

## WSSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5 December, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM on this date at McAlister's Deli. There was a quorum with six Board members present. Absent was Mark Schall, Acting Atlantic Division Representative and Gary Swanson, Treasurer.

The minutes from the 1 October, 2018 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

The League Financial Statement for the period 1/1/2018 through 11/30/2018 were provided by the League Treasurer, Gary Swanson and approved as submitted.

The year end WSSA banquet was critiqued by the Board members. The consensus was, the presentation lasted longer than planned and many attending departed before the Hall of Fame presentations. It was suggested that next year's banquet be limited to only Hall of Fame presentations and if the various leagues wish to conduct their own awards presentations, they do so in a separate venue. Additionally, there should be presale of tickets to attendees at the next banquet as payment at the door became a logistical problem. The above recommendations should be addressed by the new incoming Board prior to the 2019 banquet.

In review of the 2018 season in general, it was agreed that spring training decisions on new participants need to occur earlier so that the "draft" and placement of players can become more organized and seamless. It was also emphasized that the three leagues should be standardized (rules and play dates) to the extent possible to allow the most flexibility and to preclude confusion by both players and umpires. Emphasis was also placed on having all three League Presidents in place at the start of the spring training session to insure all leagues have equal representation during Board meetings. This would also allow for the three League Presidents to evaluate new players jointly during the Spring training process rather than funnel each player through the three divisions separately, starting with Atlantic.

General consensus was that there are interested / qualified candidates for all Board positions that will become vacant at the end of 2018. Those include WSSA Deputy Commissioner, Treasurer and Director of Marketing as well as all three Division Presidents.

The Legacy Division will institute a bat inspection by the umpire if a home run is hit by a player. Additionally, the President of the league may, at his discretion, move players between teams should there be an apparent imbalance (skills or number of team members) between teams. Additionally, each team Manager will be required to sign a 10 point contract on their responsibilities and expected conduct. It was also indicated that it was the consensus of the team managers that the separation of the League Manual and Bylaws was confusing and counterproductive. Additionally, Chip Krieger indicated that he planned to submit his resignation as Legacy Division President at the start of the February, 2019 General Meeting. Associated with that, proposed revisions to Legacy game dates and schedule were brought up which the Board felt should be tabled and addressed/ reviewed by the new Legacy President to be elected in February, 2019 .

The League Financial Report was reviewed. It appears that the County may start charging WSSA for 2019 league play at the Ogden Park Fields. In the past, there was no cost associated with play at Ogden. Final determination is pending by the County. There was also some discussion on increasing the payment to umpires in 2019. It was agreed that until the League determines anticipated costs to play in 2019, no financial decisions on other fees / salaries or individual league participation costs can be made. It's anticipated that a decision from the County of field costs will be available before the 2019 General Meeting currently planned in February . That meeting is tentatively planned for 6 February , 2019 at the Northeast Branch of the New Hanover County Library ( On Military Cut Off Road) . That meeting will be preceded by a WSSA Board meeting currently planned on 9 January, 2019 .

It was agreed that the Tug's Manager should be reimbursed for expenses he has made out of pocket to date—all within his approved budget.

It was suggested that at the conclusion of the planned 6 February, 2019 General Meeting that the three Division Presidents convene to draw up schedules for each Division. The intent is to have the three Division schedules coincide to the extent possible.

The meeting concluded at 2:45 PM

WSSA League Secretary

Skip Flynn