



Whitefish Bay Little League Meeting

May 21, 2014

Called to order: 8:13pm

Present: Levy, Gunn, Seaman, Szumski, Burroughs, O'Connor, Wasserman, Schaetzke, Ratajski, Anderson, Mort, [Otero](#)

Also present Jonah Pitt.

Absent: Wienke, Wronski, Beno

Minutes: Szumski motions to approve April minutes, Ratajski seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Drainage and Park-Levy: Village has approved culvert and bridge work but village does not want to be held accountable. Go ahead given to start work. Ditch will begin in June. Should take 2 days. Second bridge ([temporarily being installed for construction](#)) by batting cages to be investigated [to be left in place after construction](#). [Also investigate costs to connect the two bridges so have wider access path](#). Little League International granted \$4000 towards bridge construction – check received. Schaetzke posed angled parking question for north side of Karl Campus Drive. Gunn will explore gravel path change order. Beno sent report about ball rolling under left field Pee Wee fence. Fence needs to be fixed. Ground rule double stays in effect. Schaetzke and daughter fixed minors field gap. Warning tracks need to be re-examined and filled. [Peter to get quote on building up area behind Majors left field foul pole where it is worn out and replaced with gravel](#).

Treasurer's Report – Burroughs: Money being spent on pace with last year. Umpire pay down. Concessions down. Appears to be reflection of days of play lost to weather.

Snack shack-Ratajski – Saved Little League \$500 by purchasing \$50 freezer.

Equipment: Szumski saved \$428.66 by grommeting [and](#) stitching [ingee](#) windscreens. Pee wee zookas problematic, a variety of issues include being left outside in disarray, toppled, unplugged so not

charging. Additional concerns expressed with scoreboard remote controllers which are expensive. Seaman suggested that at coaches meeting a zooka is demo'd with specific instructions for use and care. Seaman's suggestion was met with round of applause. Per Wasserman request:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=barWV7RWkq0> Also, instructions to be laminated and CABLE-TIED <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zip-tie> or zip-tyd TM <http://zip-tie.com/> to the zooka. BMOD should introduce themselves to Pee Wee coaches. Szumski-Mom's shirts to be made "evergreen" with no dates so can be distributed year to year. (Secretary's note: Please read further for a reverse on this decision in meeting notes below.)

Mort-Website and Social Media: Facebook is getting more action than website, possibly for weather updates but players check website for rankings and scores. 414 416 8442 is Mort's number for texting scores. Board members should add to their phone address books if they haven't already. Number is also posted in snack shack. Scores have not consistently been submitted. Otero will invite sponsors for website banner ads and Otero will invoice.

Scheduling: Schaetzke and Levy will coordinate Bats final schedule.

Commissioner's update-Beno: Call up process discussed. Has to go through Schaetzke. Schaetzke has list and will give to Beno too. Call up through word of mouth is not permitted. Problematic each year. Protocol needs to be emphasized and re-communicated to coaches.

Minors update – Schaetzke: Look for dates for another coaches meeting. Some pitching training? Lopsided scores. Redrafting of Minors to be discussed in August.

PeeWees-Anderson: No problems besides zookas. Schedule question –play with 8? Yes. Re-iterate concept of laminated instruction cards on zooka and demo at coaches training. BMOD must introduce themselves to Pee Wee coaches to make sure zookas are properly cared for and get plugged in after games.

Seaman: Photo day, Brewers Night and All Stars. Photo day went well. June 7th is reschedule date for 10/11 teams. Morning time TBD. Brewer Night – ten days til deadline. Facebook and team push. Posters to go up. All star voting to start June 9th and go through June 13th. ~~Survey monkey or other online mechanism to be set up. Paper form for dug-out? Secretary's note: I left the room at this point. Tony and all, what was final decision here? Coaches will receive paper ballots for their players prior to that week and conduct voting after their games the week of June 9th. Coaches use spreadsheets sent to them and e-mail back to Tony for tabulation~~

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Other comments: Reschedules need to be double checked with Wasserman if game times are before or after previously scheduled start or end times so BMOD coverage is sufficient.

Problem with unlocked bathrooms. Brush left behind. Give Levy list of items to request of village.

Comment [D1]: Not sure what this is

Fundraising and other- Levy: Feb. 21 for gala \$640 for Women's Club. Info available at Championship Saturday and 4th of July. Monday night fund raising committee. Next Wednesday May 28 another

meeting of fund raising meeting 7pm. Location TBD.

Championship locations reviewed. 9/10s Glendale; 10/11's EauClaire; 11/12's Wausau; 50/70 Oak Creek?

June 2nd MOU at village board meeting. Levy presents.

All stars – stipend [for teams that go to State tournament](#) to be decided in June. Players have to commit for all district and all state games or should decline participation.

June 17th next board meeting.

Girls softball field. Extensive discussion regarding Little League budget's ability to support significant gift requested of league. Levy will discuss with Yde and Fuda. Possibility of a la carte use for rain outs.

Wells tribute July 2nd. Name plate underway. Bench put together in snack shack. Speech before game. Bench facing Minors field by planter and flag pole. License request needed for July 2nd if beer is to be served. Root beer floats planned as well.

4th of July Parade. David Ross chair. Warehouse and trailer secured. Weekly meetings. Design in process.

Championship Saturday: Challenger could have game after Pee Wees. Otero presented activities. Continued presence of dunk tank – which poses set-up challenges – discussed.

24 blue and white non-generic (dated) for Mom's game. 10:29 pm. This reflects a change in decision from earlier discussion.

Pee Wee helmet requirements: Pee Wee helmet has to have cage on it. All league helmets have cages – mandatory requirement. Anderson has informed coaches and parents.

Fence repairs: minor backstops, Munson came out but never got back to us. Follow up call to Munson needed. Burroughs will phone.

Walkway to minors dugout – see above.

Chinooks- Otero: will promote – July 22nd – 200 seats reserved. Chinooks All star game. Will promote after Brewer's Night. Forms can be handed out at Loyda Day. Sell at Klode tent for 4th of July? Sign to promote at Snack Shack.

Playoffs and scheduling- Schaetzke: Same as last year. Single elimination first round; double second round. 11 year old all star starts Friday July 11-Friday July 18; twelve year olds Monday July 7th through Friday July 11; Double elimination, coach can concede. Schaetzke will send out detailed schedule and brackets. Coaches will be sent options to vote; 24 hours to vote; final championship game? Wasserman moves one and done championship. Minors and Majors double elimination to be final. All in favor but Schaetzke. Day 25 of play. Seven full or partial rain outs to date.

Schaetzke to contact Helfaer re 2015 schedule. This duty should be assigned to Major's Commissioner Responsibilities.

New business-all: League member concern regarding incident at another Little League park in the news. No guns at the Tower per village signage.

August: Older Adults game for Sarah Chudnow home residents to view will be scheduled.

Signs to indicate fields closed when weather dictates could be posted on fencing or other. Mary will investigate.

Burroughs motions to adjourn Otero seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourns 11:02 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Anne O'Connor
Whitefish Bay Little League Secretary
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