

Williamsburg Senior Softball League



Membership Business Meeting
December 7, 2023

Welcome



2023 Board of Directors

- John Stout, Commissioner
 - Dick Hoell, Jamestown Division President **
 - Andy Jacobs, Yorktown Division President **
 - Todd Shaner, Secretary **
 - Wes Ripley, Treasurer
 - Ben Di Vito, Webmaster **
 - Joanne Webb-Fary, Communications Director
- ** Term Over

2023 Season Accomplishments

- Two Division Play
- First-ever Playoff Series
- Successful Growth Through Recruiting
- Started Chat Rooms for Umpires & Rules Committees
- New Strike Mat
- New Tarps for the Dugouts
- AED's
- First Aid Kits at Each Field
- Two Fundraisers – Suicide Awareness & Breast Cancer Awareness
- Christmas Parade
- Updated Bylaws
- We Had a Lotta Fun!!

History and Future

2019 - Inaugural season, 35 players/3 teams/24 games

2020 - Covid season, 55 players/4 teams/25-26 games

2021 - ~85 players/6 teams/32-33 games

2022 - ~100 players/7 teams/28-32 games

2023 – ~140 players, 2 Divisions, 10 teams/30-32 games

- Jamestown Division – seasoned veterans
- Yorktown Division – younger whippersnappers

2024 – ?? players, 2 Divisions, ?? Teams/ games??

BYLAWS REVISIONS

Why did we rewrite the bylaws?

- It was deferred action from last year.
The board organization changed, and the new descriptions weren't added.
Several of the bylaws needed updated language.
 - 1) One rule said that the annual meeting had to be held in January or February.
 - 2) Another rule needed to be changed to more clearly define the term of office.There was a bylaw that simply needed to be dropped and one that needed to be added.
- The bylaws didn't allow for electronic voting for Board of Director positions.
- The bylaws only allowed for changes (to the bylaws) by vote at the annual meeting.
- The changes update the bylaws and prepare the league for the future.

ELECTRONIC VOTING: BOARD POSITIONS

Article 3 Section 1 – Election of Board of Director Members

Members will be able to submit their votes electronically. The league Secretary will conduct remote voting. The Secretary will notify the membership of the commencement of a nomination period. The nomination period will be no less than 14 days. Members are encouraged to nominate candidates within the nomination period. Nominations received after the nomination period will be allowed but will not be on the electronic ballot. Nominations are to be submitted to the League secretary. Voting electronically will begin at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting. The voting period will be determined by the League Secretary but will be at least 3 days. The votes received electronically will be included with the tally received at the annual meeting.

This change allows the Board positions to be voted on electronically. It also sets up the ground rules for the Electronic voting. These are the rules we followed this year. This sets us up for future elections.

ELECTRONIC VOTING: BOARD POSITIONS

- **Article 4 Section 1 – Meetings**

An annual WSSL general membership meeting will be held at the completion of the WSSL season and prior to the commencement of the following WSSL season.

Original bylaw stated the annual meeting had to be held in January or February. This change allowed us to hold the meeting anytime between seasons.

Members will be able to submit their votes electronically. The league Secretary will conduct remote voting. There will be one ballot for each member. The ballot will include all items to be voted on at the general membership meeting. A member who is nominated to a position outside of the nomination period will not be on the remote ballot. Votes received electronically will be added to the tally of votes received at the annual meeting.

The changes in Article 3 allow the voting and set up the rules for it. This change was needed to reiterate the e-voting procedures at the annual meeting.

ELECTRONIC VOTING: BYLAWS REVISIONS

Article VI – Organization Bylaw Revisions and Amendments

and by votes submitted electronically

This allows for electronic voting for Bylaws revisions.

If the Board deems there is a need to revise the bylaws at other times in the annual cycle, a similar process is followed. The Secretary will post the amended Bylaws for Membership review on the WSSL website. The Membership will be notified of the changes and where to review them. The new version will be posted for a minimum of 14 days. The Secretary will then conduct an electronic vote. Membership will be notified of commencement and end of the voting period. The voting period will be a minimum of 7 days. A majority of the submitted votes received by the Secretary will determine whether the revision is adopted.

This addition sets up how the e-voting will happen and allows for revisions between annual meetings.

BYLAWS REVISIONS: MEMBER REQUESTED

Article 1 Section 5 – Board of Director Responsibilities

Minutes of each Board of Directors' meeting will be posted by a link on the homepage, or readily available section, of the league website within 30 days of each meeting

Pros:

- Will provide members more information.
- Other similar organizations provide the minutes to their members.

Cons:

- The meeting update from the commissioner is already provided and is adequate.
- There are discussions at the meetings that are of a sensitive nature (Regarding members and Sponsors).
- Minutes would need to be “scrubbed” prior to posting.

