



WSABL Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:06 p.m. by President Chris Stamm

Members in attendance:

President; Chris Stamm, Treasurer; Derek Davis, Secretary; Tom Matthews

Board Members: Mike Jewart, Mark Fallen, Chad Grossman, Dave Pry, Don Boben, Eric Boben, Craig Smith

Meeting Minutes

- Secretary Report submitted for November 6^h, 2011 meeting.
 - o Motion to approve, Chris Stamm, Motion 2nd; Mike Jewart, all in favor

Treasurers Report

- Treasurers Report submitted by Derek Davis showing current balance of \$21,356.26.
 - o Motion to approve, Derek Davis, Motion 2nd; Craig Smith, all in favor

Old Business

- Andy Dulya is out of the country on business and unable to provide an update on the concession stand door. Chirs Stamm will attempt to contact Andy for an update and present at next meeting.
- Tom Matthews went over the new On-line registration process and discussed the capabilities and limitations of the program.
 - o Motion by Derek Davis to implement a \$15 multi-player discount, second or more child, and a \$200 Family maximum registration cost (cost based on registration fee and concession fee), Motion 2nd Chad Grossman, all in favor.
 - o Motion by Tom Matthews to exclude the raffle ticket cost from the on-line registration, Motion 2nd Mike Jewart, all in favor.
 - o Mike Jewart recommended that a "mandatory meeting" for parents be scheduled prior to the beginning of the 2012 Season. The meeting could be used to distribute the Raffle Tickets.
 - o Tom Matthews to investigate if the Sports Manager On-line registration program has the capability to include American Legion registration based on a \$0 registration cost.
- Chris Stamm attended the November 7th, 2011 Legion Baseball Meetings and reported the following.
 - o A vote was held to form BCAL and not participate in American Legion. The reasons given for forming BCAL included the cost American Legion charged each team, the elimination of the All-Star Game, 19-year olds being restricted from participating, etc.
 - o If West Sunbury Legion does not participate in BCAL, the American Legion team would have to travel to the Pittsburgh area to play games.
 - o Chris Stamm and Mike Jewart to attend American Legion meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 to discuss the proposed changes. West Sunbury American Legion will need to provide their recommendations on how to proceed with the hope they will support BCAL.

Grounds

- Chris Stamm reported that Justin Nagy received bids to construct the Legion Field dugouts. The bids received were considerably higher than the initial cost estimate. After further discussion, it was agreed that Boben Excavating would construct the Legion Field Dugouts. The plan is to mobilize equipment to the ball field the week of December 12, 2011.
- Eric Boben made a presentation on a proposal he received from George Snyder to re-grade Major League Field. The proposal included:
 - o Re-grade outfield from right-center field to ~10' past right field foul line.
 - o A swale to be cut ~10' off right field line to approximate area of first base dugout. A grate drain would be installed near dugout with a 6" drain pipe extending to roadside drainage ditch.
 - o Excavated excess dirt to be stockpiled outside outfield fence.
 - o Infield to be reggraded and rolled. Mound to be re-built to specifications. Approximately 2" of infield mix, supplied by WSABL, to be spread and graded.
 - o WSABL to remove existing fence and poles from right field foul pole to approximately center field and along first baseline to right field foul pole. Seeding of outfield and other disturbed areas to be done by WSABL
 - o Motion by Chris Stamm to approve \$4,600, pending on review of formal contract, for George Snyder to make the above improvements to the Major League Field. Work to begin as soon as possible, Motion 2nd Mark Fallen, all approved.

General Discussion

- Chris Stamm has attempted to contact other League Association Members to set-up a League Meeting with limited success. Chris plans to contact all League Members and schedule a meeting in January 2012.
- Chris Stamm indicated that he has been in contact with North Washington Baseball Association to discuss WSABL's desire for our T-Ball and Pee Wee teams to play one another. North Washington was receptive but indicated that the current rule differences, mainly Pee Wee kid pitch, would need to be addressed. Chris Stamm expressed his support that WSABL should change the existing rules to eliminate Pee-Wee kid pitch.
 - o Motion by Tom Matthews to change WSABL current rules to eliminate Pee-Wee kid pitch in favor of coach pitch, Motion 2nd, Derek Davis. Result: Approved 5-4 with one abstaining.
- The Board expressed concern that VP Justin Nagy of the WSABL had not attended the past few meetings and asked Chris Stamm for clarification on his future involvement.
 - o Chris Stamm to discuss with Justin his intentions.
 - o Chris Stamm to review the By-Laws to determine how the rules address meeting absences of Officers of the Board.
- Mark Fallen expressed his desire to have an all girl T-Ball and Pee-Wee team in the 2012 season, should there be enough participation. The intention would be prepare the girl teams for participation in a future softball league.
 - o Motion by Tom Matthews to form an all girl T-Ball and Pee-Wee team in the 2012 season, based on adequate sign-ups, Motion 2nd Derek Davis, all approved.
- Motion by Chris Stamm to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm., Motion 2nd, Mike Jewart, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Matthews - Secretary