

BWSSA Manager Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

Present: Sue Heilman, Cody Remboldt, Danielle Borseth, Jo Weisbeck, Joey McLeod, Brenda McNamara, Beth Deeter

Absent: Sue Lachenmeier

Tentative rosters and Sponsor fees were collected as teams checked in.

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

Sue Heilman read the minutes from the September 22, 2016 Manager's meeting. Gina Trehus made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Lisa McEvers seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as read.

Financial statement – year-end balance -\$47481.31 – Profit/loss statement will be included in the manager's packet in April.

Old Business:

Last year's matching grant project, infield sprinklers at McQuade complex, has been completed.

This year, we have applied for a matching grant to replace the infield fences, gates and foul poles for diamonds 1-4 at the Clem Kelley complex.

Leann Olson resigned and Jo Weisbeck is the acting president for the association. Beth Deeter was elected to fill Leann's position on the board.

Awards that were not picked up at the fall meeting will be distributed at the pick-up meeting on April 27.

New Business:

State has switched from NDASA to USA softball of North Dakota. Along with that change they have a new website, USAsoftballND.com; there is a link available on our website that will connect to their website. They also have new forms. The roster form is available on the state website as a fillable form and needs to be completed both front and back. Most notable change is that the form is now portrait, instead of landscape; which should make printing easier. It is important to include all dual players on the back of the roster. There has been some discussion of creating a women's players database to assist with team classifications.

State tournament dates:

C,D & Rec 2- August 12 & 13 – West Fargo

Rec 1 – July 29-30 – Valley City

Rec 3 East – July 29-30 – Devils Lake

Rec 3 West – August 5 & 6 – Bismarck

Masters – July 22 & 23 – Bismarck

Spring state softball meeting will be April 8 at 9 AM at Gladstone Inn; everyone is invited. The state meeting is followed by the ND hall of fame banquet.

League start date: Week of May 8th for all leagues; with no play on Memorial Day and July 4, 5, & 6. There will be league on July 3rd.

Practice schedules will be sent out as soon as possible, however the fields may not be ready for a while so we will let you know as soon as parks and rec. gives us the OK to let teams practice.

Questions from the floor.

Gina Trehus asked if a player was on 2 rosters if they had to pay a players fee for both teams. The answer is yes, a player's fee is paid for all teams a player is rostered on.

Next manager's meeting will be April 6th at 6 pm at the Amvets. Mike Wolf will be there for the rules clinic. Pick up meeting will be April 27th from 4-6 at the VFW all season's building. Mike also plans to be there to tape any new bats.

Final player adds June 15th

Nikki Brunelle asked if there could be a better way to communicate with manager's when a team is forfeiting; such as including the manager's phone number on the schedule. After some discussion and a vote by the association it was decided that teams could designate a contact person and their phone number would be added to the schedule. When they turn in their city rosters, they should include the name and phone number for their designated contact.

Ashley Jacobchick asked why the Rec I tournament was moved up to July 29 & 30. State moved it because of conflict with WeFest which tends to have a huge impact especially for eastern teams.

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Kary; seconded by Heather Williams – meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sue Heilman, Secretary