

WESTWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

February 10th, 2014

MINUTES

Attendees:

Rob Gotti • Peter Cahill • Mike d'Entremont • Mark Jessup • Mitch Katzman • Kevin McDonald
• Mark Pezzuto • Chris Pfaff • David Reilly • Mike Curtin • Tom Bean • Jason Kissell • Pete
Diomede • Wendy Fahey • Brian Whelan (WHS Varsity Coach & guest)

Agenda:

Secretary's Report – Jennifer Perkins presented the minutes from the January 14th meeting,
***Board Action – The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the January 14th meeting,
as presented.***

Rob Gotti reviewed the progress on action items from last meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Marc Pezzuto presented the status of finances for the league reporting
current account balances for the general fund, Morrison, & the snack shack as well as inflows &
outflows since last meeting.

***Board Action – The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the January 14th meeting,
as presented.***

Sponsorship Update – Jason reported on progress made on gaining sponsor commitments and
reiterated the need to for all board members to actively gain commitments from as many new
and returning sponsors as possible prior to our goal date of March 1st.

*Action Item – Board members to solicit 2014 sponsorship commitments by March 1st and either
send new sponsor names to Jason Kissell or ad them to the [Google Doc](#) circulated by Rob.*

Operations update – Rob provided a report on registration counts by division for 2014.
Registration is closed for all divisions except KBall & BR. Continued recruitment efforts ongoing
for those divisions.

Player Development: Mitch Katzman presented a recommendation for pitching clinics.
Discussion ensued and a suggestion was made by Kevin McDonald that we explore using the
Varsity Coaches & Players to conduct a pitching clinic at WHS. Coach Whelan, who was in
attendance, was very receptive to the idea. It was also decided that Mitch's recommendation

to utilize Winning Pitchers in Framingham could be pursued if there were enough interest among player families. This would be open to include Babe Ruth aged players.

Action Item – Mitch to follow up and nail down details with Coach Whelan.

Action Item – Mitch to gauge interest levels and make a formal recommendation at 3/3 meeting for PCA Leadership seminar.

Equipment update – Wendy Fahey reported that inventories would be taken of equipment bags as soon as weather permits access to shed. Tom Bean offered assistance. Wendy will be placing preliminary order for jerseys through Day Street in early March.

Action Item – Wendy to conduct physical inventory ASAP.

Action Item – Wendy to place uniform orders after nailing down team quantities and team name preferences with coordinators.

Summer update – Chris Pfaff reported that all Westwood A & B teams have been registered with the Suburban League. Summer tournament commitments will likely occur in March. Upper Charles team registrations are much later.

Events update – Kathleen Holland gave a brief update on status of preparations for the opening day parade scheduled for May 3rd.

Umpire update – Dave Reilly reported on progress of umpire staffing for Majors & Babe Ruth. Minors and International divisions will utilize Westwood Youth (MS & HS students). Mike Griffin will conduct umpire training in late March. Dave asked that online registration for youth umpiring be open by March 1st.

Action Item – John Loughnane to open Umpire registration and send e-mail blast to eligible WLL alumni by March 1st.

Divisional Updates – each division coordinator gave an update on their projected number of teams and players per team based on registration figures.

Minors Coordinator Mike Curtin – proposed a slate of coaches that will be officially ratified on March 3rd following the Majors draft.

Majors Coordinator Pete Diomedede presented his plan and a proposed slate of coaches. The plan and proposed coaching slate was subject to thorough and thoughtful input from the board.

Board Action – the following slate of coaches received a Majority vote of approval from the board:

Head Coach	Assistant Coach
Gary Cappuccino	Chris Burgess
Kevin McDonald	Mark Plecinoga
Steve Hannon	Peter Diomede
Tom Kilgariff	Steve Fay
Chris Pfaff	Dave Reilly
Tom Bean	Mitch Katzman

Williamsport Selection Process –

Rob re-presented the background information and proposal for the Board to consider. This information had been circulated for all to review in depth following the last meeting. Following discussion of the proposal a

Board Action – the board unanimously approved the changes to the Williamsport selection process.

Action Item – new tab will be added to the league website outlining the selection process in the spirit of transparency and disclosure.

Planning Calendar

Upcoming events include:

- March 1st : Major’s Evaluations being held at TJO Sports in Canton
- March 2nd: Majors Draft night
- March 3rd 7:00p – 9:00p PCA Leadership Seminar – Sr. Center
- March 8th: Minors Draft

Action Item: John L. to update the Events Calendar on the Website with several key dates including: Draft Dates, Umpire Training, Coaches Clinics, Safety Training, and Pitching Clinics

Next meeting March 10th at the Council on Aging in Westwood

Meeting Adjourned