



**WESTSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 6:30PM  
WESTSIDE RECREATION & PARKS DISTRICT AERA GYM BOARD ROOM**

**AGENDA & MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

**2016-17 Board Members**

- i. Josh Blaylock – **Present**
- ii. Matt Bratcher – **Present**
- iii. Greg Brown – **Not Present**
- iv. Josh Bryant – **Present**
- v. John Downey – **Not Present**

- vi. Melissa Robertson – **Present**
- vii. Tiffany Rowden – **Present**
- viii. Christian Teasley – **Present**
- ix. Breann Wilkerson – **Not Present**
- x. Vacant – **Not Present**

**\*\*\* Must have a quorum, at least 6 voting members (more than 50%), to conduct official business. \*\*\***

**2. Public Comment(s)**

- a. This is the time and place for the general public to address the Board of Directors on matters within the League's jurisdiction. The Board of Directors may not act immediately thereupon unless delaying such action until a subsequent meeting would cause unreasonable, unnecessary, and avoidable harm to the League and/or its constituents. Requests for future agenda items will be considered from the public at this time. – **None presented.**

**3. Old Business**

- a. Review / Approve Minutes – 11/28/2016 – **Approved unanimously.**
- b. Registration & Dates – **Board discussed need for flyer reproduction. Suggestion was made to contact Mark Fitzsimmons at TUHS and/or Driller Printers.**
  - i. School Outreaches to all schools in WSLI Boundaries
    - a. School / Teacher / Class Counts – **Bryant stated he spoke with Taft City Schools about getting enrollment counts and to gain approval for registration flyer. He stated we should have counts by January 16 and will need to print, sort, and return them to the schools for distribution. Bryant stated he will coordinate with Player Agent to accomplish this.**
    - b. ASES / After School Programs – **Bryant suggested seeking underprivileged children by attending these programs and reaching out to them specifically. Suggested leveraging schools since they administer the programs.**
    - c. During WSRPD Activities (i.e. Basketball) – **Board discussed desire to run registration drives and promotions during WSRPD basketball season. Board decided to station themselves at the WSRPD's AERA Gym on the nights of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, as well as the entire week of January 30<sup>th</sup> to advertise and take registrations / answer questions.**
  - ii. Volunteer Recruitment & Background Checks – **Bryant reminded everyone that while registration is the time for advertising and soliciting sign-ups for players, we also need to think about doing the same for volunteers (i.e. managers, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, etc.). Bryant also reminded folks of the requirement of a completed, signed current volunteer application along with a valid, current copy of a photo I.D. to be provided to the WSLI for background check completion for all volunteers.**
- c. Sponsorships
  - i. Identify current / potential sponsors – **Board discussed potential sponsors. Suggested keeping running list of current sponsors and potential (including previous seasons') sponsors.**
  - ii. Sponsor outreach – Who (Board-wise) and How? – **Board took no action to assign specific targets to specific Board Members. Bryant stated it's time to start "shaking all the bushes and trees we usually do" and to also consider "outside the box" thinking when it comes to seeking / finding sponsors.**
  - iii. West Side Healthcare District, Synagro, Kiwanis and La Paloma – special projects (bases, scoreboard, etc.) status – **No new updates were presented as Brown was not available for comment on his previous outreach / input. Bryant also noted his outreach on large scale donations and investments have not yet yielded positive results, but is keeping the fire lit under**



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**prospective donors / sponsors. Bryant and Robertson to speak at Kiwanis meeting in the near future; Robertson to schedule when available.**

**e. Equipment / Facilities Needs / Grant Opportunities**

**i. Equipment Storage & Accountability – Need for Inventory and Purchases for 2017 season – Bratcher stated he planned to do inventory on equipment the week of 01/09/2017, likely 01/12/2017; Group stated the need to contact 2016 coaches and ask for equipment returns for those who have not yet done so. Bryant stated he would send e-mails, texts, and reminders to 2016 coaches and ask that equipment be returned (if not already done so) on 01/12/2017.**

**ii. Roundtable on potential facilities needs / wants for upgrades – Bryant asked for suggestions on potential facilities or equipment needs with the plan to submit to Little League / Little League partners for potential grant funding. Rowden suggested a storage sea train that would be kept off-site of the Hall of Fame Complex. Bryant suggested additional padding on fenced areas near dugouts or in foul territory between third and first bases & home plate. Teasley suggested 'Igloo' type liquid dispenser jugs for dugouts. Bryant to seek out grant funds for these items as available.**

**f. Fundraisers:**

**i. Date(s) for “Yard / Vintage Sale” and “Fill the Helmet” Drive – Set date for these fundraisers as follows: February 11, 2017 (or February 18, if weather nullifies the original date).**

**g. Boundaries – Expansion to include Buttonwillow area / Adjustments due to CA 61 membership changes**

**i. Needs formal approval and signature(s) – Bryant mentioned new boundary map is in process for final approval.**

**h. Vacant Board Position – Candidates – Bryant asked for suggestions on possible replacement for vacant board position. Board unanimously decided to post online (Facebook, website) and to “ask around” and invite folks to inquire / show interest. Board decided to re-address this at next scheduled meeting in hopes of adding a new member by appointment then.**

**4. New Business**

**a. Waivers:**

**i. More than 50% of Board as Coaches / Managers – Confirmed that at least 50% of the current WSLI Board desires to coach / manage in 2017. Bryant stated this requires a waiver and stated he will submit to District Administrator and West Region accordingly.**

**b. Clinics Date(s)**

**i. Umpires – January and March? – Set dates for umpires clinics as follows: February 25, 2017 and March 11, 2017. Blaylock to make contact with umpire pool / potential new umpires to garner attendees. Bryant to contact Jack Queen for assistance and to contact other CA 61 District Members to advertise for attendees.**

**ii. Players – January and March? – Set dates for players clinics as follows: January 21, 2017. Group discussed possibility of doing work specifically with Pitchers and Catchers, potentially doing another clinic in February. Currently March 11 and March 25, 2017 are slated as clinic dates in conjunction with Taft Union High School and their baseball program.**

**iii. Coaches / Managers / Volunteers (including CPR/First Aid and Fundamentals) – March? – Set dates for these trainings / clinics as follows: January 21, 2017 and January 28, 2017. Rowden suggested making contact with WESTEC to provide additional First Aid / CPR training resources.**

**c. Setting Future Meeting(s) and Future Agenda Request(s) – January 24, 2017 at 06:30 pm, West Side Recreation and Park District**

**5. Adjournment**

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