



Little Chute Diamond Club Meeting Notes – March 10, 2015

Attendees – John Elrick, Tom Myers, Brian VanLankveldt, Steve Lonigro, Kay Becher, Phil Weigman, Mark Genke, Tom Buchholz, Scott Fletcher, Paul Hermsen, Nikki Weigman, Colleen Hudziak

Meeting called to order by John Elrick.

Items not on the Agenda: No items noted at this time

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

Divisional Committee Updates:

Phil - Baseball – Phil has tried to reach out to Menasha for interest in bringing some teams in to play with our 9U & 10U. They have not responded. Kaukauna would for sure. If we had them bring in 2 teams we could fill the schedule each Monday and Wednesday with 3 games each night. Our numbers are very low for the 13U, working on getting more players. We will be combining the 14U & 15U into one team. 11U & 12U are good on numbers. We will need to order tournament jerseys for 7-10U. We need more smaller sizes as we have quite a few of the larger.

Paul - Softball – The 10U will be playing in the Jr Classic League. 8U may have Menasha play here with our league. Possibly 2 teams could come here. Cheese Fest monies is being used to order new 14U jerseys and any funds left over will go toward the Varsity SB warm ups. The cost of new jerseys last time was around \$1300. They have officially decided that the 8U softball will be moved from playing on Monday nights to Thursday. This allows all softball/baseball games to be played at Legion.

Steve – Legion – Nothing new to report. Tom B asked if we had heard back about hosting the regional tournament. Steve said he has not.

Expenses: Nikki presented the financials. The balance sheet and estimated expenditures/deposits were reviewed. The expenditures totaled \$3,975 – some tourney fee refunds from registration, a large portion to Play It Again Sports(HS SB equipment) and a large portion to Team Sporting Goods(HS BB equipment). Phil W motioned to approve paying all the expenses, Brian VL seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor. Phil asked if we could approve the gift certificate for Lee's Welding for all their help with the score board installation and concession stand remodel. The board decided on a gift certificate for \$150 to Valley Liquor. Tom M motioned to approve, Brian VL seconded it. All present board members voted in favor. Phil will pick up the Valley Liquor gift certificate. Brian will pick up the \$50 mall gift certificate that was approved in the past meeting for the lady that assisted in the logo creation for the club.

League/Tourney Coaches Selection: John has all the apps to submit to Metro. All coaches have been informed that they will be coaching.



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League/Tournament Update: All softball tournaments are full. For baseball – 7U – 8 teams, 8U – 9 teams, 9U – Full(16 teams), 10U – Full(16 teams), 11U – 9 teams, 12U – Full(12 teams), August tournament – 7U – 1 team, 8U – 5 teams. Steve Lonigro is going to look into using E-Brackets for our tournaments this summer. League numbers – Softball – 8U – 18, 10U – 18, 14U – 9, Baseball – 7U – 17, 8U – 30, 9U – 24, 10U – 22, 11U – 26, 12U – 13, 13U – 7, 14 & 15U – 4, Legion – 2. With these numbers we will have enough for 4 teams in each league in baseball from 7U-12U. For baseball the 13U and 14/15U will be playing in the USSSA League. It is \$250/team plus forfeit fees. The softball uniforms/hats are all set. The tournament socks will need to be ordered. For baseball we need more hats but in smaller sizes. Phil will get an inventory of what we have so we can decide what we will need to order. Blue tournament socks will need to be ordered. Phil is working on getting a quote for the new tournament jerseys that will need to be ordered.

League Play with other Communities: Covered in Divisional Updates.

Concession Trailer: The trailer wrap will arrive in the next couple of weeks. The Board got the final price down to \$1595. The counters have been donated to the club. We will need to search for other equipment that is in condition and good value. Some thoughts/wishes for equipment would be – under counter refrigerator, stand up freezer, coffee pot, popcorn maker, pizza oven

Laptop: Tom M can acquire a lap top for roughly \$250-300, or if we needed one a little more advanced it would be \$450 for the high end. This does not include Office software on the computer so that would need to be an additional purchase.

Scholarships: Brian VL looked into this. We are too late to do one for this year's senior class. The deadline is January 1st to present to the school. Brian will get everything researched and ready for next year.

Spring Setup Day: This will be Saturday, April 11th at 2pm. Everyone will meet at Legion. Brian VL will put together a task list so we can get everything completed.

Parent Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th at 7 pm at the High School Auditorium. Will need to cover at the parent meeting – concession hours, uniforms, equipment. Apparel orders – will be a 2 week online store. Will open the day of the parent meeting, all apparel will be picked up by parents at the Kimberly Eagle Graphics. A representative from Eagle Graphics will at the meeting with samples for people to see. We need to review the Parent/Player Guidelines. We should go over the improvements the club has put funds towards in the last couple of years and what some of our goals are for the future.

Trophies: Brian was asking to get with Paul on how softball does their trophies for tournaments. They will get together and discuss so the trophies can get ordered for the year.

Varsity Coach Updates:



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Angie Long – Softball – Unable to attend but sent message. She would like to thank LCDC for purchasing the HS's new pitching machine, balls and bats. Along with putting it all together. They appreciate it so much. Softball season starts Monday, they will have 17 girls total in the program. There will only be a Varsity team with no cuts. Youth Day is April 28th. They have had a strong response over last year. Double the girls will attend, 33 so far. T-shirts have been ordered.

Dean Birling – Baseball – Unable to attend

Unfinished Business: Tarps – 1 has been ordered for Legion #3, the one at Doyle has a lot of holes in it. We will need to see if we can borrow or buy one before the tournaments. We will need to be able to cover all fields to get all the games in. Evaluation Days – Softball is doing their day on April 19th. Baseball will be doing their evaluations May 4th – 6th.

Items for future agendas: Coaches apparel

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14th at 7:30 at the 5th Quarter