

Willingboro Little League

Meeting Minutes

January 07, 2009

I. Call to order

Nathaniel Anderson called to order the regular meeting of the **Willingboro Little League** at **7:20 pm** on **January 07, 2009** in **JFK Recreation Center**.

II. Roll call

Kasheema Payne conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Nathaniel Anderson

VP – Dion Bolden

Treasurer – Tracy McGlaughin

Player Agent – Vincent Gilliam

New VP – Dennis Tunstall

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Nathaniel Anderson read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Introduction of New Members

- a) Dion Bolden officially resigned her position as Vice President due to personal and family reasons. She stated that she has spent a great number of years watching WBLL grow and would like to take more time to concentrate on family life.
- b) Dennis Tunstall has been appointed to assume the position of VP of WBLL by President Nat Anderson. Tonight officially starts his term of VP.
- c) Vincent (Scooter) Gilliam was introduced as the 2009 Player/Agent of WBLL

V. WBLL 2009 Mission

Our mission for the 2009 season is to create coaching strategies to continue to develop our players. A collection of videos and other materials will be available for our coaches to ensure they can create more skillful practice sessions.

VI. New Business

- a) **Inter-league Play** – There is talks to start WBLL's major division in inter-league play this season. This all depends on the participation of the surrounding towns and if their Little League programs are willing to one home game and one away game for each team. If this is successful than we can try to take the minor division to inter-league play the next season.

- b) **Dues** – The coaching dues for the 2009 season are being increased to \$20 dollars. This increase is to help fund the clinics and materials that will be used to train and certify our coaches.
- c) **Registration** – WBLL registration will begin on January 17, 2009 and will continue every Saturday until March 7, 2009 in the JFK Recreation Center hallway near the gymnasium. A table will be occupied between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm to handle the flow of parents registering their child for WBLL. There were also talks of having a registration table at 4 various events in town to get some of the players registered who are not able to make the Saturday time schedule.
- d) **Equipment** – Dave Shine states that we are in need of at least 5 sets of catcher's equipment. We shall look into pricing of needed equipment from various suppliers to determine the best deal for our needs.
- e) **Field Maintenance** – We need to find a person or persons who will be the designated fields person or also a landscape contractor who will be willing to be used on a "as needed" basis. The township has a number of ongoing projects going on and we need to find a more definite source of maintain our fields.
- f) **Rookie Scoreboard** – It was stated that the scoreboard on the rookie field was malfunctioning. The supplier of the scoreboard has been contacted about this problem a series of test were tried to fix the problem. The supplier stated that they would send a technician to diagnose the problem with the scoreboard and if they could not fix the problem it would be replaced.
- g) **2009 Improvements** – There are two things that have been considered for improving our experience this year at WBLL. First we have started pricing a windscreen for the fence of the Minor/Major field that will read "Home of Willingboro Little League". All banners from the sponsors that are currently hung on said fence will be moved to the fence on the Rookie field. The second item is installing recessed lighting around the concession stand.
- h) **Umpires** – All umpires who officiate games for WBLL must sign a form 1099 as per Little League. There were talks of having our officials sign a waiver form to umpire our games in lieu of filing a form 1099 to keep from having to claim taxes on monies earned. One note to remember filing a 1099 form does not cover WBLL from being sued by any official who gets hurt working a game for us, we need to talk to an independent attorney to get the details for this particular situation.
- i) **WBLL Website** – The WBLL website will be maintained by Vincent Gilliam. He is currently in the process of updating the information on

our site. All information will go through him to be placed on our website and he will provide all passwords and link info.

VII. Open Positions at WBL

- a) There are still a number of positions that need to be filled with the board of WBL. A list of the particular positions is as follows: Commissioners for All Divisions, Field Maintenance Person, and Concession Stand Manager. If anyone is interested in anyone of these positions please state your interest at the next board meeting.

VIII. Questions from the Floor

- a) **Q** - Will the number of protected players change this season from the previous number of six? **A** – The number of protected players will not change this year, the number set the previous year will remain and the issue can be debated again next season.
- b) **Q** – Will there be assigned practice locations for all teams and divisions? **A** - There is no assigned practice locations all coaches are responsible for locating their own practice locations.
- c) **Q** – Will there be a Junior League this season? **A** - If we can field a coach and enough players to have a team we will try to create one. Until such a time that we have what we need to do such we will place the prospective players on a waiting list.
- d) **Q** – Will we switch to coach pitch in our rookie division this year? **A** – We have not decided on a definite answer to that question as of yet the talks are about maybe starting with machine pitch and gradually progressing to coach pitch mid-season.

IX. Adjournment

Kasheema Payne adjourned the meeting at **8:05 pm**. The next scheduled meeting is January 28, 2009 at the JFK Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by: Kasheema Payne Sr.