

WSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

September 19, 2016 at Break Time Grill

Present: Brad Van Amberg, Mike Abernathy, Jim Ratkus, Gary Swanson, Chip Krieger, Gary Kohunsky, Water Aaron, Henry Winters (part of the meeting), Greg Romero

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

Gary S. presented the Treasurer's report, a financial statement for 1/1/16 to 8/31/16 and a preliminary 2017 budget, both of which are part of these minutes.

Mike explained the process used in selecting the 3 new members of the Hall of Fame, which were selected by former Hall members and his committee, from a list of 66 members. After discussion, the Board approved Bill Manley, Richard Price and George Scelzi. Jim suggested that the process be included in the by-laws and Brad will take care of.

Jim advised that due to several issues, the Atlantic Division did not wish to participate in All-Star Game activities this year. Gary K. and Tony S. are managing the Coastal/Legacy teams.

Henry Winters reported that he met with the City, trying to save Empie's softball field. The Mayor offered to prepare another field (like Strange) to take its place since that plan is going forward. The work on Empie won't begin until next Summer.

The Senior Games were discussed and Gary S. presented a budget for the WSSA to pay the cost of our teams attending, comparing dues of \$95 and \$100. The conclusion was that the League would continue to pay. Brad suggested we might be able to get a sponsor to take care of it. Brad was going to re-write the process for the future.

A job description for managers will be written and placed in the by-laws as other positions. The BOD agreed that BOD members in the future could not also manage a team, however, Brad will be grandfathered. Up until now, there was no rule for this.

For the League Bamquet, Mike is checking and ordered the trophies for the HOF members. Mike and Brad will make presentations but all agreed it should be shortened this year. Gary K. will consult with George W. about the visuals.

Mike also asked for opinions on the umpires. All agreed that, in general, they were doing ok.

Jim presented a possible 2017 calendar with a long break in the summer and this will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

Gary K. presented minutes of his PR meeting and it was agreed that instead of the word "tryouts", it would be promoted as "Spring Training." A presentation will be made at the annual meeting about all

members trying to find 1 new member. Also, the subject of whether to recruit women will be presented at the annual meeting.

Mike went over most of the proposed changes to the by-laws and all agreed with changes so far and the balance will be discussed at the next meeting, projected for 10/17. When the changed by-laws are completed, Mike will send to Greg to include in the records. Noted also is that the annual meeting is projected for 1/25/17.

The meeting was adjourned.