

## Willington Little League Board Meeting Minutes

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Willington Public Library

7:30 pm

**Attendees:** Rachel Boltsridge, Corree Charette, Rocco Petrella, Amelia Hinchliffe, Chad Wilde, Pat Ryan, Scot Rogers, Val Rogers

Meeting called to order at **7:35** by **5**

### Agenda

- Metal bats (walk-on item) – Scott Gilbert asked to speak with the board regarding the switch to metal bats by towns we play (Mansfield in particular, Willimantic also). As more towns are changing, we need to consider the safety factor of playing teams who use aluminum bats as opposed to wood as we do and balance that with what teams are still using wood (South Windsor). **ACTION ITEM–Pat** will call towns to see if we can use wood at home with them so that we can potentially schedule away games with South Windsor (maybe exclusively) and home with anyone who will play wood away.
- Remaining board positions – Head Umpire, Concessions Manager
  - **ACTION ITEM – Rocco** will call Tony Eldridge about coordinating umpires
  - Mike has asked Kristen Bryant
- Coaches and Umpires – Current volunteers and previous coaches
  - Tabled for future meeting
- Fundraising – Cash Calendar & Sponsors
  - 2 slots remaining
  - Val shared a progress update on sponsors. We need to be careful to not overcommit to shirt sponsors.
  - **ACTION ITEM –Val** will give Amelia the form so it can be posted on the website and will review the sponsors page for sponsors that should be added or removed.
- Winter Clinic and Evaluations
  - Registration Update – Currently 40 registrations for winter clinic, hard cut off will be 50. Rocco will separate groups into sessions by age, keeping the softball players all grouped together.
  - Volunteer planning – Volunteers include Scott Gilbert, Pat Lord, John Bose, Pat Hannon, Rocco, Mike, and Pat; **ACTION ITEM Chad** should bring volunteer applications for the next meeting for board members and distribution.
  - Equipment preparation – **ACTION ITEMS Mike** will handle equipment prep/transportation; **Scot, Rachel and Coree** will work with Scot to get balls and other items for the softball players, **Pat** will order shirts
  - Evaluations – Volunteers are all set; **ACTION ITEM Rocco** should meet with **Mike** to talk about stations and how the process went last year.
- 2017 Spring Prep
  - Registration Update – Currently 27 registrations total
  - Opening Day Food Planning
    - Held for future meeting with Val (3/22?)

- Opening Day Event Planning (children's activities? Contests? Raffle?)
  - **ACTION – all board members** to come back next meeting with thoughts on events for Opening Day
- Opening Day Ceremony
  - Gage Rondo's family supports the idea of honoring him at Opening Day and will attend next meeting for us to discuss ideas
- Treasurer's Report
  - Current balance as of 2/22 is \$6260.27. There are no bills outstanding but some small deposits waiting. We owe EC Smith money for the Clinic but will wait for the invoice.
  - Taxes are all set.
- Vote on previous minutes
  - Minutes were distributed via email for consideration
  - Rocco made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Pat. A voice vote was taken and motion carried unanimously.
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**Motion to adjourn by Pat, seconded by Rocco. Motion passed and Meeting adjourned by Pat at 8:40 pm.**

#### **Action Item Review**

- **Beth** to get list of solicited companies (for cash calendar) from Sam - **OPEN**
- **Beth** to write up suggested duties for team parents – **OPEN**
- **Beth** to make Constitution updates and bring back for Patrick's signature at a future meeting – **OPEN**
- Beth to look into permit for the cash calendar - **OPEN**
- **All board members** to come back next meeting with thoughts on events for Opening Day – **OPEN**
- **Rachel & Coree** to come up with a softball specific flyer to put in digital backpack and to remind their basketball players - **OPEN**
- **Chad** to submit Safety Manual - **OPEN**
- **Rocco** will call Tony Eldridge about coordinating umpires- **OPEN**
- **Pat** will call towns to see if we can use wood at home with them - **OPEN**
- **Val** will give Amelia the form so it can be posted on the website and will review the sponsors page for sponsors that should be added or removed- **OPEN**
- **Chad** should bring volunteer applications for the next meeting for board members and distribution - **OPEN**
- **Mike** will handle WC equipment prep/transportation; **Scot** will get balls and other items for the softball players, **Pat** will order shirts- **OPEN**
- **Rocco and Mike** should meet to talk about evaluation stations and how the process went last year- **OPEN**

Next Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for: **Wednesday March 8th** to discuss evaluations and coaching

Future agenda items:

- Parking Lot
- Post Painting and Gravel in Spring
- New uniforms for Majors