

WSSA BOARD of DIRECTORS'
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, 3/21/22
1PM

Meeting Facilitator:

Mike Clancy called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

1. **Attendance:** Board members in attendance were: Mike Clancy, Dave Reardon, Mike Gallagher, Chris Pinket, Jay Harrington, Randy Ognibene, Brad Van Amberg, and Ron Ratcliff. Additionally in attendance was webmaster Harry Marriner.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion was approved.
3. **Financial Report:** Dave passed out a spreadsheet showing the League balance as standing at \$29,983.00
4. **Number of Players currently signed up:** Dave reported we have 163 players paid currently for the 2022 season. Checks for new players are due this week.
5. **Open Issues:**
 - A: **Spring training** is proceeding smoothly.
 - B: A discussion took place concerning the **Draft** and the number of players on each team. It appears each team will carry 15 players.
 - C: The meeting with the **Umpires** went well and was productive. Five umpires attended. Two other umpires are available but were not able to attend the meeting. Additionally, three umpires are currently being trained and will be available for the start of the season.
 - D: Regarding **Sponsorship**, Chris and Ron have done a good job of finding new sponsors. **Kornerstone Bistro and Mathew Motors** are already secured. Chris and Ron are still speaking with other potential sponsors. In the event that more sponsors are procured than the number of teams, we will double up (two sponsors per team). Each player will receive two shirts, each with a sponsor on it.

Mike G. stated we should have plaques made now for each of last year's sponsors and then remain conscious of getting sponsors' plaques at the end of each year.

E: Regarding **the Manual**, the following manual changes were proposed and approved:

- A ten minute time period will be utilized between games.
- The infield fly rule will not be used by Legacy. However, Atlantic and Coastal will have IFR.
- Concerning **game length**, both managers must agree to a 1-1 count or playing a five inning game. If managers cannot reach agreement, a seven inning game with standard count will be used.
- Every pitcher must use a three foot safety screen, every game. The positioning of the screen must be adhered to.
- A second ejection due to **misconduct** would result in a ten game suspension. A third occurrence would result in suspension for the remainder of the season with no return of fees paid.
- Regarding the **Hot Weather Rule**, should a game be suspended during an inning, to determine the outcome of the game, we will go back to the last, full inning.
- Only in the Legacy Division is **over-running** a base allowable. The exception will be eliminated.

F: Regarding **the By Laws**, the following suggestion was proposed by the Board: The **Webmaster** should be added as a board member.

G: A proposed change regarding **Player Age Issue** to the **By Law** to read: Upon approval of the three presidents, the issue will be presented to the Board for final approval.

H: A discussion took place regarding whether the players' wishes were being represented accurately by the Legacy President in regards to balls (375 vs. 300), the need to purchase 30 oz. bats and the use of umpires vs. self-umpiring. As a result, Legacy managers will vote as to what **softball** they wish to use; either the 375 or 300 ball. The vote will be in writing and signed.

I: The Legacy will use **umpires**.

J: No new **bats** are needed by Legacy.

6. New Business: Fall league options, Hall of Fame procedure, decisions regarding season's left-over funds and end of year luncheon will be discussed. Harry suggested we find a competent photographer to take the team photos.

7. Meeting Adjourned: 3:10 p.m. Next meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Ognibene
Secretary and Procurement Officer