

Attendees

Bill Alexander	T. J. Barresi	Charles Button	Anne Marie Edwards
Ric Gaudet	Paul Gegetskas	Bill Gozzo	Tim Johnson
Mike Loftus	Scott MacGregor	Craig Mann	Bill Morneault
John Nolan	Jeff Nunes	Tim Rice	Gary Tasillo
Jeff Vibes			

Next Meeting

7:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at St. Casmir's.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

The minutes from the meeting held on December 10, 2008 were approved. Given that we have implemented an Action Items Log, it was also agreed that only significant items and new business would be documented in the minutes.

Note: For updates on action items, please see the Action Items Log.

Board Positions

Jeff V. and Ric noted that we have several critical open positions on the Board:

- President – The President signs the Little League Charter. Without a President we do not have a league. It was noted that, according to Little League rules, the President can manage or coach a regular season team but cannot manage or coach an All-Star team.
- Safety Officer – The Safety Officer updates the Safety Manual. This document is presented to Little League. If WILL presents this document, before the date established by Little League, we receive a discount on our insurance, which can amount to a \$600 savings. This Officer also provides a training session to coaches and coordinates updating the first-aid kits.
- Concession Stand Director – The Concession Stand Director is required to take a one day course for licensing and manages the overall operations of the stand. The concession stand generates about \$10,000 dollars for WILL, which helps defray the costs associated with running the league. Beyond that, the concession stand provides a vital service to the WILL family at very reasonable prices. Without this Director we will either not have a stand or will

be forced to vendor the service. A vendor would mean less income for WILL and higher prices.

- Senior League Director – This position runs the overall operations of Senior League. Without a Senior League Director there is no Senior League.

Action Item

- Ric will send out an e-mail to the WILL family highlighting the necessity of these positions as they provide vital services for the league.

BBC Hitting & Pitching Clinics

Ric reported the following:

- The hitting clinic for 10, 11, & 12 year olds began on January 10th. The cost to participate in the hitting clinic is \$100, which can be prorated for anyone starting late. The cost for both the hitting and pitching clinics is \$160. The dates for both clinics have been booked.
- He is working with BBC to set up similar clinics for the 7, 8, & 9 year olds as well as Senior League players. At this point it looks like these clinics will begin Feb. 22.

Action Items

Ric will:

- send out a reminder to parties of interest for the 10, 11, & 12 year old clinics, and
- finalize dates and notify parties of interest for the 7, 8, & 9 and Senior League clinics.

By-laws Committee

Ric reported that the next meeting will be held in about a week. On 12/2 the group began their review and discussion of the bylaws with Little League rule changes and the All Star selection process. Ric's goal is to convene one or two additional meetings and then report back to the Board with the committee's recommendations.

One of the issues, which needs to be discussed, is All-Star player commitment. There were a number of All-Star players who missed games and practices due to vacation, sport camps, and/or other sport teams. The committee will determine what the guidelines will be regarding time away and how best to communicate these guidelines to potential players and their parents or guidelines.

Action Item

Ric will set a date and send out an invitation to all those on the committee for the second meeting.

2009 Calendar

The following dates were agreed open. Dates/times are tentative based on availability as noted.

- Coaches Clinics

- February Break – Run by Ben Alaimo the coach for Windsor High’s Varsity Baseball Team.
- Date TBD – At Baseball City – Cost about \$500
- Umpire Clinic – Date TBD
- Tryouts
 - 10 – 12 year olds - 3/14/09 & 3/21 – 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Baseball City
 - 8 & 9 year olds - 3/15/09 – Time TBD - Location (Baseball City or LP Wilson)
- Draft – 3/24, 3/25 and 3/26
- Field Clean-up – 3/28 with a rain date of 4/4
- Mandatory Coaches Meeting 4/2
- Opening Day – 4/19
- 9 & 10 year old Rock Cats Hit Run & Throw – 5/23
- League Picnic – 6/6 Rain date TBD
- WILL’s Rock Cats Game – 6/13

Action Items

- Jeff V. will update the calendar and upload it on WILL’s web-site.
- Angela G. will put together a handout for distribution to parents during registration, which will highlight important dates

Concession Stand

Bill G. reported the following:

- He and Dave Z. plan to meet.
- His experience with planning and budgeting couple with Dave’s experience working with the town and fundraising will be a nice balance.
- He is considering planning something similar to the concession stand at the high school football field.
- They would like to form a concession stand committee.

Ric suggested that the committee meet with people who work in WILL’s current concession stand to discuss layout.

Action Items

- Bill G. to meet with Dave Z.
- Dave Z. and Bill G. will solicit committee volunteers.
- Bill G. and Dave Z. to meet with individuals who have worked in WILL's concession stand.

Other/New Business

Registration

1. The flyer, denoting the dates for registration, needs to be in the schools by January 23.
2. WIN TV needs to be contacted; they can put the date on their calendar.
3. Windsor Reminder needs to be contacted; they can publish the date.
4. Forms, which will to be leveraged during registration, need to be created and sent to the printer.

Action Items

The owners of the above tasks are as follows:

1. Angela Gegetskas and Ric Gaudet.
2. Ric G.
3. Chaz Button
4. Angela Gegetskas, Ric Gaudet, and Bill Morneault

WILL Scholarship Committee

Mike L. is about to begin the process of contacting local high schools that former WILL players attend. He will also be soliciting committee member to review the candidates.

Action Item

Mike L. will coordinate contacting high schools and forming a committee.

Youth Sports Meeting

Ric reported that:

- Jeff V., Bill M., and he attended the recent Youth Sports Meeting, which was facilitated by the AD of Parks and Recreation, Richard Henderson.
- The Oliver Ellsworth School will be open in the spring for Senior League Baseball.

- The only other sport that uses the Oliver Ellsworth School is Lacrosse. Ric requested that Richard set up a meeting between Lacrosse and Baseball to address any potential obstacles.

Action Items

- Ric to follow-up with Richard as needed regarding meeting with Lacrosse.
- Jeff V., Bill M., and Ric G. to attend the follow-up Youth Sports Meeting.

Concession Coverage and Umpiring

It was noted that we should attempt to solicit student volunteers from the high school who need to do community service.

Action Item

Ric will contact the Principal of the High School, Russell Sills, to discuss this possibility.

WILL's Constitution

Bill M. noted that the constitution needs to be updated since it has not been revised in many years. Although the Board's actions reflect the changes in the community it services, the constitution does not; hence some of the Board's actions contradict the constitution.

Action Item

League President will need to form a Constitution Committee to update the document.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Morneault - Secretary.