



## Little Chute Diamond Club Meeting Notes – January 6, 2015

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Attendees – John Elrick, Tom Myers, Brian VanLankveldt, Steve Lonigro, Kay Becher, Phil Weigman, Nikki Weigman, Kyle Joten, Mark Genke, Dean Birling, Tom Buchholz, Cory Woldt, Angie Long, Tammy Johnson, Paul Hermsen, Chris Kang, Matt Jenkins, Renae Joten

Meeting called to order by John Elrick.

Items not on the Agenda: Out of town players and what we will be charging them to play in our league and if they would be able to play on the tournament teams. We have a family on the softball side that is from a different community/school district that has been playing on our softball league. They will be grandfathered in for the 2015 season. The Board will need to firm up the club's policy/fees before next season.

Minutes from last meeting: Minutes were reviewed. Phil W motioned to approve, Brian V 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Divisional Committee Updates: Phil ran down who they have decided to head up the following committees for baseball – Legion BB will be headed up by Steve Lonigro, 11U & 12U BB will be Tom Buchholz, 9U & 10U BB will be Kyle Joten, 8U & 7U BB is still open, Equipment Director BB will be Mark Genke, Tournament Director is still needed. Paul H stated the softball side is not in the position to name anyone as of yet.

Reorganization/Financial Status Update: Account balance information was given to board members. The old Legion and Baseball Club's have been dissolved and their funds have been moved into the LCDC account which was formed from reorganizing the old softball club account. The reorganization paperwork has been completed and the fees have been paid. The Board will need to setup the structure and procedures for proper money handling in the next couple of months. As of right now the only ones who are able to access and move funds is being limited to Tom M and Nikki W. John E has instructed them to get the Tax Exempt Number to the vendors as soon as possible.

Gift certificate for Lisa George: Lisa George designed the LCDC logo, the Board is going to gift her with a \$50 gift certificate to the Fox River Mall for her donated services. Tom M motioned to approve, Brian V 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all member present voted in favor. Tom M will take care of picking up the gift card.

Finalize duties for registration: Would like 3 people there to take in paperwork, and preferably one person from BB and one person from SB for questions. Kay, Nikki and Tammy all will be there. Tom M will be bringing extra registration packets for anyone who would need one.

Additional day for registration: It was decided at this time we will not be scheduling an extra day for registration.

Tournament Questions/Rules: BB tournament rules are currently being updated by Phil W and Tom B. They will share once they are finalized. High School BB and SB coaches will be involved in picking the tournament coaches this year. Steve L gave us an update on teams signed up to play in our home



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tournaments. All numbers include the LC team. Baseball – 7U – 1, 8U – 1, 9U – 3, 10U – 3, 11U – 2, 12U – 2. Softball – 8U – 1, 10U – 4, 12U – 3, 14U – 2. State Tournament – 7U – 1, 8U – 1. Pretty strong interest along with new teams that have not played in our tournaments in the past is great news. Steve is glad we got our information out on the web sites. John asked Steve to talk to the Country Inn & Suites to see if we can block off rooms for our tournament dates since we are getting more teams from farther away than the Fox Valley.

League Play with other Communities: 8U softball will play with just Little Chute teams. 10U would like to join the Jr Classic League. They feel this would allow them to get more games into the season.

Concession Trailer: The Board looked at what was available for used concession trailers. They determined that the used stock that was available for purchase was not in the condition that we were looking for to invest the money into. Tom M and John went to Hilbert to a company named Mirsberger Sales & Service and received a quote for a brand new trailer. The quote came in at \$7,957.60. The quote includes the trailer, having a door moved to where it would fit better for our club, the sink package and white vinyl ceiling and walls. The quote included tax(\$373.10) and since we are tax exempt that can be taken off the total. We can also take a \$500 credit if we can allow the company to advertise for one year on an outfield fence. This would bring the cost down to \$7,084.50. With the ability to mobilize and use this concession trailer at areas we have not been able to service before, the Board feels that the ROI will be a positive for the club very quickly. ETA for completion is around 6 weeks from time of purchase. Brian V motioned to approve the purchase, Tom M seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of purchasing the trailer.

Parent Meeting: Tom M will be the speaker at the parent meeting. The date has been set for Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. May possible do a youth event at the varsity games that night to tie in with the parent meeting in hopes of having a higher attendance rate than in the past.

Apparel Update: Apparel ideas to possibly be included in options this year would be a backpack bat bag, shorts, tank tops(men & ladies), ¾ sleeve shirts. We will be doing an online purchase this year and parents will be picking it up at the store themselves. There was a request for a higher quality hat for the coaches this year on the baseball side.

Items for future agendas: Trophies

Brian V called to adjourn, Phil W seconded.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter