

## BWSSA Board Minutes

January 17, 2023

Present: Sue Heilman, Brenda McNamara, Danielle Borseth, Beth Deeter, Jess Dirk

Absent: Sam Lachenmeier, Joey McLeod

Sue Heilman presented information from State Meeting from January 14<sup>th</sup> in Jamestown. Women's Master will be held in Bismarck – date was moved from July 22-23 to August 19-20 as there will not be a national tournament for Masters this year in Mandan. Bismarck teams moved thru state tournaments – Seven Seas Bar & Grill moved from Rec 2 to Rec 1 and Guardian/Midwest Seasonal Services/Baymont moved from Rec 3 to Rec 2. Amy Anderson has resigned as Women's State Commissioner; Dalee Wilkinson from Grand Forks has been named as her replacement. Chastity Schafer will take over her responsibilities as the secretary for the hall of fame committee. Teams will register online for state tournament this year thru Tourney Machine, however all payments for state tournament fees will still be paid directly to the teams local associations as they have in the past. The spring meeting and hall of fame banquet will be held on April 1 in Jamestown. Additional information, Sue Heilman will be inducted to the North Dakota State Softball association at the April 1 HOF banquet. Sue gives her thanks to the support and the work done by Danielle to get this nomination.

Change to homerun rule at state and invitational tournaments: Class C from 4 to 5, class D -3, Rec 1 -2, Rec 2-2, Rec 3 -1, Rec 4-1. Our city league will still remain at max of 2 homerun for all league play, this does not include in the park homeruns.

The state will again have scorebooks printed for league – they do sell advertising space to help pay for the printing costs. Danielle recommended that we take out a quarter page add to advertise our invitational tournament. This was approved by the board.

We decided to get plaques again for last years league awards and look into getting something different like t-shirts, koozie or something as an individual award for the 2023 season.

The board agreed that we would not collaborate with Mandan for the 2023 season.

The board discussed changing from sponsor fee and player's fee to one team fee; we would probably need \$1500 per team to make up for not raising fees enough to cover the raise in fees from 2022.

Danielle presented some fee schedules and league schedules based on 10, 12 and 14 weeks – with possibly reducing weeks played due to number of forfeits at the beginning and end of the season.

Proposed manager meeting dates are February 23 at Amvets 6 PM (update Amvets not available this meeting will be held at the Eagles)

March 23 at Amvets – 6 PM –

April 13 at Amvets – 6 PM – rules clinic – and league fees will be collected.

May 11 at All Seasons Arena – 4-6 pm – pick up meeting (softballs, scorebooks, schedules) rosters will be collected at this time.

Respectfully submitted – Sue Heilman Secretary