

**West Madison Little League**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, December 9, 2007

**Members Present:** Tomczak, Lenocho, Zwaska, Metcalf, Heneghan, Smith, Hunter, Newburg, Miller, Steeves, Battista.  
**Members Absent:** Boehm, McNamara, Chitwood, Lubarsky,

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6 PM with a quorum present. November 11 Board Meeting minutes were approved as distributed previously.

**Financial Reports:** Tomczak reviewed cash balances. It was suggested that cash in the Concessions account be moved into the money market interest bearing account for the winter. Zwaska distributed and reviewed the 11/30/07 budget tracking report. He also reviewed the recommendations of the budget review committee to modify the 2007-08 budget. Following extensive discussion, Miller moved, seconded by Heneghan to accept the budget modifications as proposed. Carried unanimously. Heneghan moved, seconded by Zwaska to approve the early pay discount plan recommended by the review committee. Motion carried. This plan will maintain current registration fees (\$150) if payment is postmarked by Feb 9, with later payments requiring a \$165 fee. The former \$30 "late registration fee" is discontinued. Miller moved, Zwaska seconded to add back \$1000 to line item 505 in the expense budget (advertising) to allow for possible extra publicity of the new early pay program, especially to families of 8 year olds who will be new to WMLL in 2008. Motion carried. Motion by Zwaska, seconded by Heneghan to discontinue the on-site registration program due to lack of participation at both locations. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:** Battista reported we have changed the Bowlathon date to February 17 due to several conflicts on Feb 10. As such, the Feb Board meeting will be rescheduled to Feb 10. Miller presented several items for baseball, including umpire wage rates for 2008 (\$13 for Atlantic Lg, \$15 for Pacific, \$18 for Central and Major, \$26 for Badger and \$28 for Senior). He indicated a Baseball/Softball Operations Committee meeting will be held on Dec 12 to review any possible rule or policy changes for 2008. Metcalf indicated he is checking into using the US Dept of Justice service for background checks for 2008 as opposed to the Choice Point system from LL, Int'l. The DOJ site is much easier to use and is completely free of charge. Battista reported that DA Wolfe indicates we are not required to use Choice Point and will check to see if this would affect any of our charter fees. Hunter gave several brief highlights of the recent softball advisory committee meeting and indicated the group will meet monthly beginning in January to prepare for 2008. It was decided by consensus to continue accepting registrations, if any, from 17-18 year old girls for the Big League program although there will probably not be enough to form a team. If there is not enough interest to form a team, complete refunds will be made. Battista indicated softball team pictures will be taken on opening day in 2008.

**Operations Reports:** Concessions – Smith reported that consideration will be given to adding fountain sodas back into our menu for next season. Grounds Keeping – Zwaska reported that Senior field backstop replacement is on hold until February for cash flow reasons. Irrigation change on Major field is also delayed until spring due to the heavy snows. He noted that Beacon is testing a new product for on deck circles and WMLL will receive two free of charge for 2008 for the Senior Field. Sponsorships – Steeves reviewed a preliminary list of sponsors and indicated he will be mailing it out to all board members next week. He is asking that we provide him input on contact persons, addresses, etc for various sponsors that board members are familiar with.

**Continuing and New Business:**

**Executive Director Position:** Heneghan reported 13 responses of interest were received following the announcement of the new position last month. Job descriptions and a questionnaire were emailed to all with a request to respond by Dec 6. To date, three have replied and two more are expected Monday. As such, the committee will meet this coming week to review the questionnaire responses and determine whether in-person interviews are needed or if a decision can be made based on the responses. He will report back to the board via email on the status and the committee's recommendation as to the next step in the process.

**Review of 2008 Registration Materials:** Battista reviewed the various information that will be included in registration packets and noted several changes recommended by the board. Target date for general mailing is January 7, 2008.

**Coaches Clinics for Spring 2008:** Battista reported on his follow up on the “positive coaching alliance” information circulated recently by LL Int’l. He indicated that the program is very well done and may have an application at WMLL in place of the traditional coaching clinics offered each spring. Following a brief review and discussion, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

**Reconfiguration of Tournament (Allstar) Teams:** Miller reported briefly on possible scenarios where WMLL would sanction three tournament teams for most age groups and decrease the roster size requirements for each team, thereby creating more tournament opportunities for more players, while becoming more competitive with smaller rosters as many other leagues have done. The first two teams would be selected for play in the official Little League international tournament and the third team would be directed more towards local area tournaments (this may vary for the younger 10 and 11 year old teams). The entire matter will be discussed with the Baseball/Softball Operations Committee next week with a final recommendation coming back to the board for consideration.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, January 13, 2008, 6:00 PM, at Vitense.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM