

The May 6, 2018 WAYA meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Board members present were DJ Johnson, Andrew Semb, Melissa Pientok, Laci Moats, Ed Slaby, Sami Becker, Trey Johnson, Crystal Sluga, and Pat Schorbahn. The minutes from the April 9th meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved.

The Pigeon Falls Lions Club held their annual brat feed May 5th. The WAYA 12U baseball teams played each other that day at Ekern Park during the brat feed which seemed to help draw a good crowd.

The Pigeon Falls Memorial Day weekend tournament will start with an 8U game on Saturday. The rest of the day will be filled with a 5 team, 7 game 10U baseball tournament games. The Tee-ball kids will play a game Sunday morning.

The Whitehall City Council has agreed to hear discussions about making improvements to the Larson Park ball field. The first step was taken when WAYA board members, community members, and school officials met to discuss the first step of the process. It was decided that the concession stand and announcers stand should be torn down. A new building will be proposed that will have a concession stand on the first floor and an announcer stand above it. The City agreed to purchase lime screenings to redo the infield of Larson Park. A group of parents, coaches, and WAYA Board members worked to level the screenings and reset the bases May 5th.

Tee-Ball will start May 14th. There will be 51 participants split into 3 teams.

Melissa had written up some guidelines for picking players to participate in the league all-star games. The guidelines include things like batting statistics, showing good sportsmanship at all times, and participation in games and practices. Crystal made a motion to approve the guidelines as reviewed, Andrew seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ed said the 14U level will not send participants to the All-Star game.

The concession work schedules have been filled for some age levels, but not others.

The next topic was the concerns with the 10U baseball teams. The draft process and one coach wanting to trade players were at the center of the discussion. The Board decided that allowing trades would start something that would create more problems in the future.

How to properly handle injured participants was discussed. This season has seen several injuries already. There is a concern that some participants are at risk if they are not able to stop a ball or protect themselves.

Coaches are having concerns that some parent volunteers are trying to take over their team. Parent volunteers at practices and games are needed and appreciated. In order for the coach to have control of their team they need to be in charge. Having volunteers contradicting the coach is not in the best interest of the team.

The flag football committee will meet to discuss the upcoming season and potential rule changes.

The baseball/softball coach's year end meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 5:30, followed by the monthly Board meeting at 6:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd @ 7:00pm at the Whitehall Country Club. Crystal made a motion to adjourn, second by Sami, meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Pat Schorbahn, WAYA Secretary.