

WSSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2024

1:00PM

Carolina Ale House (Team Sponsor)

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors

Meeting Facilitator: Mike Clancy

I. Roll Call / Quorum

Meeting called to order at 1:16PM by Mike C. Quorum was present. In attendance: Walt Aaron, Mike Clancy, Ed Dominelli, Mike Gallagher, Tom Howley, Brian McCarthy, Dave Reardon. Absent: Harry Marriner (excused absence)

II. Approval of Board Minutes for 3/12/24 - Minutes were approved.

III. Financial Report

1. WSSA Administrative balance is \$29,486 as of this date. Travel Team balance is \$1,770. The League does not subsidize the Travel Team as the Team is self-funded similar to the WSSA Golf Tournament. Board approved Dave Reardon's financial report.
2. Only 2 refunds have been made to players submitting applications.

IV. Open Issues

1. Division Statuses

- Atlantic- Mike G. reported good turnout for practices. 15 players per team with one having 16. Equipment is in good shape. Atlantic season to start April 16th.
- Coastal - Walter reported 5 teams of 15-16 players have been drafted and appear to be balanced. A 5-team schedule has been developed and posted on the website. Excess players will be placed in a pool to be drawn from when teams are short. Coastal will now require a pitching screen and the Board discussed a number of rule related issues. Walter will draft rules and send to Board for comment. Board agreed the rules must be clear and effectively communicated to the Umpires, Managers, and players.
- Legacy - Tom reported Legacy had a very good draft and teams appear to be balanced. 2 teams of 15 and 2 teams of 16 at present. Tom said that given the

number of players all teams will pick up batting order in second game where first game's order ended.

2. Sponsors

- 3 sponsors have not yet paid. Mike Clancy to follow up with them.
- One new sponsor has raised an issue to the Board about the terms of its sponsorship agreement from an advertising perspective. After a lengthy discussion, the Board had concerns about the precedent-setting implications of the sponsor's request but agreed to offer the sponsor an additional advertising opportunity within the League. Mike C and Mike G will discuss with the sponsor and report back to the Board.

3. Uniforms - Hats/Jerseys - Ed D reported new hats have been ordered and received. All new uniform requests have been processed with most jerseys having been received. Caps and jerseys are now being distributed. Atlantic needs some additional jerseys and Mike G. will handle orders directly with the vendor with the invoices being processed via the Procurement Officer.

4. Parks – Brian is having some difficulty establishing communications with the City of Wilmington Park Service due to staff changes with Parks staff. Atlantic has had no problems accessing the Olsen fields. Brian will continue to post rainouts as early as possible on the website. When rain appears certain for the following day, he will post on the prior evening. Pitching mounds on Ogden fields cannot be removed.

5. Umpires - Brian and Mike C met with 8 umpires today to discuss the upcoming season, conduct rules, and rule changes such as pitching screens for Coastal. We have 9 regular umpires, plus some Coastal players who will umpire on off days. Board again discussed need for players to treat umpires with respect and that only the Manager or Assistant Manager can raise a question with the umpire.

6. Opening Day - Mike C discussed the plans for opening day ceremonies and the officials and guests who have been invited.

7. Storage Locker - Mike C said he has identified a storage locker closer to Ogden Park costing half the current cost (\$129/mo. vs \$66/mo.) for the same 10x7.5 ft. space. Our current contract expires on April 12 and the Board voted to authorize a 2-year contract with the new facility. Plans will be made to move the storage items to the new facility in the next few weeks.

V. New Business - The Board discussed the importance of transparency and the handling of player-initiated questions directed to the Board. The Board supports providing players the opportunity to respectfully voice their concerns. The Board will respond appropriately to all player questions brought to its attention.

VI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 3:10PM.

VII. Next Meeting TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Dominelli, Secretary