

WSSA BOARD MINUTES

August 17, 2016, Break Time Grill

Present: Brad Van Amberg, Mike Abernathy, Jim Ratkus, Gary Swanson, Chip Krieger, Gary Kohunsky plus for part of the meeting, umpires Rod Walker and Ben Greico.

Meeting was called to order by President Van Amberg at 11:00 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting, May 18, 2016, were approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer Gary S. was asked if he would run again for the treasurer's position and he confirmed that he would. Financial Statements for the period 1/1/16 to 7/31/16 were distributed and reviewed. All team sponsors have paid with the exception of Legends and Texas Roadhouse.

Chip suggested that Gary K's position as Director of Public Relations become the seventh BOD position. All board members agreed and this will be subject to a vote by the members at the annual meeting and then added to the by-laws. Gary was asked to prepare a job description that would become part of the By Laws. Brad suggested that Gary K. put together a PR budget that would be submitted to Gary S. for the 2017 Budget, (this has since been done and a copy is in my records). Chip suggested that each team could contribute \$50 or some undetermined amount out of the team's sponsorship fees toward the additional PR expense, but this was not voted on and remains on open issue.

Mike reported that all teams want to continue 9:00 starting time for all games.

It was concluded that the umpires are doing a good job. Ejections were discussed and it was decided that reports would go to Mike for determining penalties, if any. Jim suggested the Rules Committee meet with the umpires to determine best ways to avoid problems at 2nd base, how to speed up the games, heat problems. Jim suggested that the season could be split in 2 with a 6 week break in the summer. This will be put to a vote at the annual meeting and Gary K will look into a way to do a fair survey of the members.

Chip suggested that only the Division presidents would not be allowed to function as a Manager however no BOD member would be allowed to function as a Manager and this would encourage others to step up and take on jobs in the WSSA rather than the same people taking on all the tasks. This must be discussed and voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting.

Jim suggested that Section 1, Article 6 of the by-laws regarding age, should be revised and prepared for vote at annual meeting.

Brad suggested changes to the by-laws:

Section II, Article 1 – the President as liaison to the city should be moved to the VP.

Article 2 – the Treasurer should be the gate keeper of non-budgeted items. If it is below a certain limit, he could approve and issue the check if the BOD approves.

Article 3 – the Secretary as custodian of the website should be moved to the new Director of Public Relations. Also, remove filing of team rosters; this should be the 2 league directors and the maintaining application forms and waivers moved to the Treasurer.

Article 4 – Treasurer formulates annual budget to approval by the BOD and at annual meeting. Delete the part, “the President may sign checks” as it is already covered in Section II Article 1. The League is exempt from filing a 1099 for umpires. This statement should be added to the By Laws.

Article 5 – Division Presidents are to complete team rosters with the assistance of the Treasurer. The following sentence should be moved to the Treasurer.

Section III – add Director of Public Relations to the BOD election group in the odd numbered years.

Mike is doing permits with the City under by-laws for VP. It also was approved that the VP can give umpires the authority to eject players for bad language.

Mike reported that 3 guys in the Senior Games are not WSSA members but paid \$20 to be associate members.

For annual picnic, Brad is to check with Ken Denny to set up shelter, etc., along with an email to be sent to all about bringing a dish.

Chip reported that in the original survey of Coastal managers, that there was not much interest in the All Star game but will check again. Suggested was 2 teams and 2 games and estimated date is 10/18.

Brad suggested has checked with Big Stitch about having WSSA Wilmington Senior Softball stitched upon a shirt that could be worn around town. An email was sent out asking if any members were interested and so far there has been no interest.

The meeting was adjourned.