

## WSSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 25, 2017 at Break Time Grille

Attendance: 69 members and new players. A sign-in sheet of all attendees is attached to the official minutes.

Invocation by Bob Perry.

President Brad Van Amberg called the meeting to order and welcomed members, guests and had each current Board member recognized.

The minutes of the last annual meeting February 10, 2016 were approved as posted on the web site.

Mike Abernathy presented the Senior Games participants and explained that the Board had decided that the WSSA would not pay for teams going in 2017. He reported that Empie Field will not be available and that an alternative was Robert Strange Park. The Hall of Fame was discussed and after discussion about the umpires, a vote reflected that members wanted to go back to the old crew. Mike also presented the revisions to the by-laws after discussion, they were approved.

Brad presented Gary Swanson's financial report of income and budget and after a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, they were approved.

Jim Ratkus presented the Atlantic Division and there was a discussion on new rules on base running. The 2017 schedule was also presented.

New players attending the meeting were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Chip Krieger presented the history of the league alignments since 2013 and on what to expect in 2017. He said 15 players per team was preferred but that and the number of teams would be decided after it is known how many new players are available. Also discussed were new rules in the Coastal Division as well. Discussed was the possibility of playing all games at Ogden.

Brad presented the nominees for the board, Walter Aaron for VP and Gary Swanson for Treasurer and Chip Krieger for President of the Coastal Division. Chip withdrew his name from consideration. Walter and Gary were elected. The members agreed that the Board of Directors would search for someone to replace Chip. Also approved was the title of WSSA Commissioner instead of WSSA President.

Gary Kohunsky presented ideas for the membership to recruit new players. Also, it was agreed that Gary's title would be Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

The meeting was adjourned.