

WAYA Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022
Outright Affair, Whitehall

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

Roll call was taken board members present were; Christina Estenson, Kelly Kaufman, Derek Bell, Sami Becker, Lacie Moats, Melissa Pientok, Dan Klidzejs, Stephanie Sartor, Program coordinator Becky Nordahl, and President Katie Johnson. A quorum was established.

A motion to approve the January monthly minutes was made by Melissa Pientok, and second by Derek Bell.

The treasures report was reviewed. Next month's report will show the \$1,000 donation from the Whitehall Beef and Dairy Days committee. Lacie Moats made the motion to approve the minutes followed by a second from Kelly Kaufman.

During the public comment Dan informed the board of a meeting regarding WAYA's insurance he had with Fred Ackley before the meeting began.

By-Laws Update (2nd of two readings):

The second reading of the By-laws change was gone over.

Starting with the 21-22season if the 14U baseball and softball teams need to be divided into multiple teams, the team will be divided by ability. Both teams will still have an equal number of games scheduled at the 14U level. An outside evaluator will rank players and the top half will make up Team A and the bottom half will make up Team B.

A motion was made by Dan Klidzejs to strike this section out of the By-Laws due to our involvement with the new Dairyland League. Second by Kelly Kaufman.

Appoint Community Advisory Board Member:

Susie Zambrano has been nominated to join the board as our translator. A motion was made by Derek Bell to approve Susie as our translator to help with our Spanish speaking families. Christina Estenson second. Our By-Laws state that this is an unpaid position.

Committee Meeting/Updates:

Baseball/softball guidelines:

New guidelines for baseball/softball were added to all other guidelines, putting everything into one same guideline for all teams. This will be tabled until the March meeting to finalize.

Fundraising Committee:

Donation receipts were discussed. Motion was made by Lacie Moats to pass the large, one banner package for the advertising for our large donation sponsors. Christina Estenson second.

Sports Engine fan store:

The new owner of Whitehall Specialties, Rick Peterson, would like to cover the cost of the new jerseys and hats for the 8U-14U teams, which will include the new Whitehall Specialties (Ornua) logo. This will mean that all players will receive a new jersey at no cost to them! Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods, as well as the Bell family will each be sponsoring one T-ball team. Ornua has also decided to pay for all of the hats for the 8U-14U baseball/softball teams as well. A motion was made by Kelly Kaufman to allow each player a limit of one hat if they would like. Second by Derek Bell.

Roll call vote was taken for the decision to change the baseball/softball pants to the color black. These will be \$17.00 on Sports Engine, however people may buy elsewhere if they prefer. Socks will be required to be either black or orange.

Baseball/softball finalization:

The idea of a team picture day was discussed with minor details at this point. We will discuss this again at the March meeting.

We have agreed to allow teams to use out equipment only for WAYA sponsored or league events.

There will be a high school softball clinic on February 20th. The high school baseball coaches would like to do a baseball clinic as well, but nothing has been scheduled at this point.

The Pigeon Falls Lions Club Brat Feed will be on May 7th with the possibility of our 10U baseball/softball and 8U baseball/softball teams to play in a tournament at the event.

There is an umpire clinic in Black River Falls on April 30th.

Pigeon Field updates:

We will still be using the field at Pigeon Falls, with the requirement of a \$100 check to be given which we will get back at the end of the season if nothing is broken. If there is a need to reschedule a game we will need to check with the bar league schedule for field usage. Katie and Becky will be doing all game rescheduling. Our field prep manager will receive \$25 per field that they have prepped.

Umpire Pay:

We will be keeping the rate the same as previous years. A vote will be taken at the March meeting to change the requirements for umpires for 14U games. The suggestion is that they must be adults, and umps for the field will be required to be at least 16 years old and 18 years for behind the plate.

Coaching:

All coaching position for baseball/softball teams are filled at this time, with at least one coach for each level/team.

There will be a coaches meeting on March 16th at 6:30pm

Next Meeting date will be Monday March 7th at 6:00pm at the Whitehall School.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Kaufman, second by Melissa Pientok.