

West Plains Little League meeting – October 20, 2010 / 6:30pm @ ML Pizza Factory

Those attending: Amber Hughes, Kimo Paikuli, Mike Paulson, Rob Beamer, Tricia Dormeier, Joe Cheevers, Mark Dixon, Adam Smith & Mike Fuentes

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm

Equipment – Amber Hughes & Adam Smith/ Discussion of relocation of the Medical Lake POD from ML Middle School to ML High School. Due to move, items in POD are now a mess. Mike Paulson & Joe Cheevers will coordinate with some ML high school kids to clean up POD on Saturday at 8:30.

Treasure Update – Adam Smith/ reviewed reports with checking balance at approximately \$6000.00 after reimbursement from Inland Power Company. This is approximately \$3000.00 down from start of last year's season. (Copy of report on file.)

Sponsors Update – Tad (not present) Adam would like Tad to spread the list of contacts within the league members to help with making contact with sponsors.

Old Business

Salnave Field Updates- Adam Smith/ Current status – sprinklers almost complete on #3 field - waiting on end caps to be finished. #2 field – ditches dug for sprinklers. Rob Beamer will be working on piping this week. Sod will be delivered on 10/30. Adam asking for volunteers that day to lay sod. Cost will be approximately \$1300. This is only 10 cents/sqft with not delivery costs. (Thanks goes out to Action Materials for their help with great deal on sod!) \$700 to add roofs to dugouts. (Thanks goes out to Jongward Construction.) **Thanks to all who have participated in making these fields beautiful!!

City of Cheney Meeting Update-Adam Smith/ WPLL requested an outline contract with City of Cheney showing credits for improvements to fields. Estimated credit will be between \$18,000 & \$20,000. WPLL would like to help city with money by selling space on back fences of our fields for advertisement. City was excited for our involvement. Very likely this will be approved and in writing soon.

Pitching Clinic/ Cheney parks & rec. dept will reserve the high school for WPLL and save our league the fee for using the school gym for clinic.

New Business

Leo's photography contract approval/ proposal of a 5 year contract. 10% mark up by league & 10% given to WPLL from Leo's. Mike Paulson made motion, Joe Cheevers second the motion & new contract approved with unanimous vote.

2011 Registration Fees/ proposal to increase rates to the following: A & AA \$30 / AAA & Majors \$60 & Juniors \$90. Tricia Dormeier made motion, Rob Beamer second the motion & new rates approved with unanimous vote.

2011 Raffle – Board Discussion/ All members agree we need to continue with raffle. Rob Beamer to be head chair. Pat Perez has volunteered to help. Adam Smith will provide 4 Mariners tickets for raffle.

Farmers Raffle – Baseball memorabilia/ All in favor of helping with this raffle. Will keep separate from league raffle & target people at Indians games, Chiefs games, etc. Adam will be head chair & will get dates and make spreadsheet for member volunteers. Farmers Agent asking to raise \$10,000 that will be used to improve Cheney fields. Will possibly be used for the new Betz fields if approved in the spring.

Coaches Reward System for returning gear/ Amber Hughes to make proposal for next meeting. Would like to give incentive to coaches that turn their gear in on time with minimal items to be replaced. Idea brought up to give \$50 gift card to Tomato St asking them to help with the cost of gift cards. Mike Paulson will discuss with Tomato St after Amber makes proposal next month.

State Tournament 2011-Rob Beamer/ Would like to head up 10-11 yr old state tournament & 9-10 yr old district tournament. Rob to have more details in a later meeting.

Ties for the AAA Level-Board Discussion/ dilemma brought up due to 13 ties in AAA 2010 season. Most ties were due to stopping game after only the 3rd inning due to daylight. Board agrees to abide by Little League rules & schedule 1 hour prior to next game playing same team to finish game. If still tied, will leave as tie. (found most of these ties were at the beginning of season when base stealing was not permitted.)

Coaches Meeting/Training – Mike Fuentes/ discussion lead to not having coaches training rather establish a mentoring system among coaches. More seasoned coaches to help new coaches. Mike to present more on this at a later date.

Lights at Salnave/ Mike Paulson asked about the possibility of adding lights to the Salnave fields. Adam would like to wait until spring to discuss after finding out if the new fields at Betz will be approved.

Field usage at Waterfront/ Kimo Paikuli was informed that due to the construction at ML middle school and additional softball teams being played at Waterfront will leave us in need of additional fields. Amber Hughes mentioned the fields in Airway Heights. They are LL approved and have been used in the past. Kimo will look into these fields when making schedule for 2011 season.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm