

BWSSA Manager's Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

Board Members present: Jo Weisbeck, Sue Heilman, Joey McLeod, Brenda McNamara, Danielle Borseth

Absent: Beth Deeter

Joey McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Minutes from the Manager's meeting on March 28th, 2019 were read by Sue Heilman. Heather Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Tara Sailer seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as read.

Elections of officers- Brenda McNamara and Beth Deeter were both up for re-election; Cody Remboldt resigned from the board. Nominations were asked from the floor. Mandy Wood made a motion that Brenda and Beth be re-elected and Cody's position be filled by election at the next meeting. Heather Williams seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Beth Deeter and Brenda McNamara were re-elected to the board and the open position will be filled at the next meeting. Joey recommended that if members were aware of people interested in serving on board to have them attend the next meeting.

Old Business: New Cottonwood complex will not be available for use this year, but some of the diamonds may be available for use at McQuade Tournament. There was discussion regarding league structures for next year; possibly moving the upper leagues to Thursday to use the longer diamonds. Some of the managers that play on Thursday expressed that their teams would be opposed to moving to Tuesday night and asked if women's teams would be playing McQuade on the longer diamonds. It was decided a survey would be done this summer to get opinions from teams before planning any restructure of leagues for 2021.

New Business: A cheat sheet with next meeting dates is available; dates have also been updated on the website. Next meeting will be March 19th – tentative rosters and sponsor's fees will be collected.

Umpires have requested an increase for 2020 – their request was to raise the fee to \$30 per game; the request was sent to both the Men's and women's associations. Mike did offer to stage the increase to \$2 for 2020 and then raise an additional \$3 for 2021. Our association responded with one increase; we have not heard the decision as of yet. Mike will let us know as soon as he hears from the men's association. (Update: Umpires fees will be raised to \$28 for 2020, \$29 for 2021 and \$30 for 2022). Our association will not make any changes to our fees for 2020, and will assess the need to possibly raise the Sponsor fee for 2021.

Pink night money from 2019 had not been distributed. Joey asked if anyone had team members they would like to nominate, if not we could donate the money to the Bismarck Cancer Center. Sue Heilman brought up that it had been mentioned to her last summer that Rae Gunn was fighting cancer. It was decided that last year's funds would be donated to Rae.

Sue Heilman brought up that the Master's tournament would be moved from Bismarck to Jamestown in 2020. Mandan will again host a Master National for women 35 and over. It was asked if the State Master could be moved back to July- that decision is made by the state. It was also asked if the National masters age limit could be changed to 30 and over – probably not, Jack Jones has made requested that but that decision is made by the national committee. It was also asked if we had the state tournament dates for 2020 – not yet, that information will be distributed at the state meeting on Feb. 14 -15. (update: Master's tournament will remain in Bismarck for 2020 because Jamestown determined they would be unable to host it this year and the plan will be to move it to Jamestown for 2021.)

Awards for the 2019 season were distributed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Heilman, Secretary