

BWSSA Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2020

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

Absent: Cody Remboldt

Discussion about state winter meeting: Meeting was cancelled for January 17th and 18th and rescheduled to February 14th and 15th. Due to the change in meeting date, Sue Heilman may not be able to attend. State has decided to move the Women's masters tournament from Bismarck to Jamestown for 2020. There is also discussion about adding another woman to the state executive board. Sue has indicated that she is not interested and declined the offer to be considered; but did tell Amy Anderson that she would prefer a woman from the western side of the state for representation. Danielle Borseth said she might consider it if there was no one else from the western side of the state interested. Sue told Brenda that state has also emailed the invoice for the softballs that were ordered last fall and she will forward that email to Brenda. State has also sent out the invitational tournament contract for this year. Our tournament date is June 6, we are thinking of requesting a 5 on 5 on 5 format, in place of the round robin.

Meetings for 2020: We have decided to hold the first meeting in February to replace the Fall meeting from 2019. Dates are February 12th or 20th depending on meeting room availability at All seasons arena. Sue will check with Mike Wald to see what is available. At this meeting we will distribute the league awards and patches for 2019. Sue has the patches and the plaques have been ordered. We will also have election of officers: Beth Deeter and Brenda McNamara are up for re-election and we will also have to Cody Remboldt on the ballot due to resignation. Danielle has decided to stay on for at least another year. Brenda has offered to make a cheat sheet for managers to hand out giving the manager's information regarding upcoming meetings and what will be collected for fees.

Potential upcoming meeting dates: March 19th (Tentative roster and sponsor's fees)

April -9th – (rules clinic, city roster and player's fees) – need to check with Mike Wolf on this date.

April 23rd or 30th for the pick up meeting

Fall meeting – about 2 weeks after league ends, around Aug 28

League start dates week of May 11th – thru August 17th – fourth of July falls on Saturday – no need to take that week off.

Umpire pay increase: Mike Wolf has sent out an email to the men's and women's softball association stating they are requesting a pay raise this year to \$30 per game, up from \$25 per game. He said if \$5 increase was too much, they could probably do \$3 this year and \$2 in 2021. We decided it did not make sense to increase two years in a row and that we could handle it this year without increasing our fees, but we would need to look at our fee structure for 2021 and possibly make an increase to sponsor's fees for next year. We will wait to hear what the umpire's association final decision is on increases.

Pink Night: We did not have any formal request or names entered for Pink night donations. Brenda said she thought it was between \$500 and \$600 collected. We will bring it up at the February meeting, if there are no members that would benefit from the donations; the money will be donated to the Bismarck Cancer Center.

Sue also brought up that Brenda found unauthorized charges made on Cody's association credit card. Cody has been approached says the charges were not made by her. Brenda will have the charges disputed at the bank and have Cody's card will be closed. Also due to Cody's request to resign, the board has decided to have her removed from the bank account.

Respectfully submitted.

Sue Heilman

Secretary