

Willingboro Little League Baseball

General Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2009

I. Call to order

Kasheema Payne called to order the regular meeting of the **Willingboro Little League Baseball** at **7:25pm** on **05/06/09** in **JFK Recreation Center** in **Willingboro, New Jersey**.

II. Roll call

Kasheema Payne conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:
President – Nat Anderson
Secretary – Kasheema Payne
Player Agent – Vincent (Scooter) Gilliam

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

IV. Treasury Report

- a) There was a handout passed around to all who attended this meeting showing the current financial status of our organization. The following is a summary of the worksheet that was distributed;
- b) Beginning balance - \$54.87 Total income received - \$23,641 Total expenses paid thus far - \$7,518.94 Balance to date- \$16,176.93

V. Old Business

- a) **Coaches/Parents Umpire Training** – There were several attempts made to have a Training session for our parents and coaches this year. Due to weather and other scheduling issues, we have had to move this event to Saturday, May 09, 2009 at 3:00pm on the T-Ball/Rookie field. Debbie Price, our league official will be here to explain the rules to the game and help us to have a safe season.
- b) **Concession Stand** – As of this point the board has only received one list of parents whom have signed up to help with the concession stand duties. We have asked numerous times of all coaches to comply with this request. This is an urgent issue that needs to be taken more seriously and all coaches should submit their list of parents A.S.A.P. As for the Minor Pirates Nat Anderson has volunteered to find which parents from this team would be able to assist in working the Snack Shack.
- c) **Web Page Status** – Applause and Congratulations to Vincent Gilliam and his team for creating an excellent web site for all to visit and enjoy. He states that

there are still a few bugs left to work out and stats to correct but other than that, everything is fine.

- d) **Coaches/Parents Softball Game** – The board would like to thank all of the parents, coaches, and friends who attended our first game of the season. This event turned out to be a huge success and we hope everyone will attend the next scheduled game to take place on May 29, 2009.

VI. New business

- a) **Tournaments** – There will be different tournaments coming up in the near future that different coaches will be choosing teams to take and participate. These are not WBLL tournaments and WBLL does not decide which players will and will not participate. If there are, any questions that anyone has about one of these tournaments see your teams coaches they will have this information.
- b) **Little League District Tournaments** – WBLL will be participating in the tournaments this upcoming season. The district tournament teams will consist of players from the following divisions Minor and Major. These teams will have a Try-Out day schedule TBD. All players attending the tryout will be evaluated on different phases of the game to see which will be representing WBLL in the tournament. All uniform cost for these tournament teams will be paid by WBLL.
- c) **T-Ball/Rookie Division** – The executive board states that we would like to schedule an All-Star game for the Rookie/T-Ball divisions. Since there are, four teams' equal players will be chosen from each team and divided into two teams for these games. Further details of this event will be discussed at our June meeting.
- d) **Coaches/Parents Game** – There has been another coaches and parents game scheduled for May 29, 2009. We hope all that attended our last game that made that one a success attend this one to do the same!
- e) **Concession Stand Cook** – There has been a cook hired to work the concession stand for our games on Saturdays. The pay was \$10.00 per hour for the following hours 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- f) **Concession Stand Hours of Operation** – The concession stand will be open for all games held at our facilities but will limit cooking to the weekends. All candy, soda and other snacks will still be available during the week. There is also pizza that will be available for sale in the stand.

VII. Questions From The Floor

Q – Does everyone in the dugout need to have turned in a Megan's Law form? **A** – Anyone who is assisting with the team during games is required to have a Megan's Law form on file with our board. These are Little League rules that we must abide by.

Q – Have we as an organization thought of using ID badges for all coaches? **A** – There have been problems scheduling our coach's certification training due

to the weather and time. Once our coaches complete the training there were talks to have coaches have their certifications displayed with and ID badges.

Q – Why are there not regular paid officials for T-Ball/Rookie division games like those that we have for the Minor/Major division? A – There is a substantial cost involved with having official umpires. In the lower divisions as a league, we decided to go with “volunteer umpires” instead. Also in our lower divisions, there should be more focus on developing our younger player’s baseball skills rather than worrying about records and standings.

Q – Why was the field conditions the way they were on at the last Saturday, games? A – Our fields are maintained by the Township and not all the time are they taken care of before game time. If we as an organization could come together and volunteer a little time to maintain our own facilities things would look a lot better and we could take more appreciation of our hard work.

VIII. Adjournment

Kasheema Payne adjourned the meeting at **8:35 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Kasheema WC Payne Sr.

Minutes approved by: Nathaniel Anderson