

Managers meeting 9/15/16

Chip opened the meeting with introduction of a candidate for Division President next year Bill Walsh , He has been in the division for two years and has expressed an interest in becoming the division president at the annual meeting in January 2017.

Chip also expressed his desire to develop two plans for the coming year based on the number of players returning and those players joining for the first time. The two plans were to be developed for implementation on April 1, 2017 as needed; When notified by the Atlantic Division president of the players by name moving over to the Coastal Division. And the completion of the spring training sessions. For new players. Unfortunately, this did not happen due to the confusion within the attendees at the meeting. It was made clear that there would either be a draft or a complete restructure depending on the numbers provided by April 1, 2017.

Other unfinished business was to agree on the number of players on each team 14 - 15- 16 players per team again no conclusion could be made, this issue will need to be addressed before plans for the 2017 season can begin.

Currently, the sponsor of the Jiffy Lube teams wants his team moved to the Legacy Division, and the manager will be Jim Sidberry, This will require a complete restructure of the existing team and the Legacy Managers will need to wait until April 1, to identify who will be placed into that division before selecting new teams.

The All Star game is scheduled for October 13, 2016 at the Ogden Field. Gary Kohunsky and Tony Spatera have been chosen to lead each of the teams. All managers have submitted It is possible that on the same date the Atlantic Division will be hosting their All Star Game on the opposite field in Ogden, the two divisions will not be playing against each other.

Mike Abernathy reviewed the end of season tournament (Play-offs) He Provided a blank copy of the double eliminations format. This document cannot be filled out until all games are completed. The final games of the season will be played on September 20-22- 27 if any of these games are rained out they will not be made up.

We discussed several rule issues with suggestions to improve them. The Emergency Heat rule is to remain unchanged, We reviewed the suggestions made by the umpires to improve the Contact Rule 7.3 ,we agreed to have the rule remain as it is written. Rule 4.2 was discussed and all agreed the wording needs to be changed. We are currently working to improve the wording and when complete it will be shared with all managers until then the new wording agreed to at the meeting is to be added at the end of the existing rule. **THE OPPOSING MANAGER MUST APPROVE OF THE LOANED PLAYER.** Until the new wording is agreed upon this will be the current language to be used to interrupt to rule.

Discussions regarding the catcher in the batting order and complaints about the short batting order were reviewed – no changes to existing practices was the outcome.

By-Law changes are under review. At the annual meeting you will be expected to vote on each issue before any change can take place. Two important issues to be aware of; new fee schedule. And a new level of membership to allow non WSSA ball players to be used in state games representing WSSA where fees are paid by the WSSA . This is needed to allow the WSSA to be in compliance with the IRS rule 501c7 for our tax-exempt status.

Coastal managers for the 2017 season are:

Tony Spatero – Carrabbas

Bill Bennet – Legends

Brad Van Amberg – Pellicans

Tim Alexander – Patriots

George Scelizi – Tugs

Charly Backus – Old Jiffy Lube players not moving to Legacy

Legacy Managgers for 2017 season

Ken dene – Carolina Bay

George Wesolowski – Champions

Jiffy Libe – Jim Sidberry