League (will check to see if that is automatic as part of tax work).

- **Little League International: status update** – Getting guidance for situation with Covid. International play in question, plan for local Little League moving forward for 2021. Look to local guidance in the spring (Chris George to monitor).

- **Closing: Facility and fields** – Minor things left to be done. Level fields, winterize sprinklers, continue drainage improvement around MS1, remove Sponsor signs and back screens. Barrels into storage, etc. Batting cage nets need to come down. Dave will take down. We will leave large net up over the winter (weighed the expense and physical risk, will monitor over the winter). Fitzmaurice winterizing the snack shack. Soccer

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changed the lock last year. Soccer has the paperwork. Need to see if they can change the combo.

- **Sponsorship:** Thank you letters to 19/20 sponsors. Set 2021 rates and form a specific plan for renewals – Send out TY letters with updated 2021 rates -tdb , with discount for renewal (2020 – \$300 sign, \$300 team, \$500 both). Access last season sponsor list. Post sponsor list to WBSA website and update on a monthly basis (make part of BOD business). Will look for new sponsors starting 1/1/21.
- **Fundraising:** Explore different ideas for raising funds and applying for grants/scholarships etc. – Bring ideas for next meeting.
- **League Status:** - Explore greater possibilities for growing our league to include surrounding towns. We need to update the WBSA Little League database. Ryan and Dave to speak offline and reach out to Scott. Need ideas for more competition. Need a count of ending numbers summer/fall player and teams. Build on what we have. Look to LL website for guidance to combining with surround towns (Holbrook, Hanson, Abington, Rockland, East Bridgewater).
- **Equipment status/needs** – Zoom account, Needs list for the spring by VP by next meeting. Be certain baseballs comply with league rules dependent on age divisions etc.

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□ **Partnerships:** Whitman DPW, Whitman Recreation, Whitman Soccer

Reach out to Whitman Rec/WDPW to coordinate field improvements to town fields (Upper and Lower Town Park and Memorial Field). Whitman Soccer – Had their front sprinklers winterized we got the bill. WDPW had Memorial Field sprinklers winterized and we also got that bill. We need to make sure sprinkler bills are directed to the right places (DPW, Soccer, etc.). VP to clean this up.

□ **Facility status needs and wants** – Overall our facilities are in good shape, continue to improve our image by providing well maintained fields and facilities.

Memorial- dirt, drainage basin, base-mounts, bases, covers for mound and home rain sensor on sprinkler box address Geese nuisance!

Lower- explore capital improvements

Upper- better commitment for improvement and use

MS1-Dirt, outfield warning track rebuilt, crushed blue stone around the apron, continue turf improvements in partnership with Barcellos and Kane

MS2- Dirt, widen base paths, crushed blue stone around the apron, address Grub infestation

50/70- turf improvements, crushed blue stone around the apron, new temp fence

SB: crushed blue stone around the apron

Conley: Conley is in complete neglect for over a year!

□ **Capital Projects:** Explore creating protocol for short term and long-term capital projects – What do members want to do. Town Park, Lower Town Park, Memorial improvements? These locations are central to our town, we need

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to cultivate our image there. Possible we direct specific fundraising events to field improvements. Creates a better public awareness of the WBSA. We need to think about what happens with potential Middle School construction.

- **Safety Director protocols and updates** -None at this time

□ **General Discussion**

Need to amend WBSA bylaws to better define our organization –needs to stay in line with Little League. Will look to the Spring “open meeting” for presentation and approval (presentation by VP)

Jon Rice will help with scheduling (Mike Soper maintains oversight role with voting rights intact)

Mike Soper as liaison for Softball (motion by Chris George, second by Dave, passed unanimously)

Need to create a strong community partnership with Softball. Meet with their board to discuss specific coordination.

BOD members discussed a strict zero tolerance of alcohol at our facilities by BOD members to include all membership. This will be updated and noted in our Code of Conduct.

Window in Conley shed needs to be replaced. It was broken. Fitzmaurice boarded it up. It is weather tight and can be addressed in the spring.

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Next meeting 12/8 at 7pm (motion Dave M. second John B. - Unanimous)

8:20 Meeting adjourned -Unanimous vote (motion Dave M. second Mike S.)

VP Notes

Going forward the WBSA board looks forward to being 100% transparent to our members. Our business is our members, and our business is theirs! Our business can only grow stronger when everyone is involved. Happy Thanksgiving to all our WBSA families!

Dave Martin V.P. WBSA