TIME TO VOTE ON THE BYLAWS!

- FIRST VOTE FOR BYLAWS AS WRITTEN BY THE BOARD.
- SECOND VOTE FOR BYLAW REQUESTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

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Volunteers Are Vital

- WSSL relies on a cadre of volunteers to make the league work.
- Many important jobs:
 - Umpires
 - Scorekeepers
 - Scheduler for umpires, scorekeepers and substitutes
 - Field setup and breakdown
 - Committee work
- 2023 saw an increase in volunteer participation.
- We thank you for your contributions!
- We encourage others to step up in 2024.

Volunteers Are Vital

- Umpires & Scorekeepers – John Ray
- Subs – Billy Punch & Ken Fones-Wolf
- Field Setup & Breakdown – Len Donvito, Ray Hutchison & Dave Lowman
- Lunch Czar – Stu Wolfson
- League Photographer – Jim Arend

Yorktown Division 2023 Season

- 5 Teams
- 23 NEW players to WSSL
- Manager & Assistant Manager
- Differentiated level of play achieved
- Differentiated rules in place and successful
- Kudos to Ken and Ray and all of our other volunteers !
- Very few “challenges” (a couple of drop-outs, injuries, work related needs)
- On to the 2024 Season!

Jamestown Division First Season Recap

- Seemed To Be A Success
- More Relaxed Supportive Improved My Skills
- Highlights
 - 5 Teams
 - Division Design Based On Survey Input And November League Experience
 - November League
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Game
 - Fun And Competitive Regular Season
 - First Ever Playoff
- Call Outs
 - Ray, Len, Dave, John, Billy, Stu, Umps, Scorekeepers
 - 5 Managers – Bill L, Bill W. Emmett, Kathy, Ken
 - JTD Players



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Public Relations & Recruitment

- ⚾ **Va. Gazette Articles, WVEC, Next Door Neighbors features & Radio**
- ⚾ **Facebook Campaign**
- ⚾ **WISC banners**
- ⚾ **WSSL posters**
- ⚾ **Benefit Game**
- ⚾ **Christmas Parade**

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& Recruitment



OUR MOST
IMPORTANT
RECRUITMENT
TOOL
IS...



The challenge is...

INVITE

1 new person to a

WISC

clinic!!!



WISC Off-Season Training

- Purpose: Provide a safe and comfortable environment within which members (current and prospective) can work on skills and conditioning
- Inputs received from focus group to enhance the program
- Program dates: 16 January - 15 March 2024
- Structured sessions (i.e., hitting, infield, outfield and base running)
- Scheduled open sessions and scrimmages will also be part of the program
- Williamsburg Indoor Sports Complex (WISC) membership (\$20/month)
- Use of Team App required to participate (details to follow)

Financial Report

Number of Players (2023 Dues)	167	Season Costs:		Season Costs:	
Teams	10	Fields	\$4,395.00	Website Renewal	\$125.95
Number of Games (APR-OCT)	30*	Jerseys	\$1,767.65	Liability Insurance	\$225.00
* November Games	9	Caps	\$2,439.60	Pre-Season Party	\$1,025.47
Cash in Bank - Start of Season	\$9,002.06	Balls	\$1,566.12	Mid-Season - Party	\$355.30
Dues & Sponsors		Facebook Marketing Winter	\$1,666.82	End of Season Party	\$1,056.86
Players Dues	\$12,350.00	Facebook Marketing Fall	\$1,507.19	Lunch for Wmbg P&R Staff	\$55.90
Sponsors	\$4,750.00	Hitting Tees, Lineup Boards, Pitching Rubbers, Strike Mats, Rookie Camp Jerseys, etc.	\$1,336.25	Christmas Parade	\$100.00
Total	\$17,100.00	Score Books	\$83.10	Admin Supplies	\$25.20
		Printing	\$276.00	Total Season Costs	\$18,312.72
				End of Season Cash in Bank	\$7,789.34

Major Expenses

• Field Usage –	\$4,395.00
• Jerseys –	\$1,767.65
• Hats –	\$2,439.60
• Balls (18 doz) –	\$1,566.12
• Equipment –	\$1,336.25
• Parties –	\$2,437.63
• <u>Facebook Marketing *</u>	<u>\$3,174.01</u>
• Total -	\$17,116.26

What did I get for my \$75.00??



