

WSSA BOARD MINUTES

May 18, 2016, Break Time Grill

Present: Brad Van Amberg, Mike Abernathy, Jim Ratkus, Gary Swanson, Chip Krieger, Gary Kohunsky, Greg Romero

Meeting called to order by President, Brad Van Amberg, at 11:00.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted on the website.

Gary S. presented the Treasurer's report and Mike presented the Field Usage Fees, indicating that the total cost could be \$2,868.75 rather than the \$2,152.50 which was approved by the membership for the 2016 Budget. Apparently Mark Schall was given some incorrect rental numbers by the parks department. Also presented was a report on the Sponsorship Activity, both payments and non-payments.

Gary K. reported on ideas for increasing league membership and discussed the need for the managers to request at least one team member to join Gary's committee. A two page outline of the committee's objectives was presented to the board.

Chip suggested we offer a special rate of \$20.00 to anyone interested in playing 10 games to see if they like it. If they choose not to join they will receive a full refund. Should the new player decide to join the league their cost would be prorated for the balance of the season as determined by the Treasurer. This idea was approved by everyone present.

Brad proposed that the annual meeting will be January 4th. The Treasurer's position is up for election at the next board meeting. We need to identify the name and address of the new treasurer before the 2017 application is posted on the website. Discussed was to set the annual membership dues at \$100.00. This would give us some additional funds to enable the league to invest in some marketing materials. Also discussed was to offer a \$5.00 discount to members who mailed in their dues to the treasurer prior March 1st.

Mike reported on the Senior Games and proposed that the \$225.00 application fee will be paid by the board as long as all the members of the team are WSSA league members. If non WSSA members are added the league will not fund this team unless the manager can show that there was a shortage of WSSA members and a non-member was needed to complete the roster. The Vice President shall make the final decision as to whether the league will pay the application fee or not.

Mike also proposed continuing with picking 3 for the Hall of Fame. Mike will form a committee to make the selections and it was suggested that he use some of the current Hall of Fame members to assist him.

Mike also discussed problems with some of the umpires and he is in discussions with them to clarify items like running on either side of the base, what to do with a player thrown out of a game (the Division Presidents are to decide).

Also, Mike pointed out that the Legacy teams have adjusted some of their rules and no one felt this was a problem.

In addition, Mike suggested any changes to the by-laws can be discussed at a future meeting and everyone agreed to this.

Jim suggested that the player age requirement be removed from Article 2 of the By-Laws. It adds nothing to the league's purpose and it is listed under section 4.1 Players of the WSSA league rules. He also proposes an addition after the age requirement statement in section 4.1 Players which would read, "Any deviation to this requirement may be allowed on an individual case basis by the Atlantic Division president with the approval of the majority of the Atlantic managers. This would allow flexibility and ensures strict oversight to the potential addition of members to the Atlantic Division.