

Woodstock Little League Minutes
Thursday, August 6, 2015
Woodstock Town Hall Room A
7:00 p.m.

Attendance:  = attended meeting **No voting privileges**

Mike Anderson
Keith Barnes
Bob Borski
Bill Chaput
Rich Dinges

Brad Favreau
Frank Fleck
Mike Gelhaus
Matt Hebert
John Kallgren

Adam Leveille
Cheryl Leveille
Jeff Marcotte
Karen Marshall
Brian Murphy

Pat O'Brien
Mike Sampson
Justin Weber
Susan Webster
Harry Wotton

Secretary – Susan Webster

Minutes from WLL board meeting on 6/4/15 - 8:00 PM held at Woodstock Town Hall Room A.

- Motion to approve, motion seconded, majority in favor **APPROVED**

President – Mike Sampson

- Closing Ceremony Recap – New format with NuthinButFun, grilling food, etc. a success; concession proceeds just about covered cost of entertainment; Mike S. to work with John Dlugosz to upgrade PA equipment at field
- All Star Recap – next season maybe consider entering teams into local tournaments outside of district tournament as part of All Star experience; could also form B teams to participate so more kids could play
- Fall Ball Registration – open online, 36 registrations to date; Mike S. to send out another league email; one graduated player signed up, Mike S. to fix dates and notify player that he is not eligible
- Volunteer Forms still needed from some Board Members and Coaches

VP - Karen Marshall – Nothing to report

Treasurer - Bob Borski – Not in attendance

- \$13k in bank, down approximately \$6k from last year at this time, which represents cost of bullpens; league operating close to break even as budgeted for the fiscal year – Mike S. reported

Fundraising Director – Pat O'Brien

- Spring Raffle Recap – raffle, including buyouts, netted league approximately \$7k, compared to approximately \$4k last year from Little Caesars; Many raffle prizes were donated, which helped keep costs down
- Golf Tournament – Harrisville and Vineyard Valley will both cost approximately \$35/golfer, which would result in WLL making \$45/golfer if \$80 cost kept same as last year; Glow-ball tournament also a possibility; discussion held regarding date of tourney, keep on Columbus Day weekend, or hold the weekend before? – Motion made to allow Pat to make all decisions regarding tournament on behalf of the league, motion seconded, majority in favor **APPROVED**

Player Agents- Brian Murphy and Adam Leveille - Not in attendance

- Issues? – Mike S. reported that he has not been made aware of any issues

Safety Officer- Jeff Marcotte

- Any incidents / issues to report – Ambulance called to field during Closing Ceremony for individual with apparent heat stroke, individual's parents reported to Mike S. that day that he was fine

Building & Grounds- Mike Gelhaus

- Spring cleanup projects still to finish (resurface softball bleachers, paint concession stand interior) – Mike S. reported that there is still one board at field for SB bleachers; John to order more boards to finish bullpens
- Flagpole (Ken Staveski has flagpole/needs location) – Mike S. emailed Ken about placing in CF between the two fences, Ken was on vacation but stated he would touch base next week
- New batting cage for softball field – any progress – **Tabled for future discussion**

Unfinished business from June meeting

- N/A

New business

- Thoughts on 2015 Spring season, improvement areas/ideas – Karen received comments/complaints about Coaches not practicing during the season, solution might be to hold more group practices to help out coaches that

cannot commit additional time for practices, Mike S. to make practice time a highlighted area of discussion at next year's Coaches meeting; John proposed having members of the 11/12 All Star team pitch to the 9/10 team next season; Mike S. wants coaching recruitment, training and support to be an area of focus during the offseason, especially at the Coach Pitch level, WLL is in discussion with PELL about holding a joint coaching clinic in October/November; Bob Corradi, the long time AD and Baseball Coach at Mass Maritime and the grandfather of a WLL player, is now retired and has offered to help out with WLL coach training/clinics; Bill Holowaty has also offered to run a Coaching Clinic

- Player Agents to collect All Star paperwork and PVFs – Mike S. offered to hold onto forms
- Fall Evaluations (need date/time) – ***Tabled for future discussion***
- September Annual Meeting / Elections
 - Meeting will be on Thursday 9/24 @ 7pm, location to be determined – Susan reports Town Hall not available, Mike S. to email Ken Staveski about using Crabtree meeting room
 - In advance of the annual meeting, Mike S. would like to receive notice from all Board Members on the following:
 - resignation notices from members leaving the Board at the end of September
 - notice from members that would like to abdicate their position
 - notice from members that would like consideration for a new position
 - New Board Members need to be recruited

Open Forum

Meeting Adjourned

8:00pm

Next meeting

Thursday 9/10/15 @ 7:00pm, Woodstock Town Hall Room A