

October 22, 2017 Board Meeting

Called to order 1837 M. Bessner.

Approval of June and September Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

1st Joelle A. 2nd John S.

District 4 report (no meetings Sept. and Oct.) Meeting to be held in November.

Will be asking for list of each league's fields both permitted and in use, to look at equity of fields assigned in relation to size of the league.

Motion for approval of new boundary (to reflect the new Wilson boundary) to include Bridlemile. Motion proposed by Joelle A. to adopt new Wilson Boundaries (including Bridlemile and Robert Grey). Huntley 2nd motion, unanimous carry of motion.

Additional request to ask for Garden Home rec. center, Custer, East Sylvan. 1st priority Grey, Foster, and Bridlemile, lower priority but still request Garden Home Rec. and East Sylvan.

Annual meeting (November 19th) time of 6pm depending on availability of facility.

Will check on use of Wilson gym for meeting. (M. B.)

Board. Member Recruitment

Rob S. stepping down

John stepping down from Umpire in chief

Lisa stepping down from umpire scheduling

Lisa continuing treasurer and safety but would like to transfer safety to someone else who might be interested.

Jenn continuing. Softball VP

Jake continuing. AAA VP

Kurt Moore continuing MAJors VP

Jamie continuing

Linda will continue but would like to train someone to take over Sponsorship

Heather continuing Secretary

Huntley will continue Coaches coordinator

Angela C. will do Alpenrose and communications

Kurt K will stay VP

Joelle will stay with uniforms.

Need:

Umpire scheduler

Field scheduler

VP T-Ball

Umpire in Chief

Single A BB VP

AA BB VP

Suggestions: P. Seal, McDougal and others will be reached out to.

Question: Is there a possibility of having a league subscription to some sort of tool to do some of the scheduling jobs, they might be more appealing for those who might be interested, Angela C. Stated she would look at the capabilities of the current engine in use, compared to some others available and costs, etc...

Volunteer opportunities at Alpenrose Storybook Lane:

Full day of shifts will be on the agenda for SWPLL

10 volunteers for each shift, 3 shifts. Need on call people.
Request to ask for 1st or 8th of December or if not available then ask for 2nd or 3rd for our day.

Registration & Communication

When do we want to open registration? December 1st suggestion so that it could be sent out in 2 peach Jar mailings before registration closes.

Request that transparent communication about schedule of when to expect team assignments, schedules for practice, etc....

Registration cost: Families will be paying for their uniform separately from their registration fee when registering. Link will be on screen once they complete registration. Recommended that registration cost reflect a decrease since that cost will come directly from the family.

Tryouts: Baseball Suggested: Move to 2 weeks earlier to help have teams formed to be ready to go by March 1st.

Question: What days and dates. Suggested (baseball) 2 Sundays and a weeknight (Feb 11th and 18th and additional weeknight). No suggestion for format change for baseball.

Softball Feb 11th Softball format for tryout will be different this year. St Andrew Church Open Gym

Softball A, AA Stephenson 1 or 2 nights in February. Upper level softball teams will have opportunities in January and February.

Baseball: Will be doing open gyms for little kids January Stephenson. Suggested older kids go to Wilson clinics and there are other clinics available possibly with Lewis and Clark.

Suggested 2 nights permitted in January and first half of February and 3 nights latter half of February. Suggested coaches clinic to be held as well.

Financial Report: \$44,454.52 (Lisa)

Safety: Nothing for Fall Ball (Lisa).

Uniforms: New style of Letter placement of letters on hats. New font with same diagonal placement approved unanimously (with orange accents).

Coaches:

Would like to have coaching set by January this year.

Vetting for upper divisions to be done by February.

Suggested that VP at each level be informed of information or feedback given on coaches to avoid possible known problems.

Sponsors:

Suggested for donor for softball teams to please sign a thank you card for the donors.
Please forward names of any businesses we work for or patronize to Linda McNamara so that she can reach out to these companies for sponsorship.
Suggestion presented of approaching Under Armour as a sponsor for SWPLL, in order to not violate a no compete clause with Nike, they cannot be on uniforms.

Umpires

Spring Training session: March 2018
Recruitment of more umpires
All good reports from Fall ball coaches about umpires this season.
Encouraged that this League encourages a supportive environment for all umpires and to address those problems when they are encountered.
Reminder that the Umpire training program offered through SWPLL is a training program and we need to support them just as we do our players.

Fields

Permits for Spring due Feb 1
Need someone to take over field scheduling and maintenance.

Equipment:

Do we need to fund purchase of new bats for upper level bats (new bat regulations)?
AAA and majors all bats must have USA stickers on bats. To be revisited until financial report may ask for new bats from Dicks as well with equipment they will be contributing.

Suggested that catchers masks be inspected for missing padding and throat guards.

VP Report out

Softball: Lots of parents c/o traveling. Recommended that A and AA form 6 teams and only play each other at Hayhurst on Saturday.

Motion proposed by Linda M. 2nd by Jake H to trial this format this year for softball 1-3 graders.

Pitching machines and appropriate helmets for each team to be purchased if needed with softball designated donation.

Suggested that LL helmets be checked out to individual players instead of several to each coach. [for any equipment as well as helmets]

Majors/Juniors: No report

Markham Majors field needs work. Expected cost just for skinning \$1,000 (\$3,000 with portable pitcher's mound)

To be looked at doing this season, suggested that a field or two be chosen each year to be skinned (as funds allow).

AAA: No report

AA: No report

Single A: No report

T-ball: No report

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