

*Marion Walker Little League*  
*December 14, 2011*

- i. Call to order – Chris Lauck @ 7:18 pm
- ii. Attendance – Chris Lauck, Mindy Mikesic, Jessie Emel, Scott Stephens, Rick McAulay, Fred Peggs, Josh Kroell, Doug Weikel, Carla Weaver, Dan Fravel, Christina Fravel, Karen Bossert, Mike Edmonds, Matt Bossert, Tom McCartney
- iii. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion: Karen Bossert  
Second: Mike Edmonds
- iv. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer – Doug Tice - \$9238 current. \$100 spent on website renewal
  - b. Coaching coordinator – Dan Fravel – no report
  - c. Information Officer – Mindy Mikesic – no report
  - d. Umpire coordinator – Craig Bernier (absent) – Chris reported possibly holding an umpire clinic, mixed with coaches clinic
  - e. Softball/Safety Officer – Darion Pletcher (absent) – Carla Weaver represented – no report at this time. Chris mentioned will reach out to Darian about setting registration dates
  - f. Field Coordinator – Scott Johnson (absent) - no report
  - g. Parents Aux/Fundraising – Karen Bossert – looking at possible new fundraiser in addition to Bingo. Only one fundraiser will be mandatory.
  - h. Parents Aux/Concessions – Jessie Emel – no report
  - i. Player Agent – Matt Bossert – no report

v. Old Business

- a. Chris Lauck contacted a lawyer about Jeff Glass issue. Mike Edmonds questioned statute of limitations as the league has had no contact from him, despite verbal communication from board members and registered letters. Chris is waiting for additional information from the attorney.

vi. New business

- a. Registration dates/fees – two week days and one weekend day for registration. January 17, 18 and 21 were proposed. Mindy would confirm dates with township. 30 days notice is not required for registration date. Fees will remain the same as the 2011 season. \$35 for T-ball only, \$50 for first child in coach pitch, minors or majors, and \$25 for second child. Additional children in the same family do not pay a registration fee. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for all registration past the final registration date.
- b. Minor/Major expansion – 28 kids will remain at the major level. Using numbers from 2011 season, this leaves approximately 45 kids in the 9-12 age bracket that need to be placed on teams. Dan Fravel provided a visual regarding the 2012 minor/major teams: remaining 3 majors, 2 minors with larger rosters, adding an expansion to the majors, having 4 majors and 2 minors, or adding an expansion to minors, having 3 major and 3 minor teams. First, numbers cannot be determined until after registration. Second, Chris asked for major/minor coaches to hold a skills assessment and assess each child before determining where to

expand. Scott Stephens suggested 2-2 hour sessions at Good Sports to evaluate the "45" players to determine where the skill is needed (major vs. minor). Chris to reach out to Good Sports for Sunday time slots asap. Mindy will reach out to BAHS regarding gym for skills assessment in early February. This needs to be determined quickly as Bellefonte is working on schedules, and the district will want to know how many teams we have. \*\*If MWLL would redraft the entire 9-12, that would be considered a restructure. The board would need to notify the league 30 days in advance. Draft/re-draft to be determined after numbers and skills assessment. Chris Lauck will follow up to see if major players can opt for re-draft if a major expansion team is added.

- c. 8 year olds. Rick suggested allowing 8 year olds to move up to minors. MWLL Bylaws allow 8 year olds, if board approved, to play at the minor level. Suggestion was made to include 8 year olds in skills assessment and be reviewed by coaches. 8 year olds would have to play one year of minors before being considered for a major team and must have played at least one year of coach pitch. Mike Edmonds suggested change to bylaws whereas players/parents contact player agent, as opposed to the President, for consideration of an 8 year old in minors. This option will be added to the registration.
- d. Practice space. Chris Lauck contacted Pleasant Gap and is waiting for response. Rick McAulay will check on availability of Howard fields. Karen Bossert suggested using the field beside Zion Community Church. Doug

Weikel suggested the field in Springfield. The league could cover insurance for fields.

- e. 2012 Bylaws. Suggestions needed as soon as possible. Our bylaws will be due to district before their first meeting at the beginning of February. It appears we will have changes. A separate bylaw meeting will be held.
- f. Projects. – Scott Stephens asked if there were any projects being considered for the 2012 season. Concession stand is still being considered. Scott suggested building around the batting cages to allow more preseason practice space.
- vii. Announcements – January board meeting will be held January 25.
- viii. Other (comments, suggestions, community input, etc.)
- ix. Adjourn
  - a. Motion – Karen Bossert
  - b. Second – Christina Fravel