

Attendees

Bill Alexander	T. J. Barresi	William Brace	Charles Button
Pete Crisanti	Diane Dudack	Anne Marie Edwards	Ric Gaudet
Paul Gegetskas	Bill Gozzo	Sue Granata	Mike Loftus
Scott MacGregor	Greg Malloy	Bill Morneault	John Nolan
Jeff Nunes	Tim Rice	Lawrence P. Rizzo	Steven Romero
Troy Ruff	John Rutledge	Gary Tasillo	Nick Vavalle
Jeff Vibes	Dave Ziaks		

Next Meeting

7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at St. Casimir's.

Minutes

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

The minutes from the meeting held on January 14, 2009 were approved.

Treasure's Report

Each of the recipients of WILL's Baseball and Softball Scholarships submitted their first semester Freshmen Year grades. The recipients surpassed the requirements set by the 2008 Scholarship Committee and were issued a check.

Registration

- Baseball 115
- Softball 51 Little League Total 190
- Tee-ball 24
- Senior League Total 12

We are running close to last year's totals after registration. If the trend continues, we have received about half of our final total.

2009 Calendar

The following dates were agreed open.

- Baseball Tryouts
 - 10 – 12 year olds - 3/14/09 & 3/21 – 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Baseball City
 - 9 year olds - 3/22/09 – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at LP Wilson
 - 8 year olds - 3/22/09 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at LP Wilson
- Softball Tryouts
 - 3/21/09 – 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. at LP Wilson
- Coaching Clinics
 - 2/21/09 – Rock Cats Clinic – Contact Craig Mann if you are interested in the Rock Cats Clinic. This is free but space is limited.
 - 3/5/09 – 6:30 at Windsor High - Run by Ben Alaimo the coach for Windsor High's Varsity Baseball Team.
 - Date TBD – At Baseball City – Cost about \$500
- Fund Raiser – Collection Day
 - 4/25/09 all the sites including Stop and Shop
 - 5/2/09 all the sites excluding Stop and Shop

Action Items

- Jeff V. and Greg M. to update web-site with these dates, as needed.
- Craig Mann to coordinate with his Rock Cats contact as interest in their Coaching Clinic presents itself.
- Ric to e-mail all eligible 10, 11, and 12 year olds regarding try out dates.
- Ric to send e-mails to parties of interest regarding Ben Alaimo's and BBC's Coaching Clinics.

Windsor International Little League Officials

Mike L. noted that we are at a point where critical dates are forcing our hand:

- 3/1/09 - This is the date the President must sign the Charter.
- 3/8/09 - This is the date by which we need a Concessions Director in order to ensure opening the stand for Opening Day.

Concessions Director

He continued... without a concession we could survive. Registration fees pay for our operations but the stand is a mainstay at WILL and adds to our unique and inviting atmosphere. The following suggestions were made:

- Hire a vendor.
- Turn the Concessions Director into a paid position.
- Consider structuring the Concessions Director as a shared position to lessen the burden (Co-Concessions Directors).

By the end of the discussion, the consensus was to have the Concessions Director be a shared position. Alison Ruff volunteered to take the test and co-coordinate inspection. There was also a potential opportunity in using Nick Vavalle's license; possible conflicts have to be researched. Alison will then work with Angela Gegetskas and Sandy Vavalle to do the training. This group will co-coordinate ordering supplies and lining up volunteers who could receive deliveries at Welch.

Safety Officer

Once Alison offered to take on this role, Lawrence Rizzo offered to take on the role of Safety Officer, which was recently filled by Troy Ruff. Troy welcomed the support and the two will work together to submit the safety manual in a timely fashion, which will secure WILL a reduced rate on the insurance fees.

Succession Planning

Mike noted that we need to find a way to prevent this from happening in the future. Coming to this late date without key positions being filled makes it a disincentive to attend league meetings... showing up puts attendees on a short list of candidates. We need to actively recruit and the following ideas were mentioned:

- Bring a friend to a meeting.
- Managers/Coaches can identify parents helping or watching practices, especially at the younger levels.
- Single A and Tee-Ball – Convene a mandatory but informal meeting with parents to give them an overview of how WILL operates and the importance of volunteering at some level.
- More e-mails like the one that Ric sent out entitled "Time to Think Baseball".

Mike suggested forming a Succession Planning Committee, which was well received. Bill M. and Troy Ruff offered to be on this committee.

President

After discussion regarding the role of President, Greg Malloy offered to take on this role to ensure that we have a Chartered League. His nomination was seconded and unanimously approved.

Other League Positions

- Player Agent Softball – Ann Marie Edwards
- Equipment Softball – T.J. Barresi
- Director Majors Softball – T.J. Barresi
- Director Minors Softball – Diane Dudack
- Player Agent Seniors – Richard Granata

Action Items

- Mike L. to work with Mary Smoolca, a past Concession Stand Director to put together a list of Concessions Director duties to share with Alison, Nick, Sandy, and Angela.
- Lawrence to work with Troy to ensure that the Safety Manual is completed in time to get a reduced insurance rate. After this is done, they will continue to work together to updated the First Aid Kits.
- Mike to set a date for the Succession Planning Committee to meet and e-mail the participants.
- Ric to get the Charter to Greg M. to secure his signature.
- Greg M./Jeff V. to update WILL's website.

Concession Stand

Dave Ziaks, a long time member of the WILL family, made a presentation to the Board regarding building a new concession stand and lavatories. Two thirds of the building would be a concession stand and one third would be handicapped accessible lavatories. This facility would be similar in design to the building at that high school's football field. He has already begun opening the lines of communication with the Town Manager, Public Works, and MDC. Each has been encouraging and supportive. MDC noted that they would not charge us any extra for the bathrooms.

Given that the new facility must meet new codes, Dave estimates construction costs to be between \$75,000 and \$90,000. He anticipates leveraging usable material from the old concession stand in the construction of the new building. Further, he anticipates being able to secure support from the town, fund raising activities, and local businesses. Given this Dave asked that WILL allocate a third of the estimated construction cost as a means to show our commitment to the town in building this facility.

By a majority vote, the Board approved the allocation of \$30,000 to building the new facility.

Dave invited those in attendance to be part of the Concession Stand Committee, which currently consists of Bill Gozzo and him.

Action Items

- 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.

By-laws Committee

Ric Gaudet presented the committee's proposed changes, to the by-laws for the 2009 season, to the Board. The following topics sparked the most discussion:

- "Call Up" list – Who is eligible and how to handle call up players whose team is playing on the same day.
- Injuries – How to handle situations when a player's injury impacts the player's ability to play for an extended period.
- Tournament and All Star Team Selection – How the age break down in teams was arrived at and the Eligibility Affidavit. There was a concern raised regarding the 11 year old team and the potential of having minor league players on this team.

The Board approved, by a one vote difference, to accept the By-laws as written. Those who voted against it wanted to clarify the wording related to which division(s) the 11 year olds can be selected from.

Action Item

Ric will forward the approved documents to Greg M. and Jeff V. so that the web-site can be updated appropriately.

The meeting concluded at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Morneault - Secretary.