**SWPLL Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2016**

Present: John, Tiffany, Katie, Dave, Jason, Jake H, Brian, Mel, Joelle, Lisa. Also present Heather Rawlins

Meeting called to order 6:38 pm.

Tiffany pointed out that we need someone to request winter gym space ASAP. Mike Reilly is leaving the board but we can use his field maintenance equipment for one more year. Lincoln LL has expressed interest in combining field scheduling functions so as to maximize efficient use of fields. Jason Maycumber is the Lincoln LL contact for this.

Mel reported on a meeting with a group of Bridlemile baseball/softball parents about the league boundary change resulting from Wilson HS boundary changes. Mel anticipates confusion about use of fields in the Bridlemile area. Discussion of possible field conflicts with Lincoln JBO. Tiffany and Dave suggested a meeting with Lincoln JBO/LL and City to work out field issues.

Fall ball report from Brian – generally has gone well. Huntley Morrison interested in joining the board. Almost all practices have been at Alpenrose, which increases the dairy’s expectation for the league for to provide volunteers for Alpenrose events.

Uniforms: uniforms for fall ball, which players get to keep, have been a big hit because they have player names. Mel suggesting to do this for spring postseason also. Tiffany suggested OC Sports in Oregon City for cost-effective uniform supply. Because postseason teams can now be named June 1, that gives more time to get uniforms with player names. Dave and Joelle suggested using up the existing stock of uniforms for keeper postseason uniforms, before arranging to buy new ones.

Motion to eliminate uniform deposits (JA/JR) and provide for postseason personalized uniforms to keep next season. Motion passed unanimously. Open issue is whether to order new uniforms now or first use up existing stock of green uniforms. Mel suggested using them for 2017 fall ball instead.

John brought up the idea of a refundable volunteer fee from last year. John noted that the challenge with refundable uniform deposit suggests we might not want to do something similar for a volunteer fee.

Motion to impose a $50 volunteer fee for spring registration with options for offsets against the fee for volunteering, on a per player basis (KJ/DP). Motion passed unanimously.

Annual meeting to be Sunday, November 13 at 6:30 pm. Tentative location at Alpenrose Opera House. Mel to confirm availability of location.

Agenda for annual meeting:

* Election of new board (see attachment)
* Recruiting volunteers/officers
* Update on 2016 fall ball uniform deposits and new policy for postseason uniforms
* New logo
* Expansion of boundaries
* Volunteer fee/offsets
* Spring season calendar

Motion to try to recruit a Volunteer Coordinator and an In-Season Tournament Coordinator (BZ/DP). Motion passed unanimously.

Katie and Tiffany reported on several complaints (including players dropping out) from last season regarding excessive number of games and travel for A and AA softball. 18 games were too many and Banks and Forest Grove were too far to travel. Motion to significantly reduce number of games and travel for A and AA softball as compared to last season (KJ/TK). Motion passed unanimously. Motion to not agree to an interlock schedule that does not meet these requirements (KJ/JA). Motion passed unanimously. Joelle recommended adding a disclosure on the website that softball will travel outside league boundaries.

Adjourn 8:45 pm. Next meeting is the annual meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Alpenrose Opera House.

Interested returning board members:

President Mel

Softball VP 1 Katie

Uniforms Joelle

UIC John

Treasurer/Safety Lisa

Sponsors Linda

AAA VP Jamie

AA VP Rob

A VP Jake H

Player Agent Jake D

Positions for which no existing board member has shown interest:

Secretary

Communications Officer

Fields Coordinator

Majors baseball VP

Tee ball VP

Coaches Coordinator

Softball VP 2

Purchasing Agent

Brian and Jason are interested in returning in some capacity.

Tiffany said Jen West interested in Softball VP 2.

Brian said K. Scott Harris and Huntley Morrison interested in a board position.

Mel said she had someone interested in Tee ball VP.

Heather Rawlins interested in serving as softball player agent.

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