

BoD Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2019

In Attendance: Mike Abernathy, Walter Aaron, Gary Swanson, Skip Flynn, Gary Kohunsky.

Absent: Chip Krieger, Jerry Kaplan.

Guests: David Reardon, Charlie Backes.

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM on this date at McAllister's Deli.
- b. There was a quorum with five Board members present.
- c. Two invited guests in attendance - Charlie Backes and Dave Reardon.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. The revised Minutes from the December 5, 2018 Board meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the WSSA web site and in the WSSA Drop Box.

III. Financial Reports

- a. The 2018 Year End Financial Statement was provided and approved and will be posted in the WSSA Drop Box and web site.
- b. An audit of the Financials for 2018 was conducted this day by Ron LaFond and Gary Dezio and was found to be in order.
- c. It was agreed that annual Player League fees would remain at \$100.00 for all divisions. Should there be no unforeseen major unbudgeted expenses during the year, the Board will entertain "hosting" the annual year end banquet at League expense (food only).
- d. No decision has been made to date by the NHC on charging for the use of Ogden Fields (Pay for Play). Field use to date has been free to non-profits like the WSSA.

IV. Old Business

- a. Annual League meeting will be conducted on February 6, 2019, location and time TBD (to be determined).
- b. The Sponsor fee, \$1500.00, from Humana has been received. The team will receive the team amount of \$800.00. The remaining \$700.00 will be deposited in the Associations General Fund.

V. New Business

- a. The Board agreed, on Gary Kohunsky's suggestion, to research the cost of producing a WSSA "banner" to be permanently displayed on the outfield fences at the Ogden Fields. There would be no cost by the County to display those "banners".

- b. It was agreed that the WSSA Web site will be updated to display the WSSA Address for all future correspondence. That address is
 - i. WSSA
1319 Military Cutoff Road
Box # 302,
Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405.

- c. The WSSA web site will be updated to solicit nominees for the six open Board positions in 2019. Those positions are;
 - i. Director of Marketing and Public Relations
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Deputy Commissioner
 - iv. All three Division Presidents.

A list of nominees will be posted to the web site before the Annual Membership meeting on February 6th. League meeting so that all voting members will have sufficient time to consider the nominees.

- d. New Player / Spring Practice
 - i. Individual Annual league fees for the year (\$100.00) must be received by March 27, 2019. If a player's participation fees and "Hold Harmless" waiver are not received by that date, the player will not be considered for placement on a team or be placed in the "draft" pool in those cases where a draft will be held. No player will be allowed to participate in scheduled/official team practices or in any league play until receipt of the Hold Harmless Waiver and \$100 player participation fees.

- e. The "draft season" schedule for individual division play will be created by the current board. A final schedule will be established by the three newly elected Division Presidents. Those Presidents will be elected at the February 6, 2019 General Meeting. The Boards intent is that the three Divisions agree on a "common" schedule of play dates, summer break and year end playoffs.

- f. It was suggested and agreed that an off-field pre-orientation meeting be held for new players/ recruits. The general rules of play (over-run, etc.) will be addressed and all questions/ concerns fielded. The suggested date for this orientation session was March 5th with formal spring training and tryouts commencing on March 7th. The location of that off field Pre-orientation meeting will be determined at a later date.

- g. The Draft (or player placement) will be conducted by the respective Division Presidents in conjunction with the Team Managers and is tentatively set to occur on 28 March. As previously addressed, should the prospective players league participation fees (\$100) not be received by 27 March, that player will not be eligible to be drafted or placed on any team and cannot participate in any formal

on field practices or games until that payment is received along with the associated Hold Harmless waiver.

- h. Proposed revisions to the By-Laws that must be voted on by league members at the 6 February meeting will be posted on the WSSA website.
- i. Should there be more than one nominee for an open Board position on 6 February, paper ballot voting will be required.
- j. Umpire fees will remain at \$25 per game and umpires will be managed by the Deputy Commissioner.

The meeting was concluded at 1:05 PM.

Skip Flynn