

BWSSA Minutes

May 25, 2022

Present: Danielle Borseth, Sue Heilman, Samantha Lachenmeier, Brenda McNamara, Beth Deeter, Jessica Dirk, Joey McLeod (by phone)

Sue Heilman presented the information regarding the proposed umpire shack being built in Walt Stack's honor at Cottonwood and asked if the women's association would be willing to make a donation. The board said they would like to wait until later to determine the amount of the donation due to the number of increases to our expenses (increase in umpire fees and softballs, still have payments on the commitment to the new Cottonwood diamonds) and last year we actually ran at a loss. We will revisit this discussion at the end of the season.

League Issues –Sue was notified by Pink Panthers that the umpire inappropriately called their first game after innings and the score was only 8 to 7. She wanted the board to decide if the game would count. The board's decision was that the game would be considered as incomplete as umpire error. Both teams were notified of the decision.

Danielle brought up concerns about several teams adding players in lower leagues (Monday and Wednesday) after the league starts. Some of the players are potentially strengthen these teams due to experience and/or dual on teams more than one class and therefore now changes their classification.

Darla from Wings and Rings had asked about smoking at the complex. In Bismarck, smoking is not allowed the the dugouts or on the field, however they can smoke outside of the fences and hopefully will be courteous enough to move far enough away as not to create issues for others.

June 4th tournament – Joey has 12 teams for the tournament. She will do the the pairings and send them out to the teams, Mike and parks and rec. She will be out of town so unable to attend. She has lined up gatekeepers. Instead of trophies or plaques, it was decided the winning team would receive \$100 (the amount of their entry fee). Sue Heilman will get cash to start the gate and 2 \$100 bills for prize money. We will charge \$5 for gate. Brenda will bring 4 dozen softballs. Tournament will start at 9 am on Saturday, Sue said she would be there by 8. Sam, Danielle and Brenda will be there to assist also. Beth and Jess are playing in the tournament. Sue said she could make some boards (Beth had the boards enlarged and printed.)

Sue and Danielle went to each diamond to collect rosters the first night of league and as usual, several teams either did not have their rosters ready and they had to wait around. Most nights it took almost 2 hours to collect the rosters. Danielle has suggested that next year, we inform teams that we will be at the diamonds in one of the shacks on Sunday from like 1 to 4 and teams have to have their rosters turned at that time or they will not be able to play that week or they can also turn them in at the pick up meeting. But they will need to come to us, we will not be going out to the diamonds.

Beth, Danielle and Sue attended a meeting a parks and recreation on May 23. Mike Wald met with us to discuss the possibility of bidding for a National Women's E Rec tournament in Bismarck in 2024. He said they have been offered the opportunity to bid for this tournament but wanted to know we thought there would be enough interest and if the women's association would support it. We told him we felt there would be a lot of interest and our association would definitely help and support it.

