

Wareham Little League Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2014

In Attendance: Board Members: Q. doCanto, S. Frazier, A. Andrade, C. Kyle, B. O'Hearne, K. Spenard, J. Allen, C. Stephens, T. Schoefield, J. Duggan, J. Gamache, J. Pelletier. Non-Board Members: R. Frazier, D. Tabor, R. Nawoichik

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm by the President, Q. doCanto.

Q asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the last meeting and if anyone had any questions/comments. J. Pelletier questioned the part about the Major League draft method being voted down. Q said that he had looked into it and found that we would have had to have voted it into the charter at the annual meeting. Motion made by B. O'Hearne to accept the minutes for the February Board Meeting. J. Pelletier 2nd the motion, and they were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: B. O'Hearne asked who Faccheti & Faccheti is. This is the firm that does WLL taxes. K. Spenard asked what the PayPal account is used for, Q explained that it had been set up for the 24 hour baseball game, and that it will be closed because it is no longer necessary. J. Pelletier asked who the current sponsors are and how much it is to be a sponsor. It is \$300 to be a team sponsor. A motion was made by B. O'Hearn to accept the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by K. Spenard. The vote was unanimous to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Snack Bar: Q talked to Shari and he said that she seemed to be on board with signing the contract. At the time of the conversation, Shari still had not yet received the contract, but should have by now. Where Q has not heard from her, he believes that she is ok with the contract. Q asked Shari to either mail the contract back or give to Sharren. Shari did say she would like to possibly get in the snack bar next week to be able to clean up, and there are a few equipment issues to be addressed. She said that she is willing to work with us on these issues. Anna brought up that Holly had mentioned that Danny Minkle is interested in running the snack bar if Shari decides she would rather not. Brian asked what insurance is necessary. Whoever runs the snack bar would need to carry liability insurance for their company and the league will need to carry property insurance for the building. Anna asked Jamie Pelletier if we could get a quote for the property insurance.

Patrick Tropeano: A certified letter was sent to Patrick requesting payment, in the amount of \$250, for the Flagship Movie Coupons that he had taken to sell. The letter also stated that if we did not hear from him by March 24, 2014, we would be taking him to small claims court. J. Duggan made a motion to move forward if there is no response from Patrick. C. Stephens 2nd the motion. The vote passed: 8 in favor, 1 against, 2 abstain

Registration update: 151 registered, 33 of them are Major League players. We will be holding another registration on Monday, March 17. Flyers went out to the schools, they were placed at Eastern Bank and at Minervas.

Canning Update: The first date is Saturday, March 15. All Major League coaches have been notified and have been set up for the following:

Walmart – 9-11am Tremont; 11am-1pm Swifts Beach

Stop & Shop – 9-11am East Wareham; 11am-1pm Onset

Shaws – 9-11am South Wareham; 11am-1pm West Wareham

Jim Gamache is still working on getting umpires for the games.

Tournament: Q said that due to other tournaments being held the weekend he had originally wanted to have the Chadwick tournament, the tournament will now be the weekend of July 11-13 2014. Q has put in for a grant through Eastern Bank. He is hoping to be able to cut down on the cost of the tournament. Possibly getting more teams to want to come and play. If we do not get the grant then the cost would be approximately \$400 per team. This would cover the cost of umpires, trophies, and awards.

Scoreboards: Q has received two of the three sponsor checks, and may be able to get the third one by the end of the week. We do not have a 4th sponsor yet. The cost of 4 scoreboards is \$9,864.75. This includes the scoreboards, the signs that go on the boards, and wireless remotes for each. With the three sponsors we already have \$9,000. If we only get three scoreboards we would end up with \$1200 left over. J. Pelletier made a motion that we pay the \$864.75 in addition to the \$9,000 we have from the sponsors to get the four new scoreboards. S. Frazier 2nd. The motion was accepted: 10 for, 1 abstain

Coaching Change: Jeff King had to step down as the coach of South Wareham due to schedule conflicts. There were three candidates who were considered: J. Allen, R. Nawoichik, and J. Gamache. R. Nowoichik was nominated by Q. B. O'Hearn made a motion to accept Mr. Nawoichik as the new coach of South Wareham, and J. Pelletier 2nd. The motion was accepted: 10 for, 1 abstain. After the vote there was much discussion and Mr. Nawoichik asked if he needed to let the board know his decision right away. Q let him know that yes, we needed an answer right away, but if he went home and decided he would not want the position he could then resign.

There will be a field cleanup on Sunday, March 16, at 10am to get the fields ready for tryouts next weekend.

Financial Hardship Players: Little League says that we should let them play, but possibly charge a smaller fee. There was a discussion of a possible cap on the number of players and the amount they would be asked to pay. J. Pelletier made a motion to set the cap at 10 players and that they be asked to pay \$35 to cover the cost of a uniform. K. Spendard 2nd, motion accepted: unanimous.

There will be a Coaches Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014.

Field Cleanup for the league will be Saturday, April 19th. A schedule of assignments will be given out/discussed at the next meeting.

Pepsi sent an email saying that they would send us volunteers to help us with whatever we need if we would like. C. Stephens said it would be nice if they could help us create a "warning track" on the fields to help with the appearance of the fields and make it easier for mowing. Q said he would talk to Hi-way Concrete to see if they would donate stone dust to replace the sod that is removed.

Joe Duggan gave an update on the dance. Vel's is unable to cater the event, so he has booked Ricardi's. We will be going with the Yankee menu. Cost will be approximately \$12-\$13 per plate.

Joe also made a motion to send flowers to a former WLL player's funeral. C. Stephens 2nd, accepted: unanimous

Keys: Q brought up that he felt that too many people had keys and that people should need to sign them out. Sharren said that all valuables are in two places and that she and Jim are the only two with keys to those places. Coaches do have keys to the scorer's booths. All field equipment (i.e. bases, chalk, etc.) will now be kept in the scorer's booths. We will not have to sign for keys.

The league received a bill for the janitor from when we held registration on February 20th, which will be paid to the Wareham Color Guard. The bill has been paid by the color guard, we are simply reimbursing them for half the cost.

An updated budget was given out. Doug Tabor has plugged in the current numbers and will continue to do this so we can see how our numbers are standing up to the projected budget.

C. Stephens motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. J. Pelletier 2nd, accepted: unanimous.