

WSSA Board of Directors'
Meeting Minutes
November 14th 2023
Noon

NH Northeast Library Oak Room

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors

Meeting Facilitator: Mike Clancy

I. Roll Call / Quorum:

In attendance were: Mike Clancy, Walter Aaron, Dave Reardon, Ron Ratliffe, Randall Ognibene, Mike Gallagher, Tom Howley, Harry Marriner and Brian McCarthy.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting: The minutes were approved.

III. Financial Report:

- For the year (in round numbers):

Revenue:	\$34,000.00
Expenses:	\$40,000.00
Loss:	\$6,000.00

Full Pays (Players) was 197

End of Year Balance: \$9,771.00

- Financial report was approved pending Dave checking and clarifying HOF expenses.

IV. Open issues:

a. Year end highlights:

- The 2nd half of the season went well.
- Opening ceremonies honoring former members who we've lost was a success.
- Food drives were successful.
- HOF selection and luncheon went well. However we will try to move the starting time to 11 am or 12 pm next year.

b. Division Status:

Atlantic:

- Mike G. discussed where the Atlantic Division will play next year. Brunswick County Parks, along with other parks have been explored. In years past, Brunswick officials told Mike that fields were not available. The officials will be approached again. Atlantic will not move to Ogden. Town Creek and Northwest Facilities are still being looked into.
- Mike G. can get balls @\$54.00 per dozen (business closure) vs. \$79.00 per dozen. It was decided that 12 dozen balls be ordered/purchased while the lower price exists. Coastal also uses this ball.

Coastal:

- Coastal will use the same ball as last year.
- Walter will speak with the other managers about the length of the mid-summer break.
- Walter believes Coastal will go to 5 teams next year.
- Coastal needs to purchase both uniforms for 2 teams and 1 uniform for another.

Legacy:

- Legacy started out with possibly too many players on each team but due to injuries and vacations their numbers dwindled.
- Legacy needs new uniforms.

c. Player Fees for 24:

- Because of increased costs David recommended that we raise our yearly fee to \$125.00. This will hopefully allow us to break even in the upcoming year. The motion was passed. Harry will update the website to reflect this change.
- A discussion concerning length of season took place as that directly relates to costs and fees. We are tentatively planning a 72 game season. Walter will work out a schedule for the Board's review.

d. Uniforms:

- See Division Status
- Mike Clancy made a motion to utilize generic hats in the future as a cost saving measure. The motion was unanimously carried.

e. Open Board positions for 2024:

- The following positions are open:
 - Commissioner
 - Secretary
 - Legacy President
 - Atlantic President

- All players are eligible to run. We hope to have nominations by the end of December.

f. Player Conduct:

- Mike and Brian will develop a proposal for the Board's review.

V. New business:

- By-law changes: Brian will provide the Board with proposed By-law changes for the Board's review.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

VII. Next Meeting TBD