

**Woonsocket Little League
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2018**

Attendees: Steve Sgambato, Kim Sgambato, John Levreault, Zack Ouellette, Phil Trudeau, Tommy Brien, Amy Lorusso, Lucien Forget, Mike St. Germain, Tom Gray, Judy Wynne, Jay Miranda, Carmen, Bill Berube, Jess, Jordan DeHaven; Mike Cinquantini; King Figueroa

Mike St. Germain, President

- Batting cage is getting installed Tuesday, pending weather; Nets, hitting mats, mounds, etc. will be put in Wednesday, by Steve Thibault, Mike and John Levreault
 - The more people we have to help the better
- 2018 required paperwork has been completed, including waiver, charter, etc. Softball girls are all registered through website.
- Opening Day is next Saturday, April 21
 - City will be dedicating concession stand to Ben Mondor
 - Amy needs to add Ryan Brennan from Gilbane to agenda
 - Red Sox representative may attend
 - PawSox are planning to bring tickets for our the players; the impression Mike has it that they are going to have hundreds of tickets

Steve Sgambato, Vice President

- Make sure BCIs keep coming in for team volunteers
 - The best option is emailing Steve Sgambato with names/email and he will send them the link.
 - This year BCIs are being done online and are required as part of Little League's insurance plan
- Coaching staff/equipment on the field has become an issue
 - No buckets can be on the field because it can impede the players from making a play; it is a safety issue
 - Tournament play does not allow coaches on the field
 - Gate needs to be closed
 - Per discussion tonight, Minor team manager can be on the field as the children need more coaching, but Major team manager and coaches are not allowed on the field.
 - No equipment on field at either level

Kim Sgambato, Player Agent

- Managers should not be communicating plans about rescheduled games amongst themselves; the Player Agent will communicate with the impacted team regarding rescheduled games, after lining up umpires
- Opening Day is next weekend
 - Photo schedule was done, but we can't get into Cercle Laurier until 8:30am and that would make the schedule run into the afternoon

- Will use the pavilion at WWII Veterans Memorial Park instead; Cercle said we could use outside area
- Players should meet at basketball courts for 10am; parade starts at 10:30am
- Going to try to start game half an hour after ceremony wraps up.
- T-Ball games are cancelled today due to today's inclement weather
- T-Ball games will be cancelled by 9am on Sunday; other levels by 3pm on the day of the games

Amy Thibault, Secretary

- Motion to approve the March minutes by Bill Berube; seconded by John Levreault; all approved; motion passed
- Amy gave Jess a \$500 check from Thundermist; new 2018 sponsor at Gold Level

Jess Nickerson, Treasurer

- We currently have nearly \$64,000 in account
- BSN needs to fix our tax exempt status
- Jess has check for each of the Jr/Sr managers' umpire fees
- Current report includes everything we've paid for batting cages so far

Bill Berube, Coaching Coordinator

- Red Sox coaches clinic was good and educational
 - WLL received the link from Big Al and sent to the coaches
 - Phil, Matt, Zack, Bill, John attended
 - WLL was the only RI league that went

Mike Berube, Safety Coordinator

- 2018 Safety Plan has been submitted and approved
- Mike will collect report on any injuries that occur during the season

Tommy Brien, Umpire-in-Chief

- There will be a lot of younger umpires this season; please be helpful and tolerant
- "Shadows" (umps in training) will be on field will umpire; umpire will be calling from fence
- Player from Woonsocket High School's baseball team will be helping out at Opening Day

Zack Ouellette, Equipment Manager

- All equipment is ordered
- USA bats are in
- Jr/Sr patches need to be added
- Some issues with materials produced by Creative embroidery this season; we need to get everything fixed prior to Opening Day

John Levreault, Fields and Maintenance

- Decent sized hole in right field at Lajoie; John repaired the hole

Amy Lorusso, Concession Manager

- Consider using the griddle and a cooler for drinks on Opening Day as we will not be able to get into the concession stand ahead of time
- Need to discuss a plan for appliances
- We should set the concession stand up for Opening Day and have the home teams staff it
- Can just sell drinks, chips, gum, etc.
- Managers/coaches should check in with the concession staff at Hartnett; Managers should open and close concession stand at Hartnett (i.e. grates down and up) to help the volunteers

Judy Wynne, Major Division Representative

- Major Division has been going well so far
- Managers need to make sure the field is locked up after games and practices
 - Cameras are going in this week
 - Don't leave anything unlocked; when in doubt, lock up before you leave
- Third base at Lajoie we can't get the peg out.
- Thursday and Friday will be make up days this week, due to rainout expected Monday

Phil Trudeau, Minor Division Representative

- Will let Managers know that only one Manager or Coach can be on field at a time
- Need to get managers to rake the field before and after games
- Can we review 10 run rule? Many games are less than an hour and some managers expressed an interest in continuing the game beyond four innings if possible
 - Once game is complete, coaches can continue games without umpires

Mike Cinquantini, Instructional Division Representative

- Requested that we get or leave a drag-behind at Lajoie
- Nothing to discuss at Instructional level
- Managers meeting following this General Membership Meeting

Additional Discussion

- Motion to adjourn by Amy Lorusso; seconded by Judy Wynne; all approved; motion passed.

**Meeting minutes compiled and composed by Amy Thibault*