

**Woonsocket Little League
General Membership Meeting
February 19, 2018**

In attendance: Mike St. Germain, Steve Sgambato, Amy Thibault, Mike Cinquantini, Zack Ouellette, Kim Sgambato, Lisa St. Germain, Gerry Forget, Phil Trudeau, Jess Nickerson, Judy Wynne, John Levreault, Jordan Dehaven, Rob McAnulty, Tom Gray, Sam Godin

Mike St. Germain, President

- Received a call from the City last week stating that the batting cage can go behind concession stand
- That gives us the opportunity to do a double cage; fencing is less than \$7k
- There are a lot of pine trees on right field line which do not make it an ideal location; The City tried to get the land behind Hess but they aren't giving it up anytime soon
- Tommy met with Steve D'Agostino and the Mayor and they said yes to concession stand location
- Mike still needs to connect with her to confirm
- Concession stand is very tall and looks great
- District meeting was scheduled and cancelled twice; it is now scheduled for tomorrow night;
 - Agenda for that meeting is the Little League Congress; they will vote on rules for next year
 - A potential rule change is potentially giving leagues the rights to players, which means once they get a waiver can play wherever they want
- Managers and coaches for 2018 season are still undetermined
 - We are going to wait to see how many players we have, then we will decide on number of teams and managers for them

Steve Sgambato, Vice President

- Background checks have been completed on all approved Board Members, as well as Gerry Forget and Jordan Dehaven

Amy Thibault, Secretary

- Motion to approve January Meeting Minutes by Gerry Forget; seconded by John Levreault; all approved; motion passed.
- \$4,450 in sponsor fees given to Jess Nickerson to deposit

Jess Nickerson, Treasurer

- Current balance is \$61,184
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Gerry Forget; seconded by Zack Ouellette; all approved; motion passed.

Kim Sgambato, Player Agent

- As of 2/18/18, we were at 184 registrations and we received another 12 today.
 - 7 year olds – 17
 - 8 year olds – 16
 - 9 year olds – 19
 - 10 year olds – 18
 - 11 year olds – 15
 - 12 year olds – 26
 - Jr/Sr – 27
 - T-Ball – 42
- Tryouts are 8:30am-4pm on March 3 at WHS gym
- We need equipment, indoor practice balls, speakers/mic
- Also need to get bats, first aid kit, ice packs, ones and fives for registrations
- Kim Sgambato will have draft sheets and will print out rules so managers have to read and sign again
- Tuesday March 6 at 7pm - Major Draft
- Thursday March 8 at 7pm - Minor Draft
- Only executive board and team managers are allowed at draft; no calling kids who are not on your team; will do numbers just like last year
- Opening Day is tentatively scheduled for 4/21, last Saturday of vacation
 - Check with Flash Powder Photo on date

Bill Berube, Coaching Coordinator (Absent)

- Nothing to report

Mike Berube, Safety Officer (Absent – reporter provided by Mike St. Germain)

- Safety Report is almost complete

Tommy Brien, Umpire-in-Chief (Absent)

- Nothing to report

Zack Ouellette, Equipment Manager

- Balls have been ordered
- Mike Cinquantini has the missing Coach's bag
- Need to make first aid kits
- \$12 for dry fit t-shirts, \$8.50 for standard cotton t-shirts
 - We will bring samples of the dry fit t-shirts to tryouts, just to ensure parents have chosen the right size
 - No fitted hats

John Levreault, Fields and Maintenance Coordinator

- Nothing to report

Amy Lorusso, Concession Manager

- Nothing to report

Judy Wynne, Major Division Representative

- Nothing to report

Phil Trudeau, Division Representative

- Nothing to report

Mike Cinquantini, Division Representative

- Mike asked if we could do an instructional session for managers at the Instructional and Minor levels
- Ed Hunt used to do them for the League
- It was recommended that we bring someone in from outside the League to do a training, such as Ken Ryan, Ed Hunt, etc.
- The session could help coaches understand how to put practice plans together, what to do at each level, etc.

Additional Discussion

- We still need Instructional and T-Ball managers; Amy will send another email out.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Gerry Forget; seconded by John Levreault; all approved; motion passed.

**Meeting minutes compiled and composed by Amy Thibault*