

BWSSA Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2024

Present: Sue Heilman, Brenda McNamara, Danielle Borseth, Sam Lachenmeier

Absent: Joey McLeod (out of town for work convention)

Sam has the new laptop and is working on setting it up to monitor the social media sites. Danielle has supplied her with all the necessary passwords to access them.

We have 41 teams registered at this time after the February managers meeting. Sue will send out a meeting notice today for the March 14th Manager's meeting and attach a tentative roster.

Sue indicated that she has the league champion patches for last year; however we had discussed doing something other than a plaque as an award. Danielle said most teams don't really like the plaques, but not sure that there is another solutions that would be less costly. Sue will check into prices for plaques and possibly different sized plaques.

We will hold the election of officers at the meeting on Thursday, at this point no one has heard of any one interested in running for a board position. Since we need at least one more board member, Sue will include that in the meeting notice and Sam will add something to the website and facebook. Any candidates should be present at the meeting for the election.

Agenda for Managers Meeting:

- Collect tentative rosters

- Review league fees and structure

- Election of officers

- Team classifications – Danielle

- Volunteers for McQuade

- Pink night for first night of league – donations will go to Bismarck women's Cancer Center

Ethan from Parks and Rec reached out to Danielle about the diamonds we plan to use for the Invitational Tournament because he felt the independent baseball league that is trying to run a tournament that weekend was trying to bully us from using the Kelley complex and our association has first choice of diamonds for that weekend. Joey verified by phone that she spoke with Ethan and we will be using the Kelley complex for the invitational tournament. Danielle told him, he would need to speak to Joey about that; but she did discuss our league costs with him. Sue also suggested that maybe we reach out to Kevin Klipfel and discuss any possible breaks on fees that they could give us. Danielle suggested maybe we could meet with them and the men's association to try to negotiate on fees and our commitment to the Cottonwood complex. Sue will check to see if they are planning a diamond allocation meeting like they have done in the past.

Brenda mentioned that the Eagle's manager brought up having us apply for non-profit funds that are available. She will discuss it with her again on Thursday and get any necessary forms. We also discussed

the email from CVB regarding a partnership grant however not sure we would qualify for their guidelines.

Danielle asked if we should talk to Mike about possibly only taking one shack for McQuades due to smaller board. We agreed that we would talk to him at the April rules clinic meeting, but also asked for possible volunteers at the meeting. Brenda mentioned she had talked to a lady from Bismarck in AZ and she mentioned she would be interested in volunteering for McQuade.

Danielle brought up that our board meeting in May is set for May 12th which is Mother's Day and asked if we could switch it. We agreed to move the meeting to May 5th at Wings and Rings, Brenda said she would be in AZ on that day and would be unable to attend.

Brenda said she will be in AZ starting April 30 and will not return until May 13th so she will not be here for the pickup meeting; but she will get the softballs from storage to Danielle before she leaves so we will have them.

Sam brought up having a Pink night the first night of league since some teams have not gotten their uniforms or had a chance to formally distribute their uniforms.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Heilman, Secretary