

Willington Little League Board Meeting Minutes

December 7th, 2016

Willington Public Library

7:30 pm

Attendees: Patrick Ryan, Rocco Petrella, Mike Iacampo, Amelia Hinchliffe, Val Rogers, Scot Rogers, Beth Bean

Meeting called to order by Patrick at 7:42 pm by Patrick

Agenda

- Remaining board positions: Head Umpire, Concessions Manager
 - Group to continue to search for both positions
- Walk-on Item- Cleanup
 - **ACTION** – Patrick to take down River Road field banners and pull bases
- Fundraising – Cash Calendar – vote in a committee?
 - Amelia updated that Sam has sent out over 100 letters and has already collected some entries.
 - Sam will provide list of solicited companies to board so we don't double up
 - **ACTION:** Beth to get list of solicited companies (for cash calendar)
- Holiday Card to Sponsors (whoever is at meeting needs to sign their name to them)
 - Val printed up cards, attending board members signed them.
- Winter Clinic and Evaluations
 - Mike has secured the Sundays at EO Smith (3/5 & 3/12) but is still waiting confirmation on the Saturdays
 - Board agreed we should remain flexible for using weekends later in March if necessary
 - We will NOT be using paper registration, all online, agree to have a laptop or tablet available at in-person registration
 - **ACTION** – Beth to check basketball schedule for good registration days
 - **ACTION** – Amelia to open registration on January 1st, winter clinic to close on 2/18, majors/minors to close on 3/17 and farm & instructional on 4/1
 - **ACTION** – Amelia to send blast email about registration as well as need for more members
- 2017 Spring Prep
 - Advertising brainstorm – digital backpack, flyers for public areas, yard signs, and Mike suggested having previous players do announcements at the schools
 - **ACTION** – Patrick to create a flyer for digital backpack and public areas
 - **ACTION** – Scot to check stock in yard signs and get more if necessary
 - **ACTION** – Beth to contact schools to find out if we can ask to have LL put into morning announcements and nominate a kid to do it.
 - **ACTION** – Beth to contact Paul Gange and book photographer now for Opening Day (4/29)
 - **ACTION** – Beth to contact Boy Scouts to discuss potential conflicts with Opening Day

- Instructional Level changes
- Board agrees to starting to play games within Willington Little League (teams of 5-6 kids), but need to change minimum age limit for T-Ball to baseball age 5.
- Chartering – 136945, online system not working, manual form signed and ready to go
- Promises to town – gravel under bleachers, painting scoreboard posts
 - Patrick still working with Rob Symonds on work under the bleachers, will likely have to be in the Spring
 - Wait until Spring for post painting (put on agenda prior to Opening Day)
- Action Item Review
 - Beth to make updates and distribute Constitution for vote next meeting - Open
 - Amelia to take a stab at setting up a system to track sales at the stand - Open
 - Amelia to look into putting a Winter Clinic countdown on the website – CLOSED – not available yet, SI Play will look into it
 - Tim to talk to the town about lights, should/can we work together, any issues with installing/operating – Val talked to Christina and the topic is on the town agenda for next meeting
 - Val plans to attend the Nov. 1st PLAN meeting and suggest lights at River Road – Val to brief next meeting
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Account ended in September with \$5265.63
 - Bank was bought and no more paper statements are coming, scot will look into it.
- Next Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for: **Wednesday January 4th**