

January 6, 2016

Legacy Division Planning Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Mike Dolan	Tim Alexander
Tony Spatero	Gary Kohunsky
Brad Van Amberg	Ron Sullivan
Bob Dixon	Martin Free
Peter Cerra	Jerry Dowling
Bob Perry	Richard Price
George Wesolowski	Jim Kelly
Steve Rex	John Fort
Ray Mayer	Harry Marriner
John Bonner	Ken Denne
Walt Wooddell	Ron LaFond
Charlie Backes	Steve Hagen
Tony Costagliola	Dwight Crainshaw
Jerry Ashley	Bud Baldwin
Robert Fainer	James Sidberry
Denny Smith	Charlie Elliffe
Merle Barnett	Rany Rush
Fred Altman	Mike Master
Harry Rowe	Chip Krieger
Frank Zecca	Mike Abernathy

Opening Comments:

Chip opened the meeting with a brief history lesson regarding the development of the Legacy Division. He provided a document outlining the strategies that were used to develop the program to this point. It was made clear several times whatever was discussed today should not be considered final as the 8 managers need to discuss and vote on the issues at a managers meeting in February or March. There were 40 individuals in attendance.

Player Self Rating Form

Chip introduced the self-rating form that was refined by Gary Kohunsky> Chip provided a briefs history of the rating system used during the last 3 years. At this time blank forms were pass out and attendees were asked to complete them and return by the end of the meeting. Chip explained how the scoring calculations were achieved and what rating the player would attain.

Team Managers

Explanation of possible team selection was reviewed and copies had been provided prior to the start of the meeting. Chip started the review by explaining who the new managers are from the 2016 season. During this introduction a question from the floor as to why Dwight Crainshaw was not a coach this year. It was explained that Dwight had not met the expectations or managed with the spirit set by the other managers within the coastal division, and that the BOD voted to accept the nominations as provided by the Coastal division president. As the managers were introduced each was asked if the transferring manager had worked to fulfill the transfer of uniforms, equipment and general team information necessary to manage the teams next year. All managers stated they were in compliance.

Overview Regarding Number of teams

For the sake of this meeting the original plan was to go 6 teams in the Coastal and 2 teams in the Legacy Divisions. During this discussion Chip offered several different configurations, George Wesolowski expressed his desire to see 4 teams in each division. A general discussion developed and it was made clear the final decision regarding team count would be made by the 8 managers at a later date after the spring try-outs were completed

Discussion of team headcount

Chip explained at an earlier meeting the manager's voted to limit the headcount to 14 players per team to start. Using this number to start will allow for growth during the year as players want to join the WSSA. Dwight Crainshaw stated he had a better plan. He feels the best 28/30 players from the Coastal division be force to play in the Atlantic Division thereby making equal teams for the Atlantic and Coastal division to have 6 teams each. Chip asked how this would help the challenged players; replay was that it would allow for the two leagues to be more balance. Chip explained to Dwight that this could not happen due to the by-laws, which clearly state no player can be forced to play in a different division. Mr. Zecca raised the point; is that not what we are doing with the Legacy Division. Chip explained that the by-laws only authorize the creation of two divisions, the Legacy division is an extension of the

Coastal Division and the president of the Division is authorized to manage the Coastal Division in any form he desires as long as he is following the By-laws.

Dwight was advised if he strongly feels his plan is more effective to prepare his plan and the by-law change for the February meeting since this is the only time and place a by law change can occur. This way it can be vote on by the attending membership at that meeting.

Chip also discussed the current returning headcount, which is 89 at the moment; in order to change we will need the headcount to grow to 112, at the moment we have 6 players coming up from the Atlantic Division, 6 players returning from Injured Reserve, this would raise the headcount to 101 and the remaining headcount must come from new or retired returning players; it will be necessary to wait until April 1, 2016 for the final count to be tabulated. (last year we had over 25 new candidates try out)

Possible Alternatives

Chip included in the Meeting package suggested alternative for consideration based on final numbers

Tentative play date schedules

A color-coded calendar outlining the activities for 2016 of the WSSA was provided in the package. Mike Abernathy responded to questions from the floor.

Defining the rules for the Legacy and Coastal division

The following issues were discussed and it was explained these issues would be reviewed and vote on by the 8 managers at a later date. However, the input from the attendees was needed to influence the manager's decision. All attendees were instructed to keep in touch with their managers to share with them ideas as they come to mind, Attendees were also informed they could contact Chip directly via e-mail.

1. Number of innings to play (***Keep 7 innings per game***)
2. Transfer/loaning of players (in/out of division) (***With 6 teams playing at Ogden player will be loaned on an as needed bases per game to support the needs of any team short a player. This is not a permanent transfer or loan the concept is to use what resources is available at the field to support the needs of the team so everyone can play ball***)
3. How can player transfer in/out Legacy (***he must complete the year he started in***)
4. Extra runners due to medical reasons (***Keep following same rules***)
5. Length of bases (***Could be change to 60 at the managers discretion***)

6. Out field range distance (*not needed*)
7. Field locations (*Ogden yellow has been reserved for the Legacy teams*)
8. Number of players per team (*Currently 14 however it can be expanded at the managers request,*)
9. Number of players on the field (*The season will start with 11 however, this could change if warranted*)

Insurance Overview

Jim Kelly provided an update on the current insurance issue, and explained the joining of the ASA will help with extra benefits. More to follow at the annual meeting

Tournament

Ray Mayer presented an overview of a one pitch tournament he is organizing in Jacksonville, NC.

Closing

All attendees were thanked for their contribution and reminded again the issues discussed today are not final and the 8 managers will meet, review, discuss and vote on the issue. Any issues anyone may think about during the next few weeks should be addressed to their managers or Chip via e-mail. The managers will review every issue.