

Wareham Little League, Inc. General Board Meeting
Minutes - Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:41 P.M. by President – Stephanie Thornell

In attendance: Stephanie Thornell, Sharren Frazier, Jamie Allen, Joe Duggan, Chris Smith, Mark McNeil, Quirino doCanto, Holly King (late), Jen DeMello, Gary Gallagher (late), Anna Andrade

Foxwoods trip – Stephanie asked who had sold tickets and how many. It was determined that more than half were sold and the trip would go ahead as scheduled.

Stephanie informed the board that Judy (Shirt Shack) was willing to get started on team hats and socks at this time. We could defer payment to a later date. The board voted in favor of ordering fifteen hats and 12 pairs of socks per team at this time.

Umpires – Chris spoke with Derek Mello regarding scheduling and cost of umpires.

- Derek will be responsible for scheduling umpires at a cost of \$45 per week.
- There will be one umpire per game at a cost of \$40.
- Coaches will be allowed as base umpires.
- There will be two umpires for double headers with night games at \$40 each.
- Cancellation up to one hour prior to scheduled game start – no fee.
- Cancellation within one hour of scheduled game start – small fee TBD
- If cancellation is after start of game full price (\$40) will be charged.
- All play off games will have two umpires.

Motion was made and seconded to hire Derek Mello to schedule umpires for all major league games. It was unanimously accepted. Chris will look into minor league umpires and present information at the next meeting.

A committee was tentatively formed to coordinate scheduling of games – Chris, Sharren, Stephanie and Jaimie.

With the exception of the 24 hour fundraiser, Anthony Grosso will run the snack bar at all games.

Discussion ensued regarding lack of interest in tournaments and low turnout perhaps due to planned vacations, camping and other summer activities. A fall tournament might attract more interest. Mark motioned for a fall tournament. Joe seconded. All voted in favor.

On another note, Stephanie informed the board that she had not had a response from Rochester regarding a refund of the 2011 tournament fee. She will see if they can apply it toward the fee for the 2012 tournament.

Joe looked into cost and availability of the Redmen Hall for a Meet the Coaches dance fundraiser.

- < 100 people - \$150
- > 100 people - \$200
- Dates available May 5th and 12th (both Saturdays)

Stephanie will check with Upper Cape regarding catering.

Holly checked with Decas regarding availability for sign-ups. Dates and times are as follows:

- Sunday March 4th (1:00 – 4:00)
- Tuesday March 6th (6:00 – 8:00)
- Sunday March 11th (1:00 – 4:00)

First day of major league try-outs will be Saturday March 24th.

Holly researched uniform costs. The lowest cost was approximately \$32.25 which included pants, shirt, hat and socks. She will go ahead and order the hats and socks from Shirt Shack for now.

Due to the cost and past experiences, there was some discussion about adding a Late Registration Uniform fee of \$25.00 to the registration form. All present were in favor.

Holly mentioned it would be fun to have a web site logo contest open to all registering little leaguers. There was some interest generated but little discussion as to how this would be accomplished.

Holly stated that in her review of the Wareham Little League Constitution she encountered items that needed to be changed. A motion was made and seconded to amend the constitution. It was unanimously accepted.

Holly questioned what, if anything had transpired with the league deposit accounts. Anna said that she was unable to accomplish anything since she has not officially been appointed Treasurer yet. Paperwork needed to be filed with the State. In addition, in order to change authorized signers on the deposit accounts, a current signer on the accounts had to accompany her to the bank. Stephanie would see if she could have Lisa sign the State forms as secretary so they could be mailed.

Holly presented a tentative sponsorship letter she drafted with Jenn DeMello. Discussion ensued regarding sponsorship of team jackets. Due to league rules and regulations, a suggestion was made to omit that from the letter. Motion was made and seconded to utilize the letter minus the team jacket sponsorship. All voted in favor.

Jenn distributed a handout with the league web site and reiterated that the site is still under construction. She's looking for pictures from previous years to add to the slideshow and welcomes any suggestions.

Gary proposed offering three coaching clinics to all minor, farm and T-ball coaches. Attending a minimum of two clinics would be mandatory for all. Major league coaches would be required to assist the lower level coaches in at least 3 practices. Motion was made and seconded to approve these coaching requirements. All present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Holly to amend the bylaws by removing the CPR requirement for coaches. Motion was seconded. All present voted in favor.

Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25P.M. Holly seconded and all voted in favor.