

WSSA

Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2020

Directors present for the Zoom meeting: Walter Aaron, Charlie Backes, David Reardon, Mike Gallagher (joined late), Tony Spataro, Skip Flynn, Joe Newcomb, and Gary Kohunsky. Commissioner Walter Aaron called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

Walter began the meeting by recapping the returned responses he received from the email he sent to those prospective players who have signed up or expressed an interest in resuming Spring Training. Of the 41 players, 23 have responded that their intentions are to come back and play. There were 2 players who responded 'no' and the remainder did not respond at all. Walter reported that he has been made aware of 3 new prospects from Brunswick County who would like to join our association. It was suggested that they submit applications.

Spring Training discussion continued centering around the 'when and how.' At the time of the board meeting, with all the information provided by New Hanover County and the state government, no definitive date has been set for when the Ogden and Olsen fields will be available. There have been ongoing communications between New Hanover County parks and recreation and WSSA directors as to field and restroom availability, group size, and associated safety measures.

The board discussed again options for Spring Training with regard to dates, attendees, staggered sessions, field use, draft etc. as the plan/process for restarting Spring Training, while dependent upon dates and conditions, can be formalized now to minimize last minute issues or concerns. The 3 division presidents and commissioner will schedule a meeting to work out the processes.

Walter is finalizing an email about our status to returning players and will route the draft to board members before sending. The board has approved an additional waiver to be used this year for all players and it will be attached to the email. The hold harmless waiver addresses health issues (COVID-19) whereas our current waiver included in the WSSA application pertains generally to physical injury.

The board is requiring all players to sign and return the new waiver before they are permitted to step onto the field. Dave has volunteered to maintain the list of players indicating who has and who has not signed and returned the new waiver.

An email/letter has been sent to those who donated to the WSSA's 25-year anniversary events indicating that this year's planned events/activities have been cancelled. The donors were given an option of requesting that their donation be returned to them.

There was brief discussion regarding forehead thermometers before the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Kohunsky

WSSA Secretary/Procurement Officer