

Attendees

Bill Alexander	T. J. Barresi	Pete Crisanti	Anne Marie Edwards
Ric Gaudet	Sue Granata	Bill Gozzo	Mike Loftus
Greg Malloy	Craig Mann	Sandy Miller	Bill Morneault
Jeff Nunes	Tim Rice	Troy Ruff	Bob Stickels
Nick Vavalle			

Next Meeting

8:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at St. Casmir's.

Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M.
- The review of the minutes, from the monthly league meeting held on April 8, 2009, was deferred until the next monthly meeting.

Three Year Capital Budget

Mike Loftus reviewed WILL's 3-Yr Capital Plan.

- 2009's Beginning of the Year Balance was \$55,000. Our expected cash flow, based on how we have trended over the years, is \$11,000, which offsets our annual ongoing expenses. However, we have additional one-time expenditures that are either expected or have already been incurred.
- Below is a listing of expected expenditures through 10/1/10:

1/1/2009 Item	Cost	10/1/2009 Item	Cost	10/1/2010 Item	Cost
Tractor (A)	1,700	Lights (B)	5,000		
Sound System (BA)	2,500	Batting Cage Nets (B)	2,000		
Concession Stand (BA)	30,000				

WHS Dugout (BP)	5,000				
Softball All-Star Uniforms (BA)	1,500				
Lietchy Shed (B)	800				
TBD (B)	1,000	TBD (B)	8,000	TBD (B)	12,000

A = Actual Cost

BA = Board Approved Amount

BP = Board Pledged (Approval Contingent on a second Board vote)

B = Budgeted Amount

It was noted:

- The new Concession Stand, which will use the existing footprint, and the Windsor High School Dugout Donation may not happen until next year.
- Softball would like to replace the stolen pitching machine. They had two pitching machines and the old one was stolen late last year. This would have to be brought to the Board for approval next month.
- It was suggested that future expenditures be submitted to the President and Treasure before each meeting. In this way they can be added to the agenda. Those in attendance agreed to this change in process.

Action Item

Bill G. will speak with Dave L. to determine the timeline for building the Concession Stand. Bill G. will report back at the next Board meeting.

WILL/WALL Integration Update

Pre Ric G., combining leagues in some fashion is not unheard of; several towns in the area have combined leagues. Below are examples of what Little League would need to understand:

- Why we want to combine leagues. They would need to understand our hardship, which includes:
 - growth of other sports,
 - the number imbalance between the two leagues, and
 - why we think we would be better off by combining the leagues.

- Numbers – See examples of information needed below:
 - We are down about 13% from last year.
 - On the boys side we are down from 338 in 2003 to 222 this year.
- Map of the town including how the leagues are split.

At this point, those in attendance began to brainstorm:

- The idea is that, if we do combine, a new entity would be formed. WILL and WALL would become defunct. The goal would be to take the best of both and create something better.
- Areas that would need to be address:
 - WALL plays on Saturday. WILL practices on Saturday and plays on Sunday.
 - By-Laws would need to be combined.
 - WALL plays interleague, WILL does not. If this is to continue, travel time would need to be addressed when scheduling games.
 - Where would games be played?
 - Management of the concession stands.
 - Once a player in WILL is selected for a Major League team, that player stays on that team. WALL redrafts each year.
 - If WILL redrafts due to a merger, coaches may need to be re-selected. Individuals in each league would need to accept the agreed upon concessions.
 - Images and perceptions that each league has of the other would need to be quelled.
- Preparation:
 - The meeting should be held at a neutral sight.
 - WILL could put together a draft agenda and draft ground rules as talking points with WALL in preparation for an official meeting.
 - An integration committee from WILL should be formed.
 - Gather registration and budget numbers noting trends and forecasts.
 - Speak with District Officials for guidance.
 - Speak with other leagues that have been through a merger to glean lessons learned. For example, several towns have created one board, which manages two leagues (e.g. South Windsor, Glastonbury, and Manchester).

- It is our understanding that WALL will not have a 12 year old All-Star team; a possible “Olive Branch” could be offered to augment their team with 12 year olds from WILL. In this way more 12 year olds get to participate in All-Stars.

Action Items

- Greg M. will establish a position or committee whose charge it would be to market Little League Baseball in Windsor.
- Greg M. will check with Little League to see if games can be televised on WIN TV. The thought was that this had marketing potential for Little League Baseball in Windsor.
- Greg M., Ric G., and Bill A. will head up the Integration Committee for WILL. Greg will contact Fred T. (WALL’s President) to get the ball rolling.

Succession Planning

Mike L. presented a document that highlighted existing WILL Officials who will not be returning because their son/daughter will no longer be age eligible. This document also noted who currently plans to come back next year.

- Of the 28 WILL Officials, next year 15 will be open.
- Of the 18 voting Board Members, next year 9 will be open.
- Key positions that will be vacated are the President, Secretary, and VP Baseball.

The following suggestions were made:

- Create an e-mail distribution list.
- Connect with assistant coaches, especially at the lower levels, and parents who sit on the sidelines during practices.
- Co-positions could be created to bring someone along.
- The Executive VP position could be leverage to groom a future President.

Mike L. also requested the following:

- Over the summer, each current Board member should document the tasks they perform and time-lines using the template he submitted.
- Each current Official should get back to him noting whether he/she plans to return.

Action Items

Bill M. will create an Excel spread sheet using the Volunteer Applications to list names, phone numbers, and area of volunteer interest for each applicant.

New Business

Bulletin Board

The old bulletin board was damaged and never replaced. It was noted that replacing it invites vandalism. A suggestion was made to use the inside of the Concession Stand's vending doors as a bulletin board. Those in attendance agreed.

Action Items

Bill M. will put flyers for the Hit, Run and Throw competition and Family Picnic on the Concession Stand's bulletin board.

Troy will print these flyers for league distribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Morneault - Secretary.