

## BWSSA Board Minutes

June 15, 2020

Present: Jo Weisbeck, Brenda McNamara, Joey McLeod, Sue Heilman, Danielle Borseth, Beth Deeter, Jessica Dirk

Welcome Jessica Dirk to the Board. She was the winner of the voting done by ballots distributed to each team.

Discussion of the first 2 weeks of league – Complaints from Missouri League teams about having to use the large diamonds – This was a one-time opportunity to use the bigger diamonds on Thursdays for the upper league which is something we have been asked for, we understand that not every team agrees with. Seems that more teams are complaining than happy about using the fields, something to remember for next year.

An umpire ejected a player for smoking because of covid regulations??? Mike tore up the ejection and informed the umpire as long as she was not smoking on the field or in the dugout, it was not a legal ejection. Also there are teams playing loud music in their dugouts, this is not allowed per USA softball guidelines. Drinking during or between games is also not allowed and this could lead to a player being ejected.

Many teams are not happy with the pitching mats, hopefully this will be a one year requirement. Sue got a text that one of the diamonds was missing the mat, called Mike to make sure the umpire would not call the game because he did not have a mat; turns out one of the teams hid the mat. Teams need to leave the pitching mats in place.

One last problem. There are several teams that have players not wearing their uniforms. There are a couple of teams that are still waiting for Jerseys for new players, but other than that players should be wearing a uniform shirt with a number on the back of the jersey.

Brenda has deposited the sponsor's fees and players fees and sent out receipts to those teams that requested them.

Beth reported that she received the letter she mailed to Cody back in the mail. We verified the address it was sent to and had the letter resent. She also emailed a copy of the letter to Sue to be saved for our records and Sue will email a copy to Cody as well.

We will have the Master's tournament and the Rec 3 west state tournaments. Sue will send out emails to managers to find out which teams are planning to go to state. Danielle will also put the information on the website.

Pink Night – We will donate all money collected to the McQuade Softball tournament fund. Mike Wolf has offered to purchase McQuade t shirts for the team with the largest donation and he said the McQuade board will designate donations from our association to the Bismarck Cancer Center. Mike also asked if we could do our collection prior to June 30 so he can get the shirts ordered, so we will have to run Pink night / McQuade donation night the week of June 22. Teams that wish to participate can wear old McQuade shirts/pink shirts/old team uniforms for \$1.00 donation per player.

We have teams that may request to be reclassified – they must send a petition stating why they feel their team should be moved down which could include tournament results against other teams, league standings, and roster changes.

Sue Heilman

Secretary