**WSSA Board Meeting Minutes**

**13 June, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 12:56 PM on this date at Chick-Fil-A , Mayfaire Town Center . All Board members were in attendance - Mike Abernathy, Charlie Backes, David Reardon, Skip Flynn, Joe Newcomb, Gary Kohunsky, Tony Spataro and Mike Gallagher.

The minutes from the 3 April, 2019 Board meeting were approved as submitted and have been posted on the WSSA Web site.

1. **Financials & Sponsorship**
   1. Current Year End projections as of 10 June, 2019 indicate a net 2019 Calendar Year end deficit of $827 . That deficit is less than 10% of the projected Associations Year End Total Cash Surplus of $ 9,990.
   2. As it appears that Infinity has dropped their sponsorship of a WSSA team in 2019, the Board unanimously agreed to transfer the French’s sponsorship and name to replace that of Infinity. This movement of sponsorship realigns Sponsors such that all teams now have just one Sponsor.
   3. As a result of the above movement of sponsorship, the Patriots will now be known as Carolina Sports Medicine- Patriots.
   4. Agreement was reached that the Commissioner and the Public Relations Director would take action at year-end to contact all current Sponsors to insure their participation / commitment in 2020.
   5. It was suggested that starting in 2020 , Sponsorship funds be allocated to the Association for equal distribution among all teams. This should be considered and a decision made between now and the February, 2020 General Meeting as it would require approval and amendment of the Association By-Laws .
2. **Division Presidents Report**
   1. All Divisions indicated that they would look at year end standings and determine whether implementation of a “restructuring” might be in order for the 2020 season. Final determination would be up to each Leagues management.
   2. Atlantic Division requested use of Fields 4 & 5 at Olsen park vice 1 & 2. This movement would provide better accessibility to the Olson rest rooms and also rectify a field “conditioning” problem associated with Field # 2. The Deputy Commissioner has this for action. Concern was also expressed on umpires immediately/ properly indicating whether a pitch is illegal.
   3. Coastal Division indicated that they were implementing the “no overrun “rule for the remainder of the season in order to reduce injuries. They also suggested, and the Board agreed, to eliminate the automatic out associated with the “Infield Fly Rule” for the remainder of the season. Also, the use of a protective screen for a pitcher would be at the option of each pitcher. If a batter hits into the screen in an at-bat, it will be considered a dead ball the first time and an automatic out the second time.
   4. Legacy Division also indicated that the use of a protective screen for a pitcher would be at the discretion of each pitcher. Any ball hit into the screen by a batter will be considered a dead ball. However, screens not effectively used for personal protection by a pitcher, as determined by the umpire, will be immediately removed from the field of play. The Legacy Division will not have two halves of the playing season.
3. **Hall Of Fame ( HOF)**
   1. A maximum of 3 current or former players or WSSA contributors will be elected this year from the list to be formulated by the nomination committee.
4. **WSSA 25 Year Anniversary and outings** 
   1. A committee will be formulated to come up with ideas on how to celebrate and commemorate the Associations 25th year anniversary.
   2. Each Division President was requested to poll their respective league members on participation in a league picnic and attendance at a Sharks baseball game.
5. **2020 Season Suggestions** 
   1. It was suggested that the Association considered moving play dates in 2020, at least for some Divisions, to allow a longer period between weekly game schedules. Perhaps Monday/ Thursday or Tuesday/ Friday games vice Tuesday/ Thursday. This allows an extra day to recuperate from injuries and/or recover from heat related problems. This might also help in scheduling umpires for game days.
   2. It was also suggested that the Association consider taking the hottest month of the year off (August) rather than July.
   3. It was suggested that all managers meet in February, 2020 to discuss/ consider a bulk purchase of uniforms from one vendor. Such a purchase may result in significant savings to each teams allotted budget.
   4. It was suggested that starting in 2020 , hats bearing the WSSA logo and commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Association be procured for each team. This would be the first time WSSA self-promoted the existence of the Association and would also cut down expenses of each team buying hats associated with their individual Sponsors.
   5. A call should be issued for the return of all uniforms which were purchased with WSSA Team funds. It should be noted that these are WSSA assets, not individual team Managers assets.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

The meeting was formally adjourned at 1:25 PM

Skip Flynn

WSSA Secretary