



Northwest Seattle Little League Board Meeting Minutes  
 10/7/09 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. Room 103 Whitman Middle Schools

**Board Members Present**

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| Dag Aakervik   | Jane Cramer | Mark Cutshall   | Steve Hawes  |
| John Hostetler | Ed Kelly    | Laurie McGibbon | Dave Sampson |
| Geoff Saunders | Bob Ulrich  |                 |              |

**Board Members Absent**

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| Jeff Spaulding | Ken Lane | Mark Smithsund |
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| Call to Order  | Motion to approve 6/10/09 minutes – approved | None   | N/A   |
| Review Board Rosters, Roles & Calendars  |  |  |   |
| Resignations of Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ed Kommers (interested in staying connected – umpiring, dugout roofs, etc.</li> <li>• Tom Schultz - will continue with picnic and train Rookie Coordinator</li> <li>• Dave Thompson</li> <li>• Mike Foor</li> </ul> | Motion to remove members approved by Board   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up E-Z Team Accounts to remove former Board, Coaches, etc.</li> <li>• Ask Andy Vickers if he wants to join Board</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Ulrich</li> <li>• Jane Cramer</li> </ul> |
| Roles for 2009/2010 – Officer Slate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President – Steve Hawes</li> <li>• Vice President – Geoff Saunders</li> <li>• Treasurer – Ed Kelly</li> </ul>   | Motion approved for new officers             | Need to recruit new Board Members  | Current Members   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary – Jane Cramer</li> </ul>   |   |  |                           |
|   |   | Ask at D8 which background check companies they use  | Steve Hawes               |
| Review Calendar   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings Moved to Wednesdays</li> <li>10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2</li> <li>D8 Meetings - 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November news deadline – 11/10</li> <li>Mailer out 11/17 with registration</li> <li>Hotline 1/1/10</li> <li>Tryouts: 3/6, 3/7/10</li> <li>Confirm breaks &amp; Camps</li> </ul> |                           |
| District 8 news and report from presidents meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Next Meeting 10/20</li> <li>b. Marketing ideas</li> <li>c. New All-star Hosting Schedule Constitution</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>   |                           |
| Financial Report - Ed Kelly   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chase Account: \$29,030 in Checking; \$28,020 in Money Market</li> <li>2009 Budget Summary</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize budget for approval November Board meeting</li> <li>Consider purchasing – sound system, generator</li> </ul>   | Ed / Steve                |
| Report from Online Registration committee – Bob Ulrich  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-line registration would greatly improve communication, hopefully making coordinator roles easier</li> <li>Need to make decision by next meeting</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather info and make recommendation to Board for 11/09 meeting</li> </ul>   | Bob Ulrich w/ small group |
| Coordinators Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of how things went last year.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB – season went well; discussion on having district wide league; we likely</li> </ul>   |  |                           |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start getting managers and coaches together. New commitment form</li> </ul> | <p>will not have a junior team in 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rookies – went well – most successful league in terms of parents and kids having fun</li> <li>Minors – good season</li> <li>Majors – a few minor problems with coaches; otherwise good</li> <li>Juniors – problems discussed</li> <li>Umpires – good coverage at majors; not as good for minors and softball; need to continue to develop umpires</li> <li>Summer League – went well; short on umpires several times</li> <li>To eliminate conflict of interest – coordinators should not be coaches in the division which they have kids unless there is only 1 team in that division</li> </ul> |                |     |
| Potential 2010 Coordinators  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Softball – TBD</li> <li>Rookie – Rick Nimmer?</li> <li>Minors – Geoff Saunders w/ Apprentice TBD</li> <li>Majors – TBD w/ John Hostetler</li> <li>Juniors – TBD</li> <li>Seniors – Ken Lane</li> <li>Umpires – Jeff Spaulding</li> <li>All Stars - Geoff Saunders w/ Apprentice TBD</li> <li>Summer League – Ken Lane</li> </ul>   | Finalize       |     |
| Review of On-line Year End Survey – Jane Cramer  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented results</li> <li>Agreed survey was valuable and should be repeated next year</li> <li>Next year have ability to provide</li> </ul>   | None currently |     |

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|   | coaches their feedback   |  |  |
| Constitution – Steve Hawes              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed highlights of 1<sup>st</sup> Draft</li> <li>Discussed membership concept - Need compelling message on membership and why it is important, what members do, etc.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve to provide electronic version</li> <li>Provide input to Steve before 11/4/09 Board meeting</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve</li> <li>Board Members</li> </ul> |
| Sound view Construction Update          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note from Mark Smithsund – group with Dave S and Ed Kommers to complete</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete construction at Sound view – get pricing</li> <li>Email Ed</li> </ul>  | Laurie M.  |
| Safety                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Smithsund will do for 2010 submission</li> <li>No injury report</li> <li>Safety bases in storage?</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Sponsorship - report from Mark Cutshall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose we re-approach 2009 sponsors</li> <li>Have identified new sponsors for 2010</li> <li>Develop a letter asking sponsors if they would put a recruitment poster in their windows; send emails to their customers re registrations; and ask earlier for spaghetti feed donations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a letter asking sponsors if they would put a recruitment poster in their windows; send emails to their customers re registrations; and ask earlier for spaghetti feed donations</li> <li>Let Mark know if you have sponsor ideas</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark</li> <li>Board Members</li> </ul>  |
| Equipment/Uniforms                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ed Kommers will purchase, Dag needs a helper for equipment</li> <li>Batting Cages – try to get up in 2010</li> <li>Fence and cage is at Superior Storage – expensive – other options?</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk with Ed Kommers re batting cage and fence</li> <li>Investigate uniform refunds for seniors and send appropriate refunds</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dave Sampson</li> <li>??</li> </ul>     |
| Upcoming                                | None   | None   | N/A  |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spaghetti Feed - May 7</li> <li>• Picnic: June 12</li> <li>• Clinics/ Player and coach development – Geoff/need helper to coordinate</li> <li>• Picture Day - May 1st – Jane Cramer</li> <li>• Mariners Day - Laurie McGibbon?</li> </ul> |   |            |     |
| Grant Update   | Mark Smithson – applied for Mariners’ grant – not funded  |            |     |
| 2010 Tournaments   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New schedule - NWLL Hosts Softball 10/11 – probably no tournament</li> <li>• District 8 hosts WA State Majors Baseball Tournament – begins July 17, 2010, hosted by Richmond LL to be played at Shoreview</li> </ul> |            |     |