

March 16, 2017 WSSA Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Walt Aaron, VP, Gary Kohunsky, Director of Marketing and PR, Greg Romero, Secretary, Gary Swanson, Treasurer, Jim Ratkus, Atlantic President, Jerry Kaplan, Coastal President. Also attending was Mike Abernathy and Tony Spataro.

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

Gary S. presented the financial statement and team balances through March 15, 2017, and that he has received 159 applications so far (vs. 164 last year).

Tony Spataro reported on Spring Training, and after discussion, it was agreed that given the number of players estimated in this years membership our team breakdown would be as follows;

- 4 Atlantic teams
- 6 Coastal teams (with 14 players each) and
- 3 Legacy teams (with 12 players each). If Legacy teams are short, Coastal players could help out but that it should be limited to C and D players.

Gary K. reported that we might pick up some new players after our participation in the Azalea Parade.

Jim also suggested that Gary K check on promoting the WSSA in the Brunswick area.

Discussed was the possibility of using all 4 Ogden fields but other possibilities are Brunswick County, Robert Strange and Olsen. A final decision will be made May 15th.

The possibility of a President for Legacy was discussed but this is postponed for now.

Gary S presented a checklist for the next audit and it will be refined and addressed at a later time.

The Umpires contract was discussed and several questions were raised. It was agreed that Walt and Mike would talk to Phil Best, head umpire, to finalize the agreement.

The Board approved the naming of Mike Abernathy as acting Commissioner until one is elected at the next annual meeting. Also approved was Gary K being officially on the Board of Directors as acting Director of Marketing & Media. The actual vote on Gary at the annual meeting was overlooked. The Board made the decision to include him as the acting Director.

It was agreed that Brad should be removed from the league checking account.

It was agreed that the Association needed a policy on how we manage our sponsors. A committee was formed consisting of Jim, Gary K and Gary S. The committee will draft an approach that will be voted upon by the membership.

There was agreement that the league would pay for scorebooks and divisional presidents will advise managers.

Jerry and Greg were selected to do a review of the by-laws. Any proposed changes will be presented for approval by the membership.

Gary K suggested that Greg should have the password to the WSSA gmail account. Walt will be given administrator privileges on the website for backup purposes.

Jim will add to the Coastal calendar: 9/27 Association Picnic, 11/1 All-Star game and 11/3 Annual Banquet. Also, it was agreed that Jim would take care of buying the vests for the next Spring Training.