

WSSA MEETING MINUTES 2/14/22

Call to Order:

Walter Aaron called the orientation meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance:

Board members in attendance were: Mike Clancy, Dave Reardon, Mike Gallagher, Chris Pinket, Jay Harrington, Randy Ognibene, Brad Van Amberg, Ron Ratcliff

Board of Directors' Orientation:

- Roles and duties of each position were addressed
- Communications
- Web and social media portals management
- Contacts to be maintained
- Schedule of events

WSSA Board Meeting:

Mike Clancy called the WSSA board meeting to order at 2:05

Season Schedule:

- Discussion took place regarding spring practice and tryouts.
- We will attempt to secure Ogden Park for spring training and tryouts beginning March 8, 2022.
- Hours will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This schedule will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 24, 2022.
- Division presidents and managers will meet to further discuss the schedule.

Nomination of Managers:

- Jay Harrington nominated the following individuals for manager positions for the Coastal Division:

Mike Last, (Carraba's)
Ed Dominelli, (Patriots)
Norman Allen, (Humana)
Brian McCarthy, (D&E Mitsubishi)

- Mike Gallagher nominated the following individuals for manager positions for the Atlantic Division:

Mark Shall, (Century 21)
Sonny Wells, (Cambridge Village)
Wayne Bissette, (Stieffle's)
Ed Maikowski, (O'Brien's)

- Prior to the Legacy nominations, a discussion took place of whether last year's division president's evaluations should be honored or if the new division president can overrule the preceding division presidents' evaluations concerning the managers. The vote concerning this issue was 7-1, to honor the previous year's presidents's' n evaluations.

- Brad Van Amberg nominated the following players for managers in the Legacy Division:

Dwight Crainshaw, (Carolina Bay)
Scott Powell, (Legends)
Tom Howley, (Able Insurance)
Stuart White, (Champions)

- All division presidents' nominations were accepted by the board.

Umpires:

- No one other than Chris Pinket is to contact umpires.
- During games, should a dispute arise, no one is allowed to talk to the umpire except the manager.
- Chris and Mike will set up a meeting with the umpires to discuss rules, regulations and protocols.

Collection of Fees:

- 70 players have paid their fees out of 96 applicants.

Grants:

- A possibility of a grant exists with the Catherine Kennedy Home foundation, The grant request is for \$5,000.00 This money will be used to offset league operational expenses.

Sponsors:

- Letters will go out to all existing sponsors asking them to continue their support.
- Chris has been and will continue to explore new sponsors.

- The possibility was discussed to have multiple sponsors for each team.

Individual Division Rules:

- A motion was made and accepted that individual division rules would be discussed at the next meeting.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

- The league will encourage WSSA players to march in the parade.

Location of Future Meetings:

- It was suggested that some future meetings take place in outlying geographical areas to accommodate board members living in those areas.
- The possibility of ZOOM meetings was also discussed.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Randy Ognibene
Secretary and Procurement Officer**