

BWSSA board minutes

April 3, 2022

Present: Sue Heilman, Danielle Borseth, Samantha Lachenmeier, Brenda McNamara, Joey McLeod, Beth Deeter, Jessica Dirk

Sue and Danielle attended the state meeting in Jamestown on April 2. Updates from the state meeting:

USA softball will no longer supply rule books – there will be a digital link and an app that can be put on your phone. They will also no longer supply scorebooks, the state office has taken on printing scorebooks and will supply them for league use. They have included a page with state tournament dates and sites, a page with state deadlines and a page with 3 pickup player form for state tournaments. This year they have also imposed a \$20 fine for not having the form completed before checking in for the tournament. Mike Wolf addressed the rule changes for this year. They include molded finger grips on bats no longer need to be taped and time limit of 5 seconds for the pitcher to release the ball once the umpire has called for play to begin. Dick also announced that the Women's E Rec site will be bid out for 2023 as Fargo will not be able to host the tournament. They also have changed 10% move up rule for state tournaments to move ups will be based on the number of teams in the tournament.

Beth reported that the meeting with Parks and Rec, we discussed the number of teams we thought we would have this year. We told them we thought we would be down 4 teams. They also wanted to know which tournaments we would be running this year and which complexes we would plan to use. We told them we will host an invitational tournament on June 4th which we would use the small diamonds at Clem Kelley and the State Rec 4 west tournament on August 6-7 which we would prefer to use Cottonwood South. We discussed the possibility of combining one of our leagues with Mandan. If some of their games are played in Mandan, they are OK with that; if all games would be played in Bismarck then they would need to sign a user's agreement with parks and recs. They also wanted to make sure that Field maintenance was handled promptly and we assured them that Riley does a good job of addressing issues that we alert him too.

Sue reported that we registered 45 teams at this time, however there are some additional teams that have indicated they plan to have teams. These teams will be registered as soon as we have their paid sponsor fees. We are also still working on the possibility of working out an agreement with the Mandan women's association. Sue will set up practice schedules for registered teams and assign diamonds to additional teams as necessary.

We set an agenda for the Manager's meeting on April 7th.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Heilman, Secretary