

## BWSSA Manager's Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

Bismarck Amvets

Board members present: Beth Deeter, Danielle Borseth, Sue Heilman, Jo Weisbeck, Jessica Dirk, Joey McLeod—Absent – Brenda McNamara

Beth Deeter called the meeting to order at 6 PM

She announced that minutes from the previous Manager meeting would not be read. Minutes will be posted on the website for managers to read and if they would like they can contact us with additions or corrections.

We will be making an addition to the handbook using the wording from the bylaws stating that the minimum age is 13 years of age by the end of the current year.

Discussion regarding the addition of rec 4 at the state level. Danielle will be handling the reclassification of teams as necessary with the assistance of the board. Most teams will not be reclassified until their rosters have been turned in to verify any player changes and dual players.

This year we will have the use of the 4 new cottonwood diamonds and diamonds 11 & 12 on Tuesday nights. We will not have the use of Kelley diamonds of 9 & 10 on Thursday nights. We would like to have a 5 on 5 on 5 league that would be open to all classifications on Tuesday nights using the 4 new diamonds at Cottonwood. We would probably need a minimum of 12 teams as there would be 3 teams on each diamond.

The association has given plaques for first and second place, but we have had some feedback that most sponsors don't really want trophies or plaques. Managers were asked to think about possible options to replace them, we would still give patches to the league champions. Options to consider might be t-shirts, drink cozies, key chains, etc; bring ideas to the next manager's meeting.

Manager's checklist and team information slip were handed out as manager's entered. The checklist included list of upcoming meeting dates and information that will be collected at each meeting. Back of the sheet includes information on how to complete city and state rosters. Anyone that did not receive one should pick one up before leaving. The team information sheet should be completed with team name / old team name if changed/ manager's name / phone number and email address to be completed and turned in at the end of the meeting.

League awards/patches for 2020 will be distributed at the pickup meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Beth went thru the teams that placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their leagues and that those teams may be moved up to the next league; teams placing at the bottom of the league may be moved down a league.

We will host an Invitational round robin tournament on June 5. Entry fee is \$100, Divisions Rec 1 – rec 4. Joey is the tournament manager, contact her for additional information. Holly asked if D players would be able to be picked up by rec 1 teams, if there isn't a D division. Danielle responded that you can only pick up players to the highest level of the division you are playing in. Danielle suggested that we could check with Roger on the possibility of running a 5-5-5 tournament which would be open and that would

allow players from any classification to play. Sue said she could check with Darin Krueger or RC regarding guidelines for 5-5-5 since they both have run several tournaments and leagues.

Election of officers will be postponed to the fall meeting. Joey and Jo will be up for re-election at that time. All board members terms will be extended by one year.

Danielle discussed the impact of dual rostered players and that state is going to start penalizing players and managers that do not report all of the teams players are playing on. Penalties can be probation to being suspended from all play. She stressed that managers make sure their players understand the impact of being dual rostered that it can possibly change the classification of teams they play on. She also brought up that players should be sure to always use their full name as it is on their ID, some players sign up using different names. For example, on one team they will use the name Alexis as their first name and on another team they will use Lexi as their first name.

Questions from the floor- Melissa Wilson asked if we will accept league only rosters. We do not accept league only rosters in our league. Jen Decoteau asked when teams will know what their classification will be, Danielle explained that for most teams we will not be able to determine their classification until we have had a chance to see their rosters, what we do know is that most of the teams that were D last year, will be Rec 1 this year.

Beth announced that the next manager's meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Amvets (basement) at 6PM. We will collect the tentative rosters and \$240 sponsor fee. She asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Kary made a motion to adjourn. Heather Williams seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

Sue Heilman Secretary