

Willington Little League Board Meeting Minutes

March 22nd, 2017

Willington Public Library

7:30 pm

Attendees: Rocco Petrella, Tony Eldredge, Beth Bean, Amelia Hinchliffe, Patrick Ryan, Chad Wilde, Val Rogers, Dori Wilson

Meeting called to order by Patrick at **7:37 pm**

Agenda

- Opening Day Planning – Stafford Youth Football Table
 - Dori came to advocate for the football table. Stafford Football is not interested in “stealing” players from Fall Ball. They believe that kids who want to play football are going play football regardless of their presence at opening day. Stafford just wants them to think of Stafford instead of going to Tolland or Ellington.
 - Board noted that Stafford Football had a table at Opening Day in the past and it didn’t really effect fall numbers.
 - Board discussed allowing it this year and deciding if it has any effect on Fall Ball
 - Motion to allow a table at opening day made by Rocco, 2nd-Chad, motion passed by a 6-1 vote.
- 2017 Spring Prep
 - Draft Update
 - Actions to call past year players and finalized no further returns. In order to get 11 for each majors team Pat motioned to bring up one more 10 year old, 2nd –Amelia and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Coach Voting – complete on Sunday. **ACTION:** Beth will send list of those who checked coach or manager at registration.
 - Remaining Division Registrations
 - Still only 3 for farm softball
 - Coaches Training – **ACTION:** Chad to enlist the volunteer help of Shannon
 - Safety Manual
 - Chad went over some of the questions he needed help with to finalize the safety manual. Worked to get access to database.
 - Scheduling meetings
 - Coaches were all available on Monday, **ACTION:** Beth to reserve the library and notify coaches
 - Sponsorships
 - Fundraiser/Cash Calendar
 - Cash Calendar nearly complete. **ACTION:** Val to provide list of donors and prizes so Beth can get started on the calendar layout and get the list in for the raffle permit.

- Need to identify some items for the Gear Store to sell
 - Uniforms
 - Discussed pros and cons of uniform upgrades and additional ideas
 - **ACTION:** Scot to research jersey options – wicking fabric as well as getting a screen print on the sleeve in honor of Gage Rondeau (#2)
 - Agreed we should put out the survey again and use the prior survey as well to determine if we should raise registration for new jerseys
- Opening Day Planning
 - Game Schedule – Pat and Tim will handle scheduling meetings upcoming
 - Picture Schedule – **ACTION:** Beth to develop a schedule for games/photos to propose to board and get back to Lasting Image
 - Events / Attractions Planning (childrens activities? Contests? Raffle?)
 - Food Ordering – Val has a meeting planned with Kristen, would like to get other concessions volunteers there. **ACTION:** Beth to get list of registrations with concessions volunteer checked
- Willington Day Early Planning
 - Will we run concessions. WD Planning Committee just started planning and asked if we want to run concessions and dunk tank. Amelia motioned we plan concessions and dunk tank, Beth 2nd, motion passed unanimously.
 - Tony suggests running a home run derby. **ACTION:** Beth to find out who ran last year and if we could do an adult derby down the road or take over the kids one or both.

Meeting adjourned at **9 pm** by Pat

Action Item Review

- **Beth** to get list of solicited companies (for cash calendar) from Sam - **OPEN**
- Beth to look into permit for the cash calendar – **WORKING** – Need to clarify requirement with the State and gather all information with Sam and Val.
- **Chad** to submit Safety Manual - **WORKING**
- **Pat** will call towns to see if we can use wood at home with them – **WORKING** – Mansfield said no, Willimantic still waiting
- **Rocco** will get more information from Joe about Gage for the ceremony. Gage was #2 in baseball. - **OPEN**
- **Scot** to look into a memorial when ordering uniforms - **OPEN**
- **Val** to secure the scouts, sound system, someone to sing the anthem and start the food permit- **OPEN**
- **Scot** to clean the grills - **OPEN**

Next Board Meeting scheduled for: **Wednesday, April 5th, 7 pm.**

Parking Lot Items: Post Painting and Gravel in Spring