

WSSA

Annual Membership Meeting

Break Time Grille

February 10, 2016, 10:30 AM

NOTE: The agenda for the meeting including financials is attached to the official minutes. Mark Schall moderated the meeting with the assistance of George Wesoloski's media presentation.

Attendance: 85 members and new players plus two umpires (A sign- in sheet of all attendees is attached to the official minutes)

INVOCATION; Bob Perry

PRESIDENT MARK SCHALL: called the meeting to order welcoming members, guests and had each current board member recognized. The "State of the League" is good. With regard to the financials being shown in the presentation, they will be removed from the web site (public view) but available to any member by request. Gary Kohunsky was introduced and will assume the duties of web master from retiring George Wesoloski. Mark displayed the ASA logo and announced our affiliation with them. Each team manager will have an ASA Rule Book.

CHIP KRIEGER; introduced the 2016 Coastal Division Team managers

DARRELL DAVIES; Introduced the 2016 Atlantic Division managers

MINUTES: The February 11, 2015 minutes were approved as posted on the web site.

NEW PLAYER CANDIDATES: All were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

SUPER SENIOR PLAYERS: Those players who have or will have reached the age of 80 during calendar year 2016 were recognized.

TEAM SPONSORS: were recognized. Carrabbas was recognized specifically for their "Gold" level sponsorship and their very affordable hosting of the league's annual banquet. Mark reminded players to support our sponsors and let them know when their business is utilized.

TREASURER: Brad Van Amberg reviewed all the financials (see agenda which details league expenses and team balances). A motion to reverse a BOD decision to remove the subsidization of the State and National teams was seconded and passed overwhelmingly with four (4) votes in opposition. The revised budget was approved overwhelmingly.

SENIOR GAMES: (see agenda) Mike Abernathy covered the scope of the games reminding players that 2016 is a qualifying year for the 2017 National games. Mike emphasized the deadlines and requirement to register for both the local and state games to maintain eligibility. Additionally he mentioned the awards banquet and other sports and events included in the registration packet. The registration packets are still in the process of being completed by the Senior Games coordinator, Mark Sinclair. Two Senior Games managers were open at the time of the printing of the agenda. Matt Fay and Jay Harrington graciously volunteered to manage the 55-59 and 65-69 teams respectively.

PRE-SEASON WORKOUTS and NEW PLAYER TRY-OUTS: Dates were shown and are on the web site.

CALENDAR: (see agenda) Missing from the slide are the end of season divisional playoff dates of September 27, 29 and October 4, 6, 11 and 13.

UMPIRES: Mark announced the umpires will be retained for the 2016 season.

ALTERED/ILLEGAL BATS: Jim Kelly led a discussion of the use and penalties associated with their use as being outlined in the ASA rule book. Asked if the membership wished for the BOD to institute a separate bat policy, the membership overwhelmingly voted not to add to existing ASA rules.

LEAGUE RESTRUCTURE: Chip Krieger presented the status of the proposed plan to restructure the Coastal and (proposed) Legacy Division commenting that a final decision depends on player availability in the Spring.

BY-LAWS: (see agenda) By-Law changes approved by the membership; The inclusion of ASA in the organization description section of the by-laws and the editorial inclusion of "WSSA" was approved unanimously. Elimination of the position of Commissioner Emeritus; approved unanimously. (The duties previously assigned will be delegated to board members or their assigns.) The elimination of the mandatory financial audit was approved unanimously (Audits by non-officer or manager volunteers received one volunteer: Mike Dolan.) The by-law requiring a limit to the leagues surplus fund was not approved as the amount of the surplus rests with the BOD rather than the league membership.

BODs AT LARGE: Gary Kohunsky explained the BOD's rationale in appointing non-voting members to expose potential future leaders with the scope and duties of available leadership positions. A discussion from the membership expressed concern that the meetings of the BOD may become disruptive with the input from the at-large members. It was explained that the at large positions were a pilot program and if found to be unmanageable, would be amended or discontinued.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following nominees were elected to their respective positions unanimously: President; Brad VanAmberg, Secretary; Greg Romero, Atlantic Division President; Jim Ratkus, Treasurer; Gary Swanson. (There were no additional nominees from the floor.)

NEW BUSINESS: Ray Mayer announced a one pitch tournament in Jacksonville to support Senior Softball.

Meeting adjourned

