

WSSA Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on this date at the McAllister's Deli. All Board members were in attendance. They were Mike Abernathy, Charlie Backes, David Reardon, Skip Flynn, Joe Newcomb, Gary Kohunsky, Tony Spataro and Mike Gallagher. Also, in attendance was the WSSA Web Master, Walter Aaron.

The minutes and the Addendum Minutes from the February 6, 2019 Board meeting were approved as submitted and have been posted on the WSSA Web site. Additionally, the current Financial Report was approved as submitted.

I. Spring Training

- a. The class room pre-introduction conducted at the New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library had 34 attendees and was considered a huge improvement and success in orienting all new prospective members/ players.
- b. Involvement of a strength/ conditioning coach from Humana at the start of every spring training session proved to be very beneficial and should be replicated next year.
- c. New prospective members/ players totaled 34 on the first day of spring Training. One of the best turnouts we have seen in years.

II. The "Draft" and Team Rosters

- a. The Atlantic, Coastal and Legacy league Drafts were conducted on March 27, 28 and 1 April, respectively.
- b. Atlantic team rosters have 15 players each as does Coastal. Legacy has 16 players per team. All proposed trades to accommodate team and player needs have been completed and all rosters will be posted on the WSSA Web site.
- c. All Board members agreed that the WSSA Manual should be amended to require receipt of Applications and yearly "dues" by 1 March next year for returning players and by 15 March for new players/ members. This change is required to preclude problems in the Draft process experienced this year due to lack of timely receipt of players applications and dues.
- d. It was agreed that there would be three categories of "reserve" player/participants. They are:
 - Injured Reserve/ Non-Roster: Players who were injured when the Draft was performed. These are players who have paid and who will be assigned to a specific team when they become available to play when a specific team needs a replacement
 - Part time Players: these are players who have paid dues and were assigned to a specific team for part time play
- e. Waiting List: These are players who submitted applications subsequent to the Draft. Yearly dues have not been paid but will be once the player is assigned to a team in need.

- f. It was agreed that there should be at least a two-day period between each leagues Draft day so that an orderly handoff of undrafted/ available players is accomplished.

III. Rules of Play

- a. Each League will evaluate various rules of play during Spring Training practice sessions to determine which they will employ during regular league play. This includes such things as the “run through rule”, use of a protective pitcher’s screen, etc. Final decisions on rules of play will be made separately by each league before the start of the regular season and will be approved by the Board and documented in the league Manual before the start of regular season play.
- b. A motion was made and unanimously approved to amend the WSSA Manual, Paragraph 1.3 (Game time Limit) to indicate that a decision to limit additional play in a specific game will be made at the 75 minute mark instead of the 65 minute mark.
- c. A motion was made and , with the exception of Charlie Backes who recused himself on the matter, unanimously approved by the Board to increase umpire compensation per game to \$ 30 in consideration of the revision to game time limits addressed above.
- d. Any “Rain Dates” on the published league game schedule that are not used/ needed as actual rain dates will be used to play league games scheduled at end of the season in ascending order. This then makes those games scheduled at the end of the season as available for rain dates. A revised WSSA game schedule will be posted on the WSSA Web site each time this occurs.
- e. Final registration for 2019 with USA Softball will be paid at \$20/team for a total of \$240. With registration, 12 scoring books will be provided by USA Softball.
- f. Opening day ceremonies will be held at the Ogden blue field on April 16 at 9 am to include Coastal and Legacy division teams.
- g. Numerous revisions to the WSSA Manual are ongoing and will be published once finalized, before the start of the regular season.
- h. Managers are encouraged to have game scores reported to Walter for web posting no later than 4pm on each day games are scheduled.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 1:25 PM

Skip Flynn
WSSA Secretary