

**Woonsocket Little League
General Membership Meeting
March 12, 2018**

In attendance: John Levreault, Bill Berube, Zack Ouellette, Phil Trudeau, Amy Thibault, Kim Sgambato, Steve Sgambato, Mike St. Germain, Mike Cinquantini, Judy Wynne, Jay Miranda, Cody Mazzarella, Tom Gray, Abre McDonald

Mike St. Germain, President

- Mike nominated Steve Sgambato for Jr/Sr Division Representative
 - Motion to approve Steve Sgambato as Jr/Sr Division Representative by Bill Berube, seconded by John Levreault; all approved' motion passed
- We are moving forward with the batting cages at Lajoie Field
 - Batting cage will be 55x30
 - We purchased the fencing, netting, pulley system and other materials began arriving at Steve Thibault's house
 - Tentative install date of April 9
 - We had previously talked about putting the cages behind the concession stand, right behind the D&D wall, running the cages parallel to concession stand. Now we are considering moving it behind the trees; 25 or 30 feet behind the concession stand against the wall.
 - This location would allow the cages to be used during a game
 - We are still trying to narrow down the location
 - Dig safe needs to come in and check the site once location is selected
 - Also need to look into having a company level the ground for us
 - Mike Cinquantini may be able to do it
 - Fencing company is going to go down and stake it out.
- We are also considering canopies/awnings to provide shade in the dugouts
 - Mike will reach out to Woonsocket Awning; open 9-5 Monday through Friday
 - Discussion covering entire dugout including batting circles
 - Need another locker for the batting circle to hold rakes, lime, soft toss nets, etc.
 - City wants canopies/awnings to match scoreboard, needs to be removable for the winter
- Smithfield is planning a pre-All Stars tournament the week of June 19-24
 - Lincoln is not sending their All Star team
 - Woonsocket may send a team but not necessarily the All Star team

Steve Sgambato, Vice President

- Background checks of volunteers are in process
 - Little League is using a new company this year
 - Volunteers can either fill out the new form with social security number, or they can email Steve Sgambato their name and email address and they can do it themselves online
- Umpires for 2018
 - Tommy is still managing umpires and he has someone helping him schedule them this season

- For Jr/Sr Division, we have at least three teams
 - Tryouts 3/31 at Renaud Field
 - Season will start 4/14
 - North Smithfield has 4 kids looking to play
- Recommending moving the Jimmy Fund up a week since All Stars is starting early
- June 25th is the All Stars play in game
 - Tournament starts 6/30, State Tournament starts 7/21

Amy Thibault, Secretary

- Motion to approve February minutes by Kim Sgambato; seconded by John Levreault
- Dick's Sporting Goods Shop Weekend is March 17 and March 18
- CVS Pharmacy gave the League \$200 in gift cards (eight \$25 gift cards)
 - Will use some for first aid supplies and some for Calendar Raffle)

Jess Nickerson, Treasurer (Absent – Report provided by Mike St. Germain)

- Jess is out of town
- Treasurer's report isn't complete; Sponsor fees not noted

Kim Sgambato, Player Agent

- Major teams have been put together
- Minor draft is tonight
- Instructional/T-Ball teams will be put together by end of week
- Registrations are now closed
- Uniforms will be ordered by the end of the week
- Hoping to have everything done by end of week
- Cercle Laurier is letting us use the hall for pictures on Opening Day; confirmed with Bill again and will get picture order forms next week
- April 21 is tentatively scheduled for April 21, pending weather
- Concession stand water is being hooked up today
- Calendar fundraiser will run again in May
 - Kim is looking for donations again
 - We will collect donations this month and sell them for a couple weeks in April

Bill Berube, Coaching Coordinator (Absent)

- Coaches clinic on March 25
- \$300 for league to send coaches
- Winter Clinics finish April 12

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

- Safety plan in process

Tommy Brien, Umpire-in-Chief (Absent)

- Nothing to report

Zack Ouellette, Equipment Manager

- Zack went through the supplies at Hartnett; we still need first aid kits, need about 10 of them
- Amy will send Demiko Ervin from Little League International an email asking about bat grant status and when we can expect to receive the bats
- Still need to figure out catchers gear; we need to ensure each set has the velcro protector piece
- Jess is ordering the Little League patches

John Levreault, Fields and Maintenance Coordinator

- John had keys made for new managers and still needs to get codes from them
- The alarm at Godin Field has been cancelled

Amy Lorusso, Concession Manager (Absent)

- Nothing to report

Judy Wynne, Major Division Representative

- Needs game schedules in order to begin putting together a practice schedule
- Major teams will practice at Lajoie and/or Ayotte
- Minor teams will practice at Hartnett/Cold Spring

Phil Trudeau, Minor Division Representative

- Phil will be minor Division Representative
- Nothing to report

Mike Cinquantini, Division Representative

- Mike will be Instructional Division Representative
- Nothing to report

Additional Discussion

- Next meeting will be held Monday, April 9 at 6:30pm
- Tom Gray mentioned that he would like Byron Melton to be one of his assistant coaches

**Meeting minutes compiled and composed by Amy Thibault*