

BWSSA Board Minutes

January 26, 2016

Present : Leann Olson, Danielle Borseth, Jo Weisbeck, Cody Remboldt, Sue Heilman, Brenda McNamara and Sue Lachenmeier

Absent: Joey McLeod

Kevin Klipfel called Brenda – Parks and Rec will be holding a diamond allocation meeting on Feb. 16th at 11:30 AM at the Parks and Rec office. Sue Heilman and Brenda plan to attend. Kevin also mentioned to Brenda that the Tobacco Coalition would like the parks to be smoke-free areas including the softball complexes. The board did not feel this would be beneficial for our association.

Sue Lachenmeier presented information from the state meeting in Jamestown on Jan. 22 and 23rd. First, Amy Anderson from West Fargo has been named the replacement for Mary Hager as the state women's commissioner; she will work with Mary thru the 2016 season. NDASA will be switching from ASA to USA and the state association will be changed to USA softball of North Dakota. RC Courtright has been appointed Director of Operations; replacing Shirley Schafer as State Secretary and Scott Schafer from the state office. There will be a C/D women's national in Sioux Falls, SD this year. State raised the state tournament fees by \$25. The women's softball will be changing from the 44/375 to 52/300 by 2017; the state association will purchase softballs and sell them back to the individual associations. There have been several Easton bats added to the banned bat list; the penalty for using a banned bat is ejection with up to a 5 year suspension. The banned bat list is available on the state website; we plan to include a copy of the banned bat list in the manager's packets. We went over state tournament dates and sites.

Cody Remboldt has received the Invitational tournament bid form, our invitational tournament date was assigned as May 21 this year. She will complete the bid and return it to state. She also received the invoice for our softball order for this year which she turned in to Brenda. Softballs should be shipped in late March or early April. Line up cards will be required for all state tournaments again this year, Cody will check on our backstock and order more if necessary. Cody has updated the tentative and official 2016 rosters, they will be forwarded to Danielle to be included on the website.

We went thru the manager's handbook to update all dates and deadlines for the 2016 season. The first manager's meeting will be February 23 at the Amvets and the rules clinic is set for April 5 at the Amvets. The pickup meeting will be April 28th at the All Season's Arena. Sue Heilman will call to verify time and dates and will send out notice to the manager's and place a notice in the Bismarck Tribune and ask Parks and Rec to include the information on their website. Danielle will update our website with the information as soon as it is confirmed. Sue Heilman will have the manager's handbook printed to be handed out at the Feb 23 manager's meeting when teams turn in their tentative roster and sponsor's fee.

Sue Heilman mentioned that Tim Kuntz had sent an email stating that High School fastpitch would like to schedule additional games on Tuesday April 26th which means 4 teams would not have diamonds to practice on; we decided that if they would move the High School games scheduled on our league night, May 11 as we requested but have not received a response yet; that we would consider working with them for the April 26th games. Sue sent Tim an email with our decision.

The board will meet at 5 pm on Feb 16th at Brenda's after the diamond allocation meeting.

Respectfully submitted,