

2024 WSSA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2024

12:00 pm

A. Welcome:

- Commissioner Mike Clancy welcomed new members.
- Mike stated that the state of the league is excellent.
- Players were encouraged to seek new sponsors.
- The relationship between the parks and the league is excellent.

B. Introduction of the Board:

- Mike Clancy introduced members of the Board, who were all in attendance; Michael Gallagher, Ronnie Ratliffe, Dave Reardon, Harry Marriner, Tom Howley, Brian McCarthy, Walter Aaron and Randy Ognibene.

C. Financial Report:

- Dave Reardon compared income and expenses between 2022 and 2023.
- We lost \$3,692.00 this year, due mostly to greater than normal uniform and equipment expenses.
- We have a current surplus of \$12,281.00.
- Looking at expected revenue and expenses, we expect to lose approximately \$5,000.00 in 2024 if we remain at \$100.00 per player fee, leaving a balance of \$7,000.00.
- For the last three years we averaged:
 - Income: \$35,000.00
 - Direct expenses: \$25,000.00
 - Indirect expenses: \$12,000.00
 - Loss: \$ 2,000.00

- For these reasons, and with no objections, the player fee will be raised by the league to \$125.00, beginning in the 2024 season.

D. The following changes to the WSSA By Laws were presented by Mike Clancy and approved by the members:

Additions:

- **Eligibility:** No current member of the Board of Directors will submit their name to run for a different position on the Board without first resigning from their current position on the Board of Directors.
- **Secretary/Procurement Officer:** In addition, all Non-Yearly Recurring purchases over \$500.00 will be approved by the majority of the Board of Directors. Yearly Recurring purchases are those made by the WSSA in order to continue the function of the organization. (examples: Storage Locker, Insurance and Field Rentals)
- **Director of Marketing and Public relations:** In addition, he may seek out and develop other social media tools.

Deletions:

- **Director of Marketing and Public Relations** will maintain and manage the WSSA website (webmaster), and may delegate, to another individual under his supervision, those responsibilities. In addition, he may seek out and develop other social media tools, game scores, announcements and schedules and tournaments.

E. Announcements:

- Mike Clancy distributed the following **Season Schedules:**
 - **Coastal & Legacy Divisions:** April 9 -June 27 and August 20 - October 15
 - **Atlantic Division:** April 16 - June 27 and August 20 - October 24.
 - The complete schedule is on the WSSA website.

- The St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2024. All are encouraged to march.
- CPR classes will be offered several times this year.
- Food drives were successful last year and we will continue to sponsor them.

F. Questions and Comments:

- It was suggested, but not well-received, that the league become a player umpire league. No action was taken.
- It was brought up that the league needs a training program for umpires. No action was taken.

G. Board Positions Election Results:

- Commissioner (2 year term) Mike Clancy (unopposed)
- Atlantic President (2 year term) Mike Gallagher (unopposed)
- Secretary (2 year term) Ed Dominelli (unopposed)
- Legacy President (2 year term) Tom Howley (vs. Merle Barnett, who was nominated from the floor during the meeting)