

October 9, 2017 WSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mike Abernathy called the meeting to order. All directors were present plus Jim Sidbury and Steve Hagen, who attended regarding issues which surfaced this season in the Legacy division.

The minutes as posted online from the last meeting, were approved.

A Legacy issue was on the agenda and Jerry Kaplan presented reasons for his objections to retaining a manager in the Legacy Division for the 2018 season. Jim and Steve presented their views about the manager situation. The Board decided that this matter would be tabled for now and discussed with the new Legacy President (to be elected at the next annual meeting) who would render a decision regarding the slate of 2018 managers. Chip Krieger's name was mentioned as a possibility and good prospect for Legacy President.

It was noted that Jerry had been appointed Coastal President at the 2017 WSA general membership meeting but with no record of Board approval; however today, it was agreed that the minutes should record that his appointment has been approved and that he will be nominated at the next annual meeting to serve out the second year of the 2-term position.

Gary Swanson submitted financial reports and they were approved.

Gary Kohunsky suggested that Rucker Johns be removed as a sponsor since they have not paid their sponsorship fees for the 2017 season.

Jim Ratkus reported that the Atlantic Division has slight realignments and that they may have a tournament, TBD.

Jerry reported on the Coastal Division and the Board approved Jerry to decide on whether additional play dates were necessary and to select dates for makeup games and their tournament.

Gary K. advised that the list of sponsors would be reported to members at the annual meeting. He also submitted a report on the qualities the Board should look for in selecting managers. The committee on the manager project will be meeting again before the general membership meeting to finalize their work and decide what if anything to announce.

The subjects of new players being in next year's draft was discussed and that this should be included in the by laws and would be the decision of the league presidents.

It was agreed that a change in umpires was in order. Due to problems from the Chief Umpire with supplying an umpire for the Legacy Division for twelve games, the BOD approved to put \$200 in each Legacy Division teams' funds as a refund for the lack of umpires at those games.

Mike is also going to check on the softballs needed as there were complaints about this year's batch.

Regarding fields, with Empie gone, Olsen will be considered for Coastal and possibly New Hanover Regional Park. A field for off season workouts is to be determined.

Walter Aaron will investigate AED's for the fields. He also reported that \$240 was raised from the golf tournament and he hoped to make it bigger next year.

It was decided that our membership in the USA was worth paying \$120 and would be continued.

It was agreed that the Vice President would now be called the Deputy Commissioner.

Regarding nominations for the Board:

- Mike indicated he would run as Commissioner.
- Gary K indicated that Skip Flynn has accepted the idea of being nominated as Secretary.
- Jim, Jerry, and Gary K indicated that they will remain on the board if elected to do so at the annual meeting in 2018.
- The Treasurer and Deputy Commissioner (vice president) positions will not be voted on until 2019.

Mike reported his agenda for the banquet 11/3 and will work with Gary K on the presentations.

Gary K reported that we could have a booth at the Senior Expo for \$200 and this was approved. He will post an invitation for volunteers for the event, which should yield some prospects for the league. He also reported that the idea of getting members to join a cruise as a fund raiser, did not pan out.

It was decided that there would be no additional Hall of Fame nominees this year beyond the three candidates the Board had agreed upon earlier.

Greg Romero, Secretary