

Willington Little League Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2016

Willington Public Library

7:30 pm

Attendees: Pat Ryan, Amelia Hinchcliffe, Tim Mercier, Rocco Petrella, Val Rogers, Scot Rogers, Beth Bean, Sam Behta

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm by Patrick

Agenda

- Walk-on Item- Fall Season
 - Feedback on Stafford league has been overall positive although scheduling was difficult, making reschedules impossible
 - Group feels it's worth continuing with that league for as many divisions as we can next fall, potentially suggesting one night per week to be kept free for reschedules
 - Discussed making lights our goal for fundraising this year to have another field available
- Remaining board positions: Head Umpire, Concessions Manager
 - Continue to look for a head umpire. Need to find one before December 1st to allow time for recruiting
 - Beth did not get to talk to Shannon about Concessions, will do when Shannon returns from vacation
 - Still working to retrieve Player Agent gmail account for Rocco
 - **ACTION-** Beth to call Missy to help her retrieve password
- Fall Festival Trunk for WLL
 - Val recruited Darlene Passardi and Judie Threatt to help during the event, received Oriental Trading order and will get candy from concession stand
 - Need to clean out concession stand – need new concessions manager to organize cleanout, liquid items can go do lacampo house
 - Flyers – edits made, ACTION – Beth to update and send to Val for printing
 - Update flyers to advertise Jan 1st registration opening and April 29th Opening day, but no other firm dates
 - Group agreed optimal dates for Winter Clinic – 3/18, 3/19, 3/25, 3/26 with evaluations falling on the second weekend after clinic
 - Opening Day rain date 4/30
 - Rocco expressed opinion about having some additional board input beyond evaluations in deciding division of play for certain players – tabled for future detailed discussion on Evaluations process.
- Fundraising Planning for Spring
 - Sam Behta presented many great fundraising ideas including cash calendar, “reverse” scratch cards, Bakeless Bake Sale, and Dinner for a week (all described briefly below for future reference and possible use).

- Cash Calendar: Choose a limited time frame (allowing enough days before start for players to sell), and for each day on the calendar, one prize is assigned. People buy an entry and can win an unlimited number of times. A name is drawn for every day on the calendar and the name drawn wins the prize assigned to that calendar day. Group decided on a price point of \$20. Each prize (or group of prizes) should be equal or greater than that value
 - “Reverse” Scratch Cards – Similar to a scratch off lotto ticket, but the \$ values uncovered are the amount the player will “donate.” Must decide on a limit to any one donation.
 - Dinner for a week – get 7 restaurants to donate dinner for 2. Sell tickets and winner gets dinner for an entire week.
 - Bakeless Bake Sale – Ask for parents to bake for sale at concessions. The letter allows parents to offer money instead of baking.
 - Additional Idea: Place collection cans for spare change at local businesses
 - Board voted to move forward with cash calendar for 2017 Spring Season (motion – Beth, second – Pat, unanimous)
 - **ACTION** – Val to write generic letter describing purpose and requesting donations for the calendar
 - Board feels it would be good to include a fundraising goal in the letter. Lights have been discussed.
 - **ACTION** – Tim to talk to the town about lights, should/can we work together, any issues with installing/operating
 - **ACTION** – Val plans to attend the Nov. 1st PLAN meeting and suggest lights at River Road
 - **ACTION** – Beth to start calendar design for use in letter
- Chartering
 - Board agrees we should apply for our charter as early as possible, requires names and addresses for current board members
 - **ACTION** – Beth to complete board contact list and provide to Patrick for chartering
 - Will need to have charter in order to book EO Smith and any other venues on behalf of little league
 - Constitution does not need to be uploaded to charter, we can update it anytime
 - Beth distributed Constitution recently
 - **ACTION** – ALL to read Constitution and come prepared to discuss at next meeting
- Amelia reviewed minutes from 10/5 and board accepted (motion – Amelie, second – Pat, unanimous)
- Action Item Review
 - Amelia to take a stab at setting up a system to track sales at the stand - **Open**
 - Tim to call and have River Road potty removed - **CLOSED**
 - Beth to research Little League rules on background checks for those representing Little League, but not directly working with the kids- **CLOSED, all volunteers representing Little League require a background check**
 - Beth to contact Shannon on the Concessions Manager position - **Open**
 - ~~Tim~~ Pat to contact Mansfield to get their training schedule and talk about options in teaming up with Mansfield for umpiring – **Open, Patrick volunteered to take this one**

- Val to organize, use leftover candy from concessions, produce posters, order baseball themed supplies, decorate, and recruit help for Trunk or Treat - **CLOSED**
 - Coree to look into getting a table in the gym at Trunk or Treat to hand out flyers for Little League - Open
 - Unassigned – Create flyers for handouts – Beth will take a stab - **CLOSED**
 - Amelia to look into putting a Winter Clinic countdown on the website - **Open**
 - Beth to research requirements and timing for Chartering, contacting Patrick for history - **CLOSED**
 - Beth to brush up WIP Constitution and distribute for review prior to chartering - **CLOSED**
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- Next Board Meeting: **Wednesday November 2nd**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 (motion – Val, Second – Amelia, unanimous)

Future Topics: Grooming Coaches