

West Jeff Baseball

Board Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2016

- The February WJBB Board meeting was held at Tuscany Tavern on Monday, February 8th and called to order at 7 pm.
- In attendance: Ted Simms, Phil Wycoff, Karrie Osborn, Bill Richmond, Wayne Jones, Dave Randall, Felisa Bilello, Beth Kapner, Paul Erdman, and Matt Merrion. Guest: Tony Buccelli.
- With the following alterations, adding Ted Simms to the January attendance roster and noting that RMJBL approved the WJBB 13/14 year old combined team to play at the 13 year old AA level without being able to play in the June tournament (the latter was relayed via e-mail), the January 11th minutes were approved.
- Felisa has created a new format for the 2016 draft budget. Since WJBB will pay for our own umpires this year, the title/name of that line item will be adjusted. There was no approval of the 2016 draft budget in order to give Board members time to review. It was requested they e-mail their vote. The monthly financial statement was approved unanimously.
- First Pitch Night. This new event will be held on February 24th at the Wild Game. Coaches Requirements will be reviewed, a PCA spokesperson will speak about "Positive Motivation", and there will be three \$50 Sportline door prizes. Food and drinks for the event will be donated and Matt will ensure there is an attendance sheet.
- Coaching Clinic: While Coach Jones suggested Feb 18th for the event, Board members raised concern this may reduce attendance at the First Pitch Night. It was decided to drop the Coaching Clinic given by Coach Jones and his staff this year and focus on the February 24th event.
- Coaching Requirements: The PCA Clinic will count for the Coaching Clinic required for head coaches. Age group Coordinators are in charge of tracking compliance. Matt will schedule a First Aid Clinic for coaches at Bergen Fire and Rescue.
- 8 year old second team: Board member Wayne Jones and Tony Buccelli approached the Board to discuss their team for the season. Since they would like some real competition for their players, they will play in the North Jeff League that uses machine pitch for this level. If the team goes to North Jeff, Wayne and Tony were inquiring about a refund. However, after discussion, it was decided there would be no refunds for the players if the team chooses to go with the North Jeff option as WJBB would cover the fees associated with North Jeff.
- Equipment: Paul Erdman suggests \$3976.20 in new equipment. The Board was informed WJBB usually gets 70-80% of the equipment back at the end of the season, but Paul's goal is to tighten up our present return/security system. It was noted the expensive gear should be labeled in order to ensure return. Bill suggested adding some boxes of ice packs to the order. A motion was made by Karrie and seconded by Dave that the equipment expense for the 2016 season should not exceed \$5000. It was unanimously approved.

- Diamond Dry v Rain Out: The motion was to buy one bucket of Rain out at a cost of \$279 and 15 bags of Diamond Dry at \$20/bag. This was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Uniform Update: Matt will order the same number of player shirts as last year for the Recreational League. Ted made the motion and Felisa seconded to spend \$6300 on Rec uniforms which is the same cost as last year.
- Team Photographer: Cheryl Newhall will take team pictures again this year. Matt will request she deliver the pictures to each coach for ease of distribution.
- EPRD update: WJBB will pay for some of the concrete for improvements at Buchanan North. This field will only be available for games on Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday after May 23rd and this has been the same situation in past years.
- RMJBL Update: Dave has reached out to Conifer and Evergreen High school baseball programs to find out how many Level 3 teams they will have for scheduling purposes.
 - The WJBB 13/14 year old team will play 13 year old AA
 - Level 3 begins march 7
 - 14 year olds begin March 14
 - 8-13 year olds begin April 5
 - June 11th is the tournament
 - Coaches will be asked for their blackout dates when games are scheduled
 - RMJBL has asked for a preliminary bracketing of all competitive teams. Dave and Bill have organized a preliminary bracketing which was distributed to the coaches committee for review. Coaches committee will return the preliminary bracketing with comments / revisions to D. Randall. WJBB bracketing will be submitted to RMJBL by Monday, February 15.
- The date for the March meeting was set for Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.