

WSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 17, 2016 at Break Time Grill

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the President, Brad.

Mike addressed our contract with the umpires and whether they should be paid if a game is cancelled. It was agreed that we will provide them with a 90 minute notice of cancellation, otherwise, they could be paid $\frac{1}{2}$, \$12.50. Mike will correct the existing contract and will tell them about attire.

Gary S. submitted a financial statement to be part of these minutes.

Mike and Brad will look into a sound system for the banquet; estimated cost \$80 at Wal-Mart if one has to be purchased. We could also have the option of renting for \$180.00.

Gary K. addressed his need for a projector to make presentations to clubs and it was concluded that if our dues will be \$100, there should be enough in the budget to cover this cost. Gary's Public Relations Committee is making a presentation to the Wilmington Men's Club on 12/7.

Chip suggested that a plaque be given to Carrabba's to acknowledge their support and this was approved. The expense will be charged to available funds in the office miscellaneous account.

Brad is working on an agenda for the banquet and Chip suggested that Mike get a trophy for a special person and this was approved. Jim suggested that we consider giving out MVP awards but it was concluded that it might set a bad precedent or offend some.

Chip reported that although Jiffy Lube is leaving as a sponsor, 2 new ones are coming on.

Jim presented 2 possible schedules for next year which break the schedule into 2 parts. One with a 6 week break in the Summer, was preferred and will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

Gary K. suggested that spring training could be held on more than Tuesdays and Thursdays and this will be reviewed.

Noted is that spring training would be scheduled around the fact that dues are due 3/1 and that 2 weeks of tryouts was all that was needed.

Mike reviewed the balance of the revised by-laws with the copies he distributed, and they were approved. The Hall of Fame selection was changed from the previously agreed on President back to the Vice President in a subsequent email. Brad was not happy with that change.

A discussion was held on whether the WSSA should pay for the Senior Games but it was noted that at the last annual meeting, the membership voted to pay for them but it was agreed that this doesn't apply

to the Nationals. Discussed was presenting this to the members as a possible violation of IRS code 501c. Gary S. will be preparing 2 budgets to be presented at the annual meeting.

Jim suggested a change of the league rules for players in the Atlantic Division will be determined by the League President and he will send wording to Gary and Greg for changing and posting online.

It was suggested that the full BOD have a meeting in December and that Brad and Gary are working on the banquet presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Greg Romero, Secretary