



## Little Chute Diamond Club Meeting Notes – April 13, 2015

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Attendees – John Elrick, Tom Myers, Brian VanLankveldt, Steve Lonigro, Kay Becher, Phil Weigman, Mark Genke, Tom Buchholz, Nikki Weigman, Angie Long, Tammy Johnson, Geno Johnson, Dean Birling

Meeting called to order by John Elrick.

Items not on the Agenda: Coach's Apparel – last year softball supplied shirts and hats to all coaches, baseball supplied dri-fit shirt to just the tournament coaches but all coaches received a hat. We will do the same this year. The Board will need the sizes for the apparel. Phil will get the baseball information and Tammy will get with Paul for the softball information. Tarps – Scott Fletcher got with Appleton Awning, they said if we can get the tarp there they will look at it and give us a quote to patch it. John stated that they are hesitant to invest in a brand new tarp because the club is hoping to not use Doyle in the near future. Phil will try to contact Kaukauna again to see if we can rent or buy theirs. Phil will order the new 120x120 tarp that was approved from the Cheese Fest donation. Links from school web page – The links from the High School page need to be looked at. The baseball link goes to the wrong page, and the softball link goes nowhere. John will have someone look at it.

Review Items/Minutes from March 10, 2015 meeting: John approved minutes, Brian VL seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor.

Divisional Committee Updates:

Phil - Baseball – 9U/10U will work with Menasha to fill some games this league season. Most of our games will be at home at Legion but some will be played at the Youth Sports Complex off Airport Rd in Menasha. Tournament jerseys and hats have been ordered. We are going to buy some of the extra LC Varsity BB hats from Dean for our youth coaches. 11U/12U will be playing with Freedom again this year. It's Freedom's turn to buy trophies for the end of the League season tournament.

Angie - Softball – 14U are starting to practice. 10U is looking to get into some more tournaments.

Steve – Legion – Nothing new to report.

Expenses: Nikki presented the financials. The balance sheet and estimated expenditures/deposits were reviewed. All expenses were reviewed and were voted on by present board members to be paid.

Concessions: Brian VL stated that he will be working with volunteers to staff the MCS and is hoping that Board members and parents can fill in for certain shifts. We will be looking at options for having a drop box for the concession earnings every day. There will need to be guidelines and a point person in charge of picking up money.

Holiday Wholesale/other vendors: Holiday is not offering any incentive to do immediate payment but the Board agreed to do weekly debits for our account electronically. Any other vendor's payment terms will need to be reviewed by the Board.

Umpire Payment: We will be having umpires sign when they receive payment.



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Electrical Upgrades: This is being looked at. John or Tom will talk to Jason Wegand to see if he has any news on this.

Outfield Fence Sign Leases: The lease expires soon, at the end of the month. For now we will just be doing signs at Legion. They will need to get the signs out soon. Right now we have Keller as an interested company and with our negotiating with the MCS manufacturing we told him we would look for signage opportunities for him. Received new lease pricing as possibly the following - \$200-\$250/year or \$350/2 years.

Tents for Dugouts: We need new tent for Legion 3 due to storm damage from last year. They are around \$150 for a new one. Phil W motioned to approve the purchase, Brian VL seconded the motion. All present Board members voted in favor.

League/Tourney Coaches Selection: John was going to give Phil and get the info to Paul as to who he still needs the DOB & middle initial for in order to do background checks.

League/Tournament Update: League and tournament numbers were presented to the group. Had a discussion as to why we seem to lose numbers at certain ages. LCDC along with the Varsity programs would like to look at ways to keep a focus on youth retention in order to build our program. Some ideas thrown out there – reading program with the elementary school and some kind of incentive for players to play and stick with the program through all four years of high school.

League Play with other Communities: Covered in Divisional Updates.

Parent Meeting: Need to ask Paul about on-line registration for next year. Maybe doing more than one registration day.

Varsity Coach Updates:

Angie Long – Softball – LCHS Softball has a 1-1 record as of tonight. They will be hosting the Sectional Final Game Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30. She will need the MCS there, if the game is rained out it will be moved to Wednesday. 14U has started practice.

Dean Birling – Baseball – Camp will be Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 8am – Noon at the High School Fieldhouse. It will be for grades K-8. The first 5K went well. The Coach's Clinic was very good and well received, but had low attendance.

Unfinished Business: Apparel order, Brian said that he is hoping that everything will be ready by Thursday.

Items for future agendas: Engaging and keeping numbers up, hats/uniforms for next year – minor league ideas, 4<sup>th</sup> field – 3-4 weeks making a pitch to administrators to get the ball rolling for the fourth field next year(est. amount \$500,000), ask Cheese Fest for donation for new concession stand if fourth field is a go



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Brian VL called to adjourn, Phil W seconded, all present board members voted in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter