

**WSSA Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

**1:30pm**

**NH Northeast Library Pine Room**

**Type of Meeting:** Board of Directors

**Meeting Facilitator:** Mike Clancy

- I. **Roll Call / Quorum:** In attendance: Michael Gallagher, Mike Clancy, Ronnie Ratliffe, Dave Reardon, Harry Marriner, Tom Howley, Brian McCarthy and Randy Ognibene
- II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Minutes were approved.
- III. **Financial Report:**
  - One Time Expenses totaling \$2,000:
    - (1) pull-carts
    - (2) pitching screens
    - (3) first aid kits
  - Our current balance is \$17,690.00.
  - Upcoming expenses are \$7,000.00 for umpires and \$1,000.00 for field rentals, \$2,800.00 for HOF luncheon, \$1,700.00 for T-shirts and hats, \$200.00 for gifts and \$300.00 for miscellaneous items.
  - Expected income is \$500.00 from golf tournament and \$500.00-\$1,000.00 from sponsor fees.
  - End of year projected balance is approximately \$5,600.00.
  - After discussion it was decided we will ask the managers if a \$25.00 increase in dues is acceptable. This increase will be voted upon at the January meeting.
- IV. **Open issues**
  - a. **1<sup>st</sup> half highlights**
    - There were 36 games played in Legacy, 32 played in Coastal and 36 in Atlantic.

- CPR training took place at the New Hanover Fire Department. 15 players participated in the training session.
- A second training will be set up soon.
- There are defibrillators at both Ogden and Olsen Parks.
- The food drive was a success.
- Two new WSSA banners were purchased for Ogden Park and placed on the outfield fence on the blue field at Ogden Park.

**b. Division Statuses**

- **Atlantic:** The Atlantic Division could use 6-8 new players. Mike G. wants to be sure he is made aware when new players are available. The three league Presidents will discuss the possibility of reallocating players among the three leagues. It was also discussed that Coastal could possibly lend Atlantic some players. League Presidents will discuss.
- **Coastal:** No report.
- **Legacy:** Legacy is okay number wise. No issues reported.

**c. HOF class of 23 (number of players to be selected)**

- Mike C. will appoint seven members to the selection committee. The committee will elect three to five new HOF members with Board approval.

**d. HOF End of year luncheon**

- Mike C. checked on prices at Mission Barbeque (\$2,300.00) and at Piggly Wiggly (\$1,150.00). The Board selected Piggly Wiggly. Mike C. will set this up. It will be held on **10/27/23 at Long Leaf Park**. There will be no charge this year.

**e. Parks and Umpires**

- Originally we had eight umpires this season. Three have dropped out. Brian will continue to try and recruit additional umpires.
- Mike G. made the point that there have been times that three umpires were available but Atlantic were sent none. Brian will try to make the assignments more equitably.
- Game times need to remain at 9:30 a.m. due to field maintenance.
- Home plate was raised on fields 1 and 2 at Olsen. The mats in the batters' boxes will hopefully be raised during the off season.

**f. Golf Outing**

- The outing will take place on November 1, 2023 at River Landing Golf Club.

**V. New Business**

- New softballs are needed by Legacy. Mike G. will order.
- A discussion took place regarding Coastal possibly switching to a lower compression ball. It was pointed out that studies show the 52/300 compression ball causes more injuries than the 44/375 ball.

- Instead of purchasing T-shirts for division and tournament winners, we will purchase beverage cozis with the WSSA logo. This will save the league approximately \$1,000.00.

**VI. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

**VII. Next Meeting TBD**

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Randall Ognibene

Secretary