**SWPLL Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2016**

Present: Mel, Dave, John, Brian, Jake, Chad, Jason, Tiffany, Todd, Jamie, Joelle, Lisa. Also present Valerie Joerger, Kurt Krueger.

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm.

January 2016 minutes approved on motion (JA/JJ).

District 4 report. Alpenrose Day is June 11. Since this is the last day of the season, Mel anticipates some changes from the format of previous years. Presently we do not have use of Alpenrose for a kickoff event in April, but Mel might have opportunity to use April 9 or 10. Discussion of hosting 8-10 honors baseball tournament – Board consensus is that SWPLL has hosted the last two years and it is time for another league to step up to the plate.

Board appointed a committee to research best implementation of volunteer fee for next year of Mel, Lisa and John.

Jake Hammer has volunteered as tee ball VP. Motion to approve (BZ/CJ) passed unanimously. Cary Cadoneau not interested in Board position this year but intends to work with Katie on softball issues with eye towards possibly serving as softball VP2 next year. Josh Toperosky had a job change and is no longer available for Board service. Still need a sponsors coordinator and an Alpenrose Day coordinator. Upper level baseball player agent will serve as lower level player agent also, unless a new volunteer steps up. Discussion of professional coaching provider who came to D4 meeting – Brian will contact him to see what possibilities might exist.

Financial report – bank balance $38,030.38. Mike told Lisa that we may have a past-due balance for field fees to City and School District. She is working with Mike to get more information.

Chad offered to donate funds to construct dugouts (or at least roofs) at Markham. This led to discussion of bureaucratic roadblocks encountered in the past. Possible alternative location for improvements is Smith. Kurt works at the City and offered to help clear permitting issues. He also recommended a letter to Commissioner Fritz arguing for fee relief given that we maintain the fields. She is a Markham neighborhood resident and would be sympathetic to efforts to keep costs down for Markham students. Committee appointed to work on field permit issues of Dave, Mike and Kurt.

Safety plan is due to Williamsport by March 11. Lisa will contact Fire Department about scheduling annual safety meeting.

Manager selection:

Softball – current candidates Tiffany Krake (majors), Jordan Livingston (AA), Paul Garrahan (AAA), Paul Sullivan (AAA), Katie Johnson (A). Will likely need one more Majors, AA and A. Motion to approve above managers (CJ/JA) passed unanimously.

Baseball (majors) – current candidates Todd Mansfield, David Petersen, Chad Jeffries, Matt Barton, Matt Kelley, Lou McDonough. On motion, first four approved are Chad, Dave, Todd and Matt Barton, 5th spot is Lou, 6th spot is Matt Kelley.

Baseball (AAA) – current candidates Mel Bessner, Josh Hammer, K. Scott Harris, Mike Leland, Brian Zimmer, Daren Linman, Akinobu Yokoyama, Joe Kennedy. Other names were discussed. Motion passed to approve above eight names (JD/JA) with Akinobu as the eighth.

Baseball evaluations schedule will go out tomorrow. Coach options need to be declared before evaluations. Baseball draft is February 29 – 6:00 for majors and 7:00 for AAA. Discussion of anticipated team numbers at lower baseball levels.

Discussion of how to increase sponsorships. Dick’s 20% off weekend will be March 5-6 at both Washington Square and Lake Oswego. Dick’s donated baseball and softball buckets, equipment bags, tees, throwdown bases, first aid kits and pop up tents. Todd will circulate flyer on sponsor packages and asks Board to further distribute in hunt for sponsors.

Uniforms – still needs 11/12 uniforms back from fall ball. She has reordered 25 uniforms to replace lost uniforms from earlier seasons. She will want a spreadsheet of all players attending evaluations the day before so they can be sized at evaluations.

Equipment – no report.

Umpires – the D4 venue for umpire training has been lost, so John needs one desperately for March 19. Needs a full size (double) gym and commons area for meals and rules discussion. Expects 70-100 attendance. Mel said Jackson might be available.

Fields – no report. With heavy rains, Mel says that Mike is anticipating a need for volunteers.

VP reports – per Tiffany, Lincoln may be putting together a softball JUGS tournament. Motion to give up Alpenrose field use on Wednesday May 11 so it can be used for a Wilson/Lincoln varsity softball game (CJ/JD), in exchange for a different day given up by Lincoln LL. Motion passed unanimously. AAA baseball – no report. Majors baseball – Todd continuing to spread the word about the coaching handbook. AA baseball – no report. No A or tee VPs to make reports.

Dave to work on getting paper flyers into private schools – St Clares, St John Fisher, PJA and West Hills Christian.

Coaches and clinics – they are continuing; Todd, Brian and Jamie have been running the baseball ones. Jamie to reach out to Jake Hammer to cover the remaining younger clinics. Baseball clinic attendance is low at the younger level, but AA baseball and softball are good.

Adjourn 8:50 pm. Next meeting is Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at IBU.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: On February 22, 2016 by e-mail vote on motion (DP/JD), Eric Kornblit was approved as sponsors coordinator.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: On February 26, 2016 by e-mail vote on motion (CJ/JD), Dustin Trump was approved as an AAA baseball manager.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Matt Kelley and Lou McDonough subsequently withdrew as majors baseball manager candidates. Lou McDonough moved to an AAA manager position. On February 28, 2016 by e-mail vote on motion (TM/JD), Kurt Krueger was approved as a majors baseball manager.

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SECRETARY'S NOTE: On March 2, 2016 by e-mail vote on motion (TK/DP), the following softball managers were approved: Tym Altland and Scott Gibson (co-managers for majors); Jenn West and Mike Burling for AAA.