

Willington Little League Board Meeting Minutes

April 5th, 2017

Willington Public Library

7:00 pm

Attendees: Tony Eldredge, Pat Ryan, Beth Bean, Scot Rogers, Mike Iacampo, Amelia Hinchliffe, Tim Mercier, Sam Behta

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Pat

Agenda

- Walk-on Item – Umpire Update
 - List of umpires coming along nicely, 1st umpire training was a success
 - Tony requests shirts, counters, and brushes to be purchased for umpires. Beth motioned to spend the \$25-\$30 per umpire, Amelia seconded, motion passed unanimously
 - Umpire Pay schedule agreed:
 - Minors/Majors games - \$30 for one, \$20 ea for two
 - 50/70 games - \$40 for one, \$25 ea for two
 - Seniors games - \$50 for one, \$30 ea for two
- 2017 Spring Prep
 - Registration Close – official close is this weekend, but on-time registration ended on 4/1. As of the morning of 4/5, we have the following numbers:
 - Farm Softball – 8
 - Majors/Minors Softball – 9 (all aged 9 and 10) – **only minors team**
 - Instructional – 22
 - Farm Baseball – 21
 - 50/70 Baseball – 11
 - Seniors Baseball (still plenty of registration time left) – 8
 - 3 incomplete orders – Almquist, Gwen and Victoria (3 registrations) on 3/14, Bassett, Matt (1 registration) on 3/25, and Marquis, Chayce (1 registration) on 3/16
 - Coach Voting
 - Farm Softball (text nomination – Ed Carroll)
 - Majors/Minors Softball (text nomination – Coree Charette)
 - Instructional (text nominations – Chad Wilde, Patrick Ryan)
 - Additional interest: Robert Lathrop
 - Farm Baseball (text nominations – Josh Langevin, Nik Gounaris, Aaron Robbins)
 - **Pat motioned to vote in all head coaches, Mike seconded, motion passed unanimously**

- Assistants nominated: Kevin Sepe (Majors Rogers), Tim Mercier (Farm Langevin), Savaas Gounaris (Farm Gounaris), Jason Wentworth (Farm Robbins), Keith Cameron and Matt Bean (Minors Lord)
 - Pat motioned to vote all assistant coaches, Mike Seconded, motion passed unanimously
 - Coaches Training Update – Coaches training set for April 20th at the library, 7 pm
 - Metal Bats Discussion
 - Tim is doing a great job working to get games with teams that will agree to wood bats, but options are limited. Tim will continue to try, but may have to schedule lots of inter-Willington games to get game numbers up
 - Need to put wood bat question on survey
 - Later games for majors – ok by board
 - Volunteer Paperwork – latest, Chad has been sending updates
 - Team Sponsors & Jerseys
 - Mike has done a lot of good work getting details for jerseys this season, looking into upgrading jerseys for older players
 - Board discussed the fact that registration should be higher for the kids who get better jerseys, will have to consider for next year
 - Board agreed to try the upgraded jerseys this year
 - Fundraiser/Cash Calendar
 - Recently learned cash calendars are illegal in CT, need to set a new direction –to be discussed at sub-committee meeting
 - Bleachers/Gravel & Post Painting
 - Home vs Away dugouts
 - Mike requests to swap home and away dugouts, Amelia motions to make 3rd base line home dugout at River road, Scot seconded, motion passes with a 6 to 1 vote.
- Opening Day Planning
 - Concession Stand – old food/drinks need to be dumped, where can we find a dumpster?
 - Postponed – separate opening day and fundraising sub-committee meeting planned
- Willington Day Early Planning
 - Dunk Tank is booked - \$215.00

- Home Run Derby – many think running this would be overextending us, to be discussed at next meeting

Action Item Review

- **Beth** to look into permit for the cash calendar – **CLOSED** – Cash calendar illegal in CT, will discuss options with fundraising sub-committee
- **Rocco** will get more information from Joe about Gage for the ceremony. Gage was #2 in baseball. - **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**
- **Beth** to develop a schedule for games/photos to propose to board and get back to Lasting Image - **OPEN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 by Pat.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for: **Wednesday, April 19th, 7 pm.**

Parking Lot Items:

All Stars Planning

Metal Bats in 2018