- 30 Games = \$2.50/game
- 37 Games (Nov. League) = \$2.03/game
- Jersey + Hat = \$25.19
- Fields Costs = \$26.32
- Equipment, Softball Supplies = \$17.88
- Marketing/Admin. Support = \$20.11
- Socials = \$14.60
- Total = \$104.10
- Umpires/Scorekeepers = We pay \$00.00 (est. \$30.00/game cost)

UPCOMING YEAR BUDGET FACTORS

- **More players, especially Jamestown Division**
- **Two fields at Kiwanis, one or two at Quarterpath?**
- **More balls @ \$80 dozen**
- **More Jerseys and Hats**
- **Mostly offset by more player dues**



Website (wsslva.org)

HOME

ABOUT

OPERATION

SEASONS

PLAYERS

DOCUMENTS

CONTACT

- Recruitment info on home page: **New Player Information**
 - Point your friends to this content (updated for 2024)
- Website tuned for two-division play in 2023; will adjust for 2024
- 2024 rosters, schedules, etc., will be updated in early 2024
- Note the sponsor logos are links to sponsor websites
- Navigation and pages adapt to mobile devices
- Please send problem reports, corrections, etc.

Website (wsslva.org)

When is our next game? Who's the home team?

Visit the home page, look under Latest News:

Upcoming games (Quarterpath):

Tue Jun 27 (Teal off) JD - field 2, YD - field 3

9:00: Green vs Gold

10:30: Blue vs Red

Thu Jun 29 (Gold off) JD - field 3, YD - field 2

9:00: Teal vs Red

10:30: Green vs Blue

Get the Team App



Installing the Team App

Latest News

The 2023 annual membership meeting will be held on December 7. League members will be asked to vote on several board members as well as revised bylaws. This revision and an outline of changes are [available for review](#).

Members may vote for [2024 board members electronically](#). After the meeting, attendees are encouraged to join us at [Revolution Golf & Grille](#) for a Holiday Luncheon.

WSSL members and supporters walked in the Williamsburg Christmas Parade on Dec 3. Thanks to the band [Identity Crisis](#) for joining us and playing tunes along the way.



Quick Links

- [Player registration](#)
- [Installing Team App](#)
- [Jamestown schedule](#)
- [Yorktown schedule](#)



2024 Calendar

- WISC Open House – January 9th & 11th
- WISC Off-season Program - January 16th to Mid March
- Rookie Camp – Late March (March 19th, 21st, 26th & 28th)
- Draft for Jamestown & Yorktown Divisions – End of March/Early April
- Team Practices – Early April
- Season Start – TBD (TUES April 9th?)
- Summer break - TBD
- End of season TBD



WSSL Championship Trophy

3 teams won championships in 2023:

- Yorktown Blue
- Jamestown Gold
- Jamestown Green

Each team who won a championship will hold the Trophy for 16 weeks

Manager will share with their teammates

Take photos with the Trophy and share on Social Media

WSSL Election 2024 Nominees

The following are the nominees for:

- Jamestown Division President
- Yorktown Division President
- WSSL Webmaster
- WSSL Secretary



Jamestown Division President

Nominee:

Bill Leonard

- Bill has just completed his third year in the WSSL. He agreed to serve as a Team Manager for Jamestown Green this year. He has also served the WSSL as an umpire. Bill loves this league and the people in it. He would like to commit to a larger role in its success.



Yorktown Division President

Nominee:

Mark Metivier

- Mark has been a member of the league since it's inception. His contributions include but are not limited to acquiring sponsors, recruiting new members, leadership for the Winter WISC program and league tryouts. Mark has always extended his experience and expertise to fellow players ensuring that they can contribute to this great sport. He has served in positions such as Manager, Assistant Manager, and Trainer.



Yorktown Division President **Nominee:** **Andy Jacobs**

- Andy's career as a leadership professional has prepared him for this position. Andy was the inaugural President of the Yorktown Division. He has also served as a Team Manager, and as leader in the winter WISC programs. Andy has served on the Boards of several Athletic Clubs and has been a resource for our WSSL Board.



Webmaster

Nominee:

Ben Di Vito

- Ben has been a WSSL board member and served as the league webmaster since 2019. During that time, He developed and maintained our website (wsslva.org) from inception up through the current two-division structure of the league. He stands ready to perform this role again as the league continues to grow and prosper. In his professional career, He worked at NASA Langley for 28 years. Prior to that he spent 8 years in the defense industry and another 4 years in the commercial tech industry. Ben holds a PhD in computer science from the University of Texas at Austin.



Secretary Nominee: Steve Chisholm

- Steve joined the WSSL in its second year. Since joining he has helped develop and lead the winter WISC program and the rookie camps. He continues to serve the league in those programs. Steve has also served as an Assistant Manager, Board Member, and Secretary. His professional career in government prepared him as a leader with the WSSL.



Time to Vote

See Todd if you need a ballot

Questions?