

BWSSA Manager's Meeting

March 8, 2018

6 PM

VFW All Seasons Arena :

Present: Jo Weisbeck, Joey McLoed, Beth Deeter, Danielle Borseth, Brenda McNamara, Sue Heilman

Absent: Cody Remboldt

Tentative rosters and sponsor fees were collected as manager's arrived

Beth Deeter called the meeting to order

Brian Jones from the Mandan Men's Softball association came to address the association about the National Women's Masters 35 and over tournament to be held in Mandan on August 24-26, 2018. Entry fee for the tournament will be \$450. It will be 3 game guarantee format with 1 Division. Players must be 35 by Dec. 31, 2018 and have played in a state tournament to qualify. For more information, you can contact Brian Jones or go to the Mandan men's softball website. Brian was asked if McQuades would be considered as a qualifier, he did not know at this time but would check to see if that could be considered.

Sue Heilman read the minutes from the October 19th manager's meeting. Gina Trehus made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Darla Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Bylaw change – Article V, Section 7 to read: The BWSSA league play permits a team to play anyone on the roster and that free substitution is allowed. Any player that arrives after the game has started may be added to the bottom position of the roster. If a player leaves or is injured or discontinues in the game for any reason other than ejection, no outs are taken in the batting order. If a player is ejected, a sufficient number of players (eleven-11) must be available to continue the game. Present league rules do not allow a game to continue after an ejection when a team starts with 8,9,10 or 11 players.

Election of officers: Beth called for nominations from the floor with no response, Jo Weisbeck had agreed to stay on the board, if there were no other interested members of the association. Heather Williams made a motion to accept Jo Weisbeck for another term. Gina Trehus seconded. Motion carried. Congratulations Jo.

Cottonwood addition- Park board accepted proposal from Parks and Rec to begin the project with completion for 2019. Discussion regarding women's use of the diamonds for our contribution. We told them, Parks and Rec agreed to meet with both the men's and women's association and sign an agreement regarding usage. Holly Hughart again asked if we would get to use the larger diamonds and if we couldn't use the new diamonds at Cottonwood would we be able to use some of the large diamonds at Clem Kelley on Thursday nights.

New Business: Next manager's meeting will be held on April 5, at the same place (VFW all seasons arena). We will collect the city roster and players fees. Beth told manager's that player's fees should be

made in 1 check or money order, due to the large number of teams it is hard to handle individual checks from each team.

Sue Heilman addressed the fact that we would still have some conflict with fastpitch this season. They will be using 1 diamond at Legacy, but will need to use some Kelley diamonds. They have scheduled home games on Monday, Tuesday and Friday; at our request they did not schedule home games on Thursday. Due to the increased conflict on Tuesday nights, Sue asked if there were any teams that normally played Tuesday would be able to practice on either Monday or Wednesday to let her know for scheduling practice diamonds.

State Master's Tournament date was moved to Aug 18-19 which falls just the week before the Women's masters national tournament in Mandan. Sue Heilman said she was considering asking to move the date back to July for this year to make it easier for teams that might want to play in the national. Some discussion regarding the date was that it would be OK to have it the week before. Sue said she would need to check if it could be considered as a qualifier if it was only the week before the national as teams should already be registered by that time. Sue also said she would check with manager's that played last year to see if they would play two weeks in a row or would they prefer to have state masters in July.

We had some complaints about the links on the website not working, especially the link to the state website for the state roster. Danielle said she had updated all of the links and they should now work.

Questions from the floor:

Karene Hall asked if the player's fees were still \$50. Yes.

Gail Bahe asked for the state tournament dates. Danielle read the state tournament dates and sites.

Beth asked for a motion to adjourn. Heather Williams made a motion to adjourn. Holly Hughart seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Sue Heilman, Secretary