

WSSA MEETING MINUTES

21 March, 2018

A meeting of the WSSA Board of Directors was conducted at the Break Time Grille, Wilmington, NC on this date. In attendance were Mike Abernathy, Commissioner, Walt Aaron, Deputy Commissioner, Gary Kohunsky, Director of Marketing & Public Relations, Skip Flynn, Secretary, Jim Ratkus, Atlantic Division President, Jerry Kaplan, Coastal Division President and Chip Krieger, Legacy Division President. Gary Swanson, Treasurer, was not in attendance.

A quorum was achieved and the meeting was called to order 1105 AM. A full agenda of the meeting will be appended to these minutes for the record.

The Minutes of the 7 February, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting were approved as submitted. Current Financials for the Association were not discussed or reviewed.

It was noted that to date, we have experienced 3 rain-outs of the 7 planned dates for Spring Training for new players and it appears we will likely have a 3rd rain out this week. This leave insufficient time to evaluate all new players. A decision was made to extend spring training for another week, to include 27 and 29 March as Spring Training dates. In addition, the "draft" dates for Coastal and Legacy Divisions would also move to 2 April and 4 April, respectively. These revisions would result in less scheduled practice dates for the Coastal and Legacy Divisions. However, arrangements can be made with Ogden Park to allow for more open dates (other than Tuesday and Thursday) for team practices the weeks of 2 and 9 April. The Atlantic Division timeline and draft will not be affected by the changes to Coastal and Legacy.

There was a general discussion of the composition of each of the three leagues for 2018. Determination of the final number of players participating this year and composition by league is still in process as applications are still be accepted. it is hoped that there will be 4 teams in each of the three Divisions with anywhere from 13 to 15 players per team. In 2017 there were 4 teams in Atlantic, 6 in Coastal and 3 in Legacy.

It was agreed to that 6 pitchers masks will be procured as back up to those masks on hand / in inventory.

Final makeup of the formal team Sponsor (s) list is being evaluated and will be determined once a review of payments to date are evaluated.

Team managers have been named and agreed to for both the Atlantic and Coastal Divisions. A final list of managers for the legacy league is being firmed up and will be in place by the draft date mentioned above. Atlantic League managers will be Mark Schall , Wayne Wilbourne, Mike Gallagher and Ed Maikowski . Coastal managers are Darrell Davies, Charlie Backes, Tony Spataro and Tim Alexander.

It was agreed that Atlantic games would commence at 930 AM each game day. Coastal and Legacy Divisions would prefer a 9 AM start time for each game day but this will be determined by Ogden Park Maintenance crew. Atlantic games will be at Olsen fields and Coastal and Legacy games will be at Ogden Park.

A list of 8 umpires has been established. The Association is looking for a few more to round out the field and have a suitable backup list. It was agreed that since the rules of play differ somewhat between Divisions, umpires should be dedicated to a specific Division (ie, no cross-over from one league to the other unless absolutely necessary) .

The Association will pay USA Softball \$20 per team for liability insurance. If an umpire is a USA Softball member, their liability insurance is covered by USA Softball. Otherwise, an umpire will have to pay for his/ her own liability insurance.

Walt Aaron indicated that he is making final arrangements for the annual Association golf tournament, currently scheduled for 19 Sept, 2018. More to follow on that even.

The board agree to send flowers to the Merle Barnett Family following the death of Merle's wife and to send a donation to Carvers Creek United Methodist Church in memory of Wayne Fincannon's son (Sandy Wayne Fincannon) who died on March 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

WSSA Board of Directors
Meeting Agenda

March 21, 2018
11 AM

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors

Meeting Facilitator: Mike Abernathy

- I. Roll Call / Quorum
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
- III. Financial Report
- IV. Open issues
 - a) Key Learnings from Annual Membership Meeting
 - b) Spring Training (Numbers/Teams)
 - c) Atlantic Division/Sponsors/Equipment
 - d) Coastal Division/Sponsors/Equipment
 - e) Legacy Division/Sponsors/Equipment
 - f) Managers
 - g) Schedules
 - h) Fields
 - i) Umpires
 - j) Insurance
- V. New business
 - a) Items
- VI. Adjournment