

WESTWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2014

MINUTES

Attendees:

Rob Gotti • Mark Jessup • John Loughnane • Chris Pfaff • David Reilly • Tom Bean • Jason Kissell • Pete Diomedede • Wendy Fahey • Gary Cappuccino • Kathleen Holland • Paul Longo

Agenda:

Secretary's Report – meeting minutes were not circulated from April meeting, but will resume with May meeting recap.

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. Of note, \$50k from New England Development received into Morrison Redevelopment account.

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

Sponsorship Update – Jason reported on progress made on collections v. pledges to date. Issued follow up actions on the remaining amounts outstanding

Action Item – Board members owners of contacts to contact and provide link for payment or PO box for check to be sent in.

Operations update – Division Coordinators presented the following updates:

- ***Balance of teams – how do records play out our goal of balance?***
- ***Pitch Count check ins to reinforce against overuse of players***
- ***Quality of Umpiring***
- ***Condition of facilities***
- ***Quality of coaching***
- ***Playoff Dates – where applicable***
- ***Spring Coaches Evaluations Due Dates***
- ***Summer On-Field Evaluation Updates***
- ***Selection Meeting plans & independent board observers***

Some discussion on fields – need to deal with back field at School Street. Need to turn Morrison, and need to deal with drainage on TMS field as we've cancelled more than one game on a beautiful day due to lake behind SS position.

Action Item - Tom Bean to follow up with DPW to get these issues addressed.

Events update – Kathleen Holland gave a status of preparations for the Reilly Classic.

Two areas of concern: no reply from Medfield and no 9A team confirmed for Walpole.

Action Item – Rob Gotti to contact respective League Presidents in each town to confirm participation.

Hosting District Playoff Games:

Rob provided an update from a series of meetings of District 11 Presidents called by District Administrator Phil Albert.

Historically, District 11 playoffs for Williamsport Tournament were held at Kelley/Wall fields at the Norwood Little League complex due to Phil's affiliation with Norwood.

This year, all district playoff games will be spread out across participating towns with fields that meet specifications. As a result, Westwood is going to host multiple tournament games – including the district Championship

Tentative schedule will be received, firmed up, and then presented at the June board meeting.

Player Development: Mitch Katzman & Rob G. confirmed upcoming PCA Coaches Clinics for May 30th (4:00p) TMS Auditorium & June 16th 7:00p location TBA for summer coaches.

Action Item – Mitch to communicate to coaches to drive awareness & attendance.

Umpire update – Dave Reilly provided progress report on umpire staffing. Generally speaking the experience has been very good. High quality umpires. Good attendance. Noted some start up issues regarding communication and payment processing that had been worked through.

Morrison Fundraising Efforts:

Rob provided news that \$50k from NED had been received and that Roche Bros. had committed an additional \$25k.

The board brainstormed some ideas on next phase of fundraising.

Action item – follow up with small committee to further flesh out actionable ideas

Planning Calendar

Upcoming events include:

- May 30th 4:00p PCA Coaches Clinic – Thurston Auditorium
- June 9th Board Meeting to ratify summer teams
- June 14th: Championship Saturday for International, Minors, Majors
- June 15th: Player Selection Game & HR Derby
- June 18th – 22nd Reilly Classic

Action Item: Kathleen Holland to issue volunteer matrix and schedule of board volunteers needed by night for the Reilly Classic

Action item: Chris Pfaff to order trophies/awards for spring seasons and Reilly as needed.

Next meeting June 9th at the Council on Aging in Westwood

Meeting Adjourned