



Little Chute Diamond Club Meeting Notes – February 10, 2015

Attendees – John Elrick, Tom Myers, Brian VanLankveldt, Steve Lonigro, Kay Becher, Phil Weigman, Kyle Joten, Mark Genke, Dean Birling, Tom Buchholz, Eric Grant, Scott Fletcher, Jason Wegand, Quinn Schartner, Chris Kang, Tim Verhagen, Ryan Reader, Rod Reader, Angie Long, Lindsey Manjer, Paul Hermsen, Tammy Johnson, Kevin Kerrigan

Meeting called to order by John Elrick.

Items not on the Agenda: Phil W asked if LCDC would be willing to pay the \$10 fee for the coach's clinic. The Board was not sure that it would make sense to do that since the proceeds go toward Coach Birling and the HS Baseball program.

Divisional Committee Updates:

Phil - Baseball – new tournament jerseys will be needed for 7U – 9U. Phil will come back to the next meeting with an inventory of what we have so the decision can be made on what to purchase. If any team is looking for indoor gym times for practicing the contact for indoor only is Kyle Joten. Baseball will be doing evaluations starting Monday, May 4th. 7U & 8U will do two days, 9U – 12U will do 3 days. Phil is going to talk to Donna about getting keys for the coaches for the Doyle buildings and coordinating what equipment will be down there for practices. Need to schedule Spring Clean Up Day.

Paul - Softball – all of the coaches have been notified and their applications were sent to them.

Steve – Legion – The Legion team is looking at getting into a tournament in June. Our Legion team has volunteered to host the Legion Regional tournament. It would be held at Van Lieshout July 22-25. We will need to wait and see if we are picked. Our Legion team has moved to a better division this season. We will be competing with teams such as Freedom, Wrightstown and Kewaunee. Legion Baseball has accepted a \$100 donation from the Little Chute Legion. LCDC will be receiving a \$2500.00 donation from the LC Jaycees for the Christmas Tree Sales. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with that. Legion insurance has been paid.

Expenses: All expenses need to be approved by the board. The exception is for tournament entry fees. They can be paid to ensure registration for the tournament; all fees need to stay within Club approved guidelines for tournaments entered per age group. Tom M motioned to approve, Phil W seconded. All present members voted in favor.

League/Tourney Coaches Selection: Background checks and signatures are needed by February 18. They should be turned into John E. He will be bringing them to Metro to have the checks performed.

Tournament Update:

Girls – all softball tournaments are full and closed. This is the fastest that this has happened since Steve L has been coordinating them. We will be using all 5 fields at both Legion and Doyle. There are 38 teams total – 8U – 10 teams, 10U – 14 teams, 12U – 8 teams, 14U – 6 teams



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Boys - These are the numbers for boys – 7U – 5 teams, could use 4 more, 8U – 9 teams(full), 9U – 16 teams(full), 10U – 9 teams, could use 3 more, 11U – 7 teams, could use 5 more, 12U – 11 teams, could use 1 more – 57 teams total – State Tournament for Machine Pitch – 7U – 1 team, 8U 4 teams

League Play with other Communities: Softball – 10U is waiting to hear if they are playing with the FV Jr Classic League. If we don't play with them, we will go back to what we have done in the past. Baseball – 11U & 12U will play with Freedom like we have done in the past. Looking at the numbers right now we will have 4 teams in every league. We may not need to have Kaukauna play with our 9U & 10U league. We may reach out to Kimberly or Wrightstown to see if they want to bring two complete teams to play in our program. They would pay the same registration and be responsible for their own equipment/uniforms.

Concession Trailer: As of February 4, the trailer was welded and put together. It's completion is due at the end of February but it looks like it may be done early. After it is done, the electrical work and counter tops will need to be done. LCDC would like to purchase a trailer wrap for the trailer. The cost is \$2100, it would have baseball, softball and the LCDC logo on the sides, front and back. Brian VL motioned to approve the purchase of the trailer wrap, Tom M seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor.

Varsity Baseball Equipment Request: Dean Birling is requesting a donation to purchase equipment. The high school only gives his program \$600 for their budget. The program is in need of game and practice baseballs, bats, 2 sets of catcher's gear, these are needs. They would like to have a Zep, this attaches to the bats and can be used with an app on an Ipad to track bat speed and bat path. This would be available to the softball and youth programs as well. Dean would also like a pitching target, for fastball training. Dean would also like to put a 6x6 logo up on North Ave to improve awareness of the program. John stated that LCDC has budgeted a \$2000 donation for the high school baseball and softball programs. He asked that Dean approach the Athletic Director and see what the school is going to do for his program, then prioritize what his needs are.

Parent Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th at 7 pm at the High School Auditorium. The Varsity Baseball and Softball home season openers are that night also, both games start at 4:45. We are encouraging youth families to go to these games prior to our mandatory parent meeting. At the parent meeting we will be discussing parent expectations for both league and tournament and apparel orders.

Apparel Update: Brian VL had some samples from Eagle Graphics. The store will be all online this year. It will open for 2 weeks. All payments will be credit card. All orders will be picked up by parents at the Kimberly Eagle Graphics location. We will have samples available for the parent meeting. They are hoping to have all orders available the first couple of weeks of May.

Varsity Coach Updates:



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Angie Long – Softball – 1 team for high school this year. The open gyms have had a strong attendance. She is looking at April 28th for her youth player day. They play a double header that day and she tries to recognize the youths in between the games.

Dean Birling – Baseball – 24 boys this year so he will have 2 teams. Dean plans on doing the 8 summer dates again this year for the youth players to work with the boys on the high school teams. Baseball camp dates will be in April. Dean has 3 dates to work with and will be finalizing his plan soon. April is the 5K Run / Walk that Dean would like to see a lot of the youth players and their families attend. Tim Rusch from Ansay has donated 50 posters with registration forms attached to be put out at local business to drive up registration.

Unfinished Business: Jason Wegand would like a donation for a gift certificate to be sent to Lee's Welding for Ryan Vanden Heuvel and his brother Jay for donating their time and equipment in putting up the new scoreboard last season. John said we can discuss at the next meeting.

Items for future agendas: Gift Certificate for Lee's Welding, Scholarships, trophies – league, softball and tournaments, tournament jerseys, Spring Set Up Day – maybe March 29th around noon, League baseball hats

Phil W called to adjourn, Tom M seconded, all present board members voted in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30 at the 5th Quarter