

(Note: Before the meeting began, there was discussion about the confusion that occurred at end of WSSA's annual meeting regarding the WSSA Bylaws document Steve Hagan produced which appeared to be a revised WSSA Bylaws document carrying a 2019 date. The issue was Steve believed we would be discussing and voting on the proposed changes in the document he had during the meeting; however, the document was quickly reviewed and then determined not to be the current version of the bylaws with the proposed changes which were posted in advance on the website and in keeping with WSSA Bylaw guidance. Some of the managers remembered receiving the document and indicated they would email to Gary at his request.)

WSSA Legacy Managers' Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2019

Attendees: Dwight Crainshaw, Bob Perry, Mike Fleming, Jim Myers, Charlie Pettineo, Tom Howley, Henry Winters, and Gary Kohunsky

Absent: George Wesoloski

Gary had requested from the managers a best guess on the number of players who would be shortened 2018 playing season. The Legends team does require a new strike mat before the season begins.

The following information was provided:

TEAM	Number of Players Expected to Return	Number of New Softballs
Jiffy Lube	9	8
Champions	11	12
Legends	13	9
Carolina Bay	8	5
TOTAL	41	34

Copies of the calendar which was presented at the annual meeting were distributed and managers provided comments about the play dates, rain dates, the summer break, etc. Gary indicated that the board meeting scheduled for Feb. 13 had the calendar and play date schedule on the agenda for discussion, modification, and adoption.

Gary discussed plans for this year's Spring Training which begins on March 5 at 1 pm in the Pine Room of the NHC NE Library. This meeting is for new players and has been designated as an orientation session to register prospective players, talk about rules, safety, gear, divisions, etc. On-field Spring Training starts at 1 pm on Thursday, March 7 and will run through March 26 on

Tuesdays and Thursdays at Ogden Park. Managers are invited to attend these sessions to assist and to evaluate players.

Also it has been clarified that Spring Training will be necessary for players who played in 2018 but never participated in Spring Training, returning players who either missed all of the 2018 season or wish to change divisions.

Managers were given hard copy player assessment forms which will be used to evaluate/assess players at Spring Training and they agreed to fill out a form for each of their returning players. Gary will email the document in Word format managers can replicate the form for each player after inserting their name and other information. The forms will be used after Spring Training to assess the balance of A, B, C players on each team.

Managers discussed how teams will be formed this year and all managers would like to keep their end of 2018 season rosters and fill the shortfalls of a proposed 15-man roster with eligible players from the ST sessions. It was also agreed that managers would evaluate the returning players on their teams so with the addition of new players, any imbalances would be rectified - including player trades before the regular season begins.

Gary believes that there needs to be a trickle-down process beginning with the Atlantic Division which will cascade players not selected for teams in that division, to be considered for placement on Coastal teams. The Coastal division, similarly, would cascade players to Legacy if they were not selected for teams in the Coastal division. The current shortfall of players in Legacy numbers approximately 19 but until the number of new players and cascading players is known, nothing can be done pre-season other than the managers assessing their current returning players fairly and objectively.

There was discussion about what criteria should be used to determine a player's eligibility to play in the Legacy division. Something more definable and objective needs to be established rather than evaluating a player as 'too good' to play.

After discussion, it was agreed upon that players 'rehabbing' from other divisions will not use the Legacy Division while unable to play in their own division. It was the consensus that allowing players to rehab in Legacy not only may swing the team's competitiveness, but may also require a Legacy player to sit when he'd rather be on the field.

Pitchers' safety was discussed as currently during practices at Ogden during the off season, pitchers not wearing masks or using the screen have been hit. The managers agreed that player safety is always a priority and this division will establish some policy for pitcher protection before the season begins.

Also discussed was the run through rule. Gary stated that after a year of no run through, no players in the Atlantic division were injured in collisions on the base paths. Managers decided to give it thought and perhaps exchange emails regarding their thoughts in the days ahead.

Number of innings in each game was discussed and it was agreed that the wording in the Manual rules provides for manager at the outset of each contest to determine the number of innings to be played. That in conjunction with the rule on time limit seemed satisfactory instead of mandating the number of innings played every game for the 60-game season.

2018 umpiring was discussed and following up from a suggestion made during the annual meeting, having the umpire in the field and allowing each team to provide a catcher who would call balls and strikes, the managers debated the pros and cons of such an accommodation. More thought would be given to how umpires could be more effective and consistent, especially on the infield fly rule and interference and obstruction.

Before the meeting ended, the managers would like meetings to be held when there was a need and suggested during the playing season, if a meeting was necessary, and since we will all be together at Ogden Park, a meeting could be called before or after the doubleheaders.