

Willingboro Little League Baseball

Coaches Meeting Minuets

February 11, 2009

I. Call to order

President, Nathaniel Anderson called to order the regular meeting of the **Willingboro Little League Baseball Coaches** at **7:23 pm** on **2/11/09** in **JFK Recreation Center in Willingboro New Jersey**.

II. Roll call

Kasheema WC Payne Sr. conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: President-Nathaniel Anderson, VP of Softball Operations – Bill McLaughlin and Player Agent – Vincent Gilliam

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kasheema WC Payne Sr. read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Treasury Report

- a) President Nathaniel Anderson read the WBLL account summary to all in attendance. The itemization of the most recent activity is as follows;
- b) There were several deposits made so far totaling \$3703.87 from registration and collection of coach's dues.
- c) Our operating expenses totaled \$596.55 for utility and vendor payments as well as food.
- d) Present WBLL account balance is \$3108.32 to date.
- e) This presentation was accepted by all and recorded as stated.

V. Committee Report

- f) Dave Shine has composed a list of equipment that is needed to maintain our standard of playing and provide our coaches with the proper equipment for their teams. The summary of his findings is as follows;
- g) **Helmets** – The majority of our helmets are in fair condition except for our Major Division.
- h) **Catchers Equipment** – We are in need of at least five (5) sets of catcher's equipment before the start of the season. A lot of the equipment from last year is damaged or too small for our kids to use. This will be addressed by cost at the next meeting.
- i) **T-Ball** – The T-Ball Division needs tees for the upcoming season. As per different conversations with coaches and officials Dave has come to the conclusion that we need to be prepared to purchase T-ball equipment after each season.

- j) **Equipment Bags** – Dave states that we are also in need of replacing a lot of our equipment bags from the previous seasons.
- k) **Pitching Machine** – We have been in contact with the manufacturer of the pitching machine and they are helping us determine if the machine has warranty coverage for repair. If there is something they can do to help us with this matter they will.
- l) **Anaconda Sports** – Dave has presented some info he received from a meeting with this company about doing business with WBLL for equipment. A formal presentation of his offerings must be presented at a coaches meeting before any information is provided.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a) **Commissioners** – The Board has tried on several occasions to reach out to our coaches and members in attendance of recent meetings for volunteers to act as Commissioners for the upcoming season. There has been no response to this matter at this point and as per League President Nathaniel Anderson there will be no Commissioners this season. All complaints or questions from parents and coaches will come directly to the WBLL Board either in person or via email.
- b) **Concession Stand** – Tracey McLaughlin has decided to accept the position of concession stand manager. We appreciate her stepping up and helping with the added responsibility.

VII. New Business

- a) **Sponsors** – We need to find more sponsors to help us take care of the upcoming season and beyond. Anyone who knows someone who works for Verizon please contact Dennis Tunstall, there is a program that Verizon offers that donates \$750.00 to local charities. We can always use help from whoever is willing.
- b) **Township Funding** – Nathaniel Anderson has been talking to his sources within the Township and a number of different cutbacks are taking place this year. One of these is our stipend from the township. As an organization we need to learn to create our own income through sponsors and community involvement. We urge everyone to come together and help make WBLL a self-sufficient entity within the community.
- c) **Protected Players** – The deadline to register protected players is February 21, 2009. If a player is listed on a coaches list as protected and has not registered by the deadline will enter the draft with the unprotected players.

d) Dues - As we discussed in our last meeting, our coaches dues this year have increased to \$20.00 and any coach who has not paid their dues will not be able to choose the uniform design for their team.

e) Camp – Coach Torrey has created a mini pre season camp for all of our players this season. This is scheduled to take place between 3/16 – 3/18 drills and other basic fundamentals will be covered in this camp and coaches will have the opportunity to see the draft field before the draft.

f) Draft Day – Our Player Draft has been scheduled for 3/14. This will be a “Blind Draft” as in the previous seasons and all coaches are asked to attend to select their teams

g) Picture Day – Our team pictures have been scheduled for 3/25 and 3/27 here at the JFK Recreation Center. All information will be distributed at a later date to all coaches and parents.

h) Megan’s Law Forms – All coaches and persons looking to volunteer with WBLL must provide a completed Megan’s Law Form and a copy of your ID to the board for processing.

i) Meeting Attendance – All coaches are required to attend the regular scheduled meetings. We have had several meeting since November of last year and our attendance level is very low. If any person or persons have decided to coach with us this year your attendance to this meeting is necessary.

VIII. Announcements

a) Registration Table Volunteers – We need to get more coaches and parents involved with assisting our registration table at the JFK center each Saturday until 3/7. There will be increasing numbers of parents to register their children and help is needed. Contact a Board member if you are able to assist in this matter.

b) Pitch/Hit/Run Competition – We have been in contact with the individuals who take care of the competition and we will be involved with this again this year. All players in WBLL are urged to attend and register for this event.

c) Player Drills and Development – Vincent Gilliam has composed a small list of drills and instruction sheets for our coaches to use. Some of these things were distributed at the meeting more will be available on our WBLL webpage.

IX. Adjournment

Kasheema Payne adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kasheema WC Payne Sr.

Minutes approved by: [**Name**]