

# **WSSA Board Meeting Minutes**

## **10 December 2019**

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM on this date at the Pine Valley Branch of the New Hanover County Library. Those in attendance were Mike Abernathy, Charlie Backes, David Reardon, Skip Flynn, Mike Gallagher, Gary Kohunsky and Tony Spataro. Also, in attendance was the WSSA Web Master, Walter Aaron.

The minutes from the 13 November 2019 Board meeting were approved as submitted and have been posted on the WSSA Web site.

### **I. WSSA 25 Year Anniversary:**

- a. The Opening day ceremony commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of WSSA League play will occur at Olsen Field at 10 AM on April 14<sup>th</sup>. A list of invited dignitaries is being developed and all Coastal and Legacy players will be invited to attend and participate.
- b. A banquet designed to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on WSSA league play will be held the following day, 15 April. Location, time and cost are being developed and will be broadcast once determined.
- c. The Board approved a spending limit not to exceed \$10,000 for expenses related to the 25<sup>th</sup> WSSA Anniversary celebrations. Authorization to spend up to that amount is to be submitted by the Chair of the Anniversary Committee to the WSSA Treasurer for each expense to be incurred.

### **II. Financials and Finances:**

- a. The WSSA financials from 1 January, 2019 - 30 November, 2019 were presented by Dave Reardon and approved. A copy of those documents will be attached to the final minutes on file.
- b. The proposed 2020 Budget is being prepared and will be distributed to Board members within a week.

### **III. Future Board Meetings:**

- a. The next Board meeting will be held at 10 AM on 2 January, 2020 in a location TBD.
- b. The 2020 WSSA Annual meeting with all members is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 23 January 2020 at a location TBD.

### **IV. By Laws & Manual Review:**

- a. A few revisions were proposed for inclusion in the WSSA Manual. All proposed revisions were unanimously approved for adoption with one dissenting vote on a proposed revision to item 4.2 -Umpire Options. All revisions will be posted on the WSSA web site.
- b. A few revisions to the WSSA By Laws were proposed and all were unanimously agreed too. All proposed revisions to the WSSA By Laws will be posted for review on the WSSA Web Site no later than 14 days before the WSSA Annual

Meeting to be conducted on 23 January, 2020. Any and all proposed revisions to WSSA By Laws must be voted on by the entire general membership at that Annual Meeting. Once each revision is approved at the Annual meeting it can be adopted/ implemented into the By Laws.

**V. League Presidents Report:**

- a. The Legacy President indicated that there were two managers who will likely step down in 2020 but there were at least two current league members who have indicated that they would like to be considered for managerial positions. Also, determination as to whether there should be a draft employed in 2020 would be left up to the incoming new 2020 League President to be voted on at the forthcoming Annual Meeting and the newly approved managers approved by the Board for 2020.
- b. The Coastal President indicated that there were a few teams who needed additional uniforms. It was also suggested that all future uniforms for teams be coordinated so that each team has one “fixed” color for the entire season rather than different color uniforms. Emphasis was also placed on procuring larger sizes in the future.
- c. The Atlantic President indicated that there appear to be two current managers who will be stepping down in 2020. To date, there are no known potential replacements. Additionally, some sort of team rebalancing will be needed in 2020, perhaps a full new “draft”. That determination will be discussed and decided on once all managers for 2020 are in place.
- d. Fall Ball was discussed and all agreed it was a great success.
- e. The Ogden fields will be closed and unavailable until 15 February, 2020.
- f. A request will be made with the County to allow WSSA access to all Ogden fields every week day from 1-3 PM from 15 February until the end of that month and from 10 AM-3 PM starting 1 March.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Skip Flynn  
WSSA Secretary