

BWSSA Manager Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

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

Sam Lachenmeier called the meeting to order at 6 PM

No old business was discussed.

Sue Heilman presented information from the state association winter meeting held January 14th in Jamestown. Amy Anderson has resigned as state women's commissioner and Dalee Wilkenson from Grand Forks has been appointed as her replacement. There will be a Recreational women's national tournament held in Grand Forks on Labor weekend, all of our teams should be eligible to participate. Bismarck teams moved up through placement at state tournaments; Seven Seas moved from Rec 2 to Rec 1 and The Guardians/Midwest Seasonal moved from Rec 3 to Rec 2. Final Roster additions must be turned in by June 15th to ensure received in time for state deadline of June 19th. State tournament dates and sites: Rec 1 – Aug 12 & 13 – Jamestown, Rec 2 – Aug 5 & 6 – Bismarck, Rec 3 east – July 29& 30 – Grand Forks, Rec 3 West – Aug 12& 13 – Minot, Rec 4 east – Aug 12 & 13 – Jamestown, Rec 4 West – Aug 5 & 6 – Bismarck, Women's Masters – Aug 19 & 20 – Bismarck. Rec 3 and 4 teams can participate in either the East or West division or both if they would like. All teams will register for state tournaments thru Tourney Machine, but will make payment thru their local associations. Cheryl Jones and Susan Heilman will both be inducted into the state softball hall of fame at the banquet on April 1 in Jamestown.

Sam opened discussion on league fees citing league expenses from 2022 and the amount necessary to make our financial obligations for 2023. Handouts were provided for managers with review of 2022 expenses and 2022/2023 comparison chart. (see attached). Reports emphasize the increase in umpires fees effect on our financial status. Comparison chart shows options for 2023 season with option 1 being sponsor fee of \$350 and Players fee of \$75; option 2 being a \$1500 team fee (includes both sponsor and player fee). Also discussed the impact of playing a 10 , 12, or 14 week season. After much discussion, board called for a motion from the floor regarding 2023 season fees. Heather Williams made a motion to play a 12 week season with a \$375 sponsor fee/\$75 players fee. Deserae Froelich seconded the motion. After discussion from the floor, motion was voted on and failed. Holly Murphy made a motion to play a 12 week season with a \$1500 team fee. Eric Johnson seconded. After discussion, motion was voted on and failed. Jody Fleckenstein made a motion to play a 10 week season with \$375 sponsor fee/\$75 players fee. Darla Zerr seconded. After discussion from the floor, motion was voted on and failed. Billie Jacobs-Meyer made a motion to play a 10 week season with a \$1500 team fee starting the end of May- taking off the week of the 4th and finishing league play in August. This is proposed as a one year trial.Heather Messmer-Holle seconded. After discussion, motion was voted on and passed. Holly Murphy asked if we could possibly try some 5 X 5 in the weeks prior to league. We will have to check to see if we can do this and if we need umpires to make sure it is legal etc. Discussion regarding how forfeits have impacted our finances and the number of forfeits there were in 2022 (there were 42 forfeits in 2022 at \$50 per game=\$2100) We have allowed teams 2 forfeits per year without 24 hour notice, if they have more than that the forfeiting team is responsible for paying the umpire fees. If a team gives 24 hour notice we do not pay the umpire. Discussion regarding the need to change this

policy and make teams responsible for umpire fees. There was no motion made and this was not voted on at this time.

Sam presented that we will have election of officers at our next meeting. Beth Deeter, Brenda McNamara and Jessica Dirk are up for re-election and Brenda and Jessica are willing to be re-elected; Beth has indicated that she will not run; so we will need a candidate to run for her replacement.

Next meeting will be March 23 at 6 PM scheduled at the Amvets.

Sam called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Williams made the motion, Erik Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Heilman, Secretary

attachments