



Little Chute Diamond Club Meeting Notes – May 12, 2015

Attendees – John Elrick, Tom Myers, Brian VanLankveldt, Kay Becher, Phil Weigman, Tom Buchholz, Nikki Weigman, Tammy Johnson, Dean Birling, Renae Joten, Kyle Joten, Paul Hermsen

Meeting called to order by John Elrick.

Items not on the Agenda: Credit Card, should the club acquire one? After discussion it was determined the club would not pursue that due to the fact that a Board member would have to personally take on that responsibility. Equipment that may be needed, Baseball stated that they will need some whiffle balls, a catcher's mask and a shin guard. Softball stated they should be ok. Things to discuss for next season, doing evaluations with one of the baseball camps, starting the season earlier. Unregistered players, the commissioners were asked to review with their coaches if they have any unregistered players so we can have their paperwork filled out.

Review Items/Minutes from April 13, 2015 meeting: Brian VL approved minutes, Paul H seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor.

Divisional Committee Updates:

Phil - Baseball – Draft is done, schedules are being worked on. Coaches were asked to contact their team within 48 hours. The Board asked for coach's shirt sizes so they can order their shirts.

Paul - Softball – 14U have been practicing for a couple of weeks and 10U & 8U started last week. The Board asked for coach's shirt sizes so they can order their shirts.

Steve – Legion – Everything is set, all tournaments are in line.

Expenses: Nikki presented the financials. The balance sheet and estimated expenditures/deposits were reviewed. Some additional expenses were presented in the meeting. The Board would like to expense them this month. Nikki will redo the expense sheet and have the Board approve for payment.

Concessions: Gross sales for the MCS is \$1130. This is after six appearances, the plan for the MCS to be a good revenue source appears to be on track. The Village has also asked the MCS to be at the Windmill Grand Opening. This will be a great day to make some revenue. There is a money drop form created. It will require two signatures before the money is put in the drop box. Tom M brought a couple of pictures with pricing on two styles of drop boxes we could use. The Board is not sure they are quite what we need. Kyle Joten offered to investigate some options that Lappen may have for us.

Umpire Payment: Steve spoke to Dave about umpire payment. Dave said that they want to be paid in cash. Due to a new law some neighboring clubs are paying umpires by check due to compliance and audit concerns. The Board has decided we will also move to writing checks for the umpires. We will do so for both league and tournament games. Phil W motioned to approve, Brian VL seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor.



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Electrical Upgrades: The Village supplied the pole and upgrade at Van Lie Shout. The MCS has been running on it for a couple of weeks. We are hoping the same upgrade can be done at Legion. Then we will want to tackle the upgrade for the concession stand. The initial estimate for that is \$2000-\$3000.

Outfield Fence Sign Leases: Pass for this month. Will add to future agenda.

Coaches Appreciation Day: End of year Club funded event/gift. Table for future agenda

Windmill Grand Opening: MCS will be there Saturday, May 16. We have some families that have volunteered, there will be 6 Varsity BB players there and hopefully some Varsity SB players will be there.

League/Tournament Update: Reviewed where we stand with numbers, and what we know that will be coming in. Discussed the fact we have 2 tournament teams that have backed out. What is our refund policy? Decided to add this to future agendas so it is in black and white next year.

Varsity Coach Updates:

Angie Long – Softball – HS season is a rough one this year. Our defense has not been backing up our pitching, which makes for some long innings. Lost some games that we should have won because of this. On a good note, we have had to ride one pitcher this entire season and she has been doing a phenomenal job. We end our conference play with 3 home games (2 this week and one for youth day on Monday). Hoping to come out of that stretch with at least 2 wins. Youth season: Practices are going very well for this. Fun to be around the girls again and see how eager they are to play ball. We have our first league DH Thursday, June 4th and our first tournament the weekend of June 12th.

Dean Birling – Baseball – 80 kids were at the Mustang BB Camp and the camp went well. Dean is going to order a few more flags to put out on the Varsity field. Thursday night's game the kids that attended camp can run out on the field with the Varsity players. It is also Teacher Appreciation Night, the players can show case a teacher that has made the biggest impact on their life. For this game they will be wearing new jerseys that Dean got for them. Dean attended a Booster Club meeting. He is requesting that the school get a flag for field for game days/nights.

Unfinished Business: nothing noted

Items for future agendas: Engaging and keeping numbers up, hats/uniforms for next year – minor league ideas, 4th 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, outfield fence sign leases, coaches appreciation day, policy for refunds on teams that back out of our tournaments, Scholarship/retention award, coaching application/registration form updates

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th at 7:30 at the 5th Quarter