

WSSA Women's Division

Initial Organizing Meeting

Minutes – 03/31/2021

In attendance: Elizabeth Maguire, Molly Davis, Nina Nyberg, Deanna Garner, Walter Aaron, Dave Reardon, Tony Spataro.

- A. Walter discussed the following points below and the idea for the Women's division and the process by which the WSSA agreed to pursue the formation of this division.
1. Twenty-two plus women expressed an interest in playing softball this year. A majority expressed a greater interest in playing in a women's league versus playing with the men.
 2. The WSSA already has an infrastructure in place for the use of parks (NHC & CoW), recruitment, umpire resource management and advertising.
 3. The women's schedule will be modified to accommodate the majority of its membership. It will not be confined to the current schedule under use by the other divisions (Tuesday & Thursday). The adjusted schedule might require the use of other parks (not Ogden or Olsen).
 4. The need to create a coordinating committee for the planning, organization and recruitment for said division. A coordinating committee was created with the following persons.
 - a. Nina Nyberg
 - b. Deanna Garner
 - c. Molly Davis
 - d. Walter Aaron
 - e. Dave Reardon
- B. The meeting members discussed the implementation of the following plan to kick start the recruitment process.
- a. Walter will generate a draft email blast to the current list of interested players asking for their input on the best possible play schedule for themselves. The draft will be sent to the committee for review before sending it out.
 - b. The email blast will address the following.
 - i. Player availability for seasonal play and casual warm-ups (batting practice, fielding, base running & practice games).
 - ii. Players can also attend the WSSA scheduled Spring Training sessions (April 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 & 22).
- C. Finance & Administration
- a. Membership fees waived until play officially starts.
 - b. Membership Applications & COVID Waiver forms will be required before official practice or play begins.

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- c. Discuss advertising strategy – Use of WSSA social media portals and other free public sites (i.e., [Nextdoor](#), etc.) as well as Star News. Dave suggested sending the graphic announcement, Joe created, to the committee for review.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.