

## WSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 9, 2017 at Break Time Grill

Present: Brad Van Amberg, Mike Abernathy, Jim Ratkus, Gary Swanson, Chip Krieger, Gary Kohunsky, Greg Romero and Managers

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

Presented was a 2017 schedule which will be flexible but in general, the draft for the Coastal Division is March 15<sup>th</sup> just after spring training and league play is to start around April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a 6 week break in the Summer from around June 29<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> and the season would be finished around the last of October. There was no objection.

Discussed was the proposal for each team to contribute \$50 to pay for the cost of Public Relations. This is in the proposed by laws to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Also discussed was whether the WSSA should pay for teams attending the Senior Games. It was pointed out that this was approved at the last Annual Meeting. The Board approved \$1,500.00 to be divided equally to any teams going to the 2017 Senior Games in Birmingham, AL. The funding of the State games entry fee, was dropped.

Umpires were discussed and it was agreed that Mike would bargain with them about their request for an increase and consider other alternatives like our previous group of umpires or teams umpiring their own games.

Discussed was the possibility of playing some games at Town Creek to replace the loss of Empie which will probably happen in June. Gary K. will investigate since they are offering it at no charge but some players might object to going that far to play. He estimates each team would play there 5 times per year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Greg Romero, Secretary