

Independent Church League  
Meeting  
March 19, 2007

Steve opened the meeting with prayer.

Steve thanked College Street Christian Church for the use of their facility for the meeting.

Steve shared his comments and thoughts about the league as the President. He shared some words of encouragement and thanking all of those who came to the meeting.

A. Old Business

1. Softball 2006 Reports
  - a. 68 total teams – 8 coed divisions and 4 men’s divisions
  - b. Each league played on a single night of the week.
2. 2006 Final Standings

Top 2 teams in each league will be moved up and the bottom two teams in each league will move down.
3. Schedule issues
  - a. There were some problems because the schedules were not mailed out last year. They will be mailed out this year.
  - b. Had some problems with home games vs away games not being equally dispersed among the teams. When it was realized it was immediately fixed.
4. Fields
  - a. There was no encroachment line at the beginning of the season.
  - b. Encroachment line was painted in the wrong location.
  - c. Encroachment line was repainted to the correct location.
  - d. A big thank you to the Olympia Parks & Recreation Department for getting this problem fixed within a timely fashion.
  - e. Mesh that was put up on the backstop on Field #5 was very appreciated by both ICL and Little Baseball.

Scott River – Olympia Parks & Recreation Representative shared some of the things the department is doing to improve the fields. Also informed us that the rain out number will be updated by 4:00 pm with any changes.

Scott then fielded questions from the audience.

Steve asked Scott to let him know the cost for the covered dug outs and that the league might be interested in helping the Baseball league in putting these in.

5. Umpires
  - a. There were 10 missed games last year – the worst the league has ever experienced.
  - b. The ICL league was very aggressive in their appeals to USSSA leadership to correct the problem. USSSA also reimbursed the league for the missed games and rescheduled those games. The problem was corrected and no more games were missed.
  - c. This is our last year on our current contract with USSSA.  
Quentin Maquire, Umpire in Charge, shared how they are working toward solving this problem with new software and other accountability checks. He also informed us of their new website [www.ossua.org](http://www.ossua.org). He then fielded questions from the audience.
6. Conduct  
No issues were reported.
7. Rosters
  - a. The five week cutoff was pushed back a week due to the fact there were two different dates publicized. This year's cutoff date will be July 22, 2007.
  - b. Eligibility to play in the ICL is you must be age 13 or older before the last day of the season in order to play.
8. Parity of divisions  
8 divisions were decided in Week 10.
9. Reported injuries  
None were reported.
10. Financial Audit Results
  - a. Recently hired Valley Accounting and Tax Service to audit books. Steve read the letter received from them stating that they had reviewed the records from 2001 to present and found everything accurate and in order.
  - b. Steve then thanked Larry Hettick, the treasurer, for all his hard work and for all he does not only for our league but for other associations as well. Also pointed out it is because of what Larry does that the league is in the black, pays its bills on time, etc. He understands the responsibility of being a good steward. Larry is not only a board member but also coaches and plays.
11. ICL Web Site – Tom Sloan
  - a. Tom reported on the new reporting system this year for reporting games on the web site instead of having league representatives. A demonstration was given .

- b. Tom also showed other areas on the web site including the Lost & Found, participating churches and their websites, financial report, ICL history, etc.
12. Rules discussion – Mark Tevis
- a. Steve shared that a committee was formed to review and revise the ICL’s softball rules of play to simplify, update and change the format. Mark Tevis was asked to come up and go through what the committee had come up with.
  - b. A few additional clarifications were added:
    - It will be a dead ball out for any over the fence homeruns after 4.
    - 7:15 games will not have a time limit but end because of darkness or all innings have been played.
    - The male/female ratio must be adhered to both offensively and defensively.
  - c. Kate Delozier moved that we accept these new rules, seconded by Bruce Townsend. After some discussion Dale Warren moved that an amendment to the rules be made that said “men can play on both coed and a men’s team for the same church”. Mark Tevis seconded the motion to the amendment. After much discussion a vote was taken on the amendment that resulted in 18 votes for and 21 opposed.
  - d. Vote on the acceptance of the rules was unanimous for acceptance.

## New Business

1. 2007 Season – June 18-Aug 31, 2007
2. All games will be at LBA only – Monday through Saturday.
3. Monday nights - Coed A, B, I, Men’s D  
 Tuesday nights – Coed H  
 Wednesday nights – Coed D & E  
 Thursday nights – Coed C & G  
 Friday nights – Coed F, Men’s A, B, C
4. Team Fee - \$350.00 per team
5. Forms needed to register – Registration Form, Roster Form and State Patrol background Check form for all coaches who have players under the age of 18.
6. 2007 Election of Officers.
  - a. Steve stated the current board members serving as President, Scheduler, Treasurer and Web Master were willing to continue. Bruce Townsend moved that we accept these members, Judy Wisenfeld seconded the motion. Vote was passed unanimously.
  - b. Steve then announced that Tracy Prouty was no longer going to serve as Secretary. There was a card for anyone who wanted to sign it. It would be presented along with a clock and Starbucks gift card to Tracy for her years of service to the league. Steve opened the floor for nominations for the position and submitted Rhonda Tevis as a

nomination. No other nominees were submitted and Rhonda was voted in with a unanimous vote.

7. The next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at College Street Christian Church. This will be the time to register your team(s) for the 2007 season. You will need to bring your registration form, rosters, and check for \$350.00 per team. Each team will receive softballs and scorebooks.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Prepared by Rhonda Tevis