June WSSL Board Meeting

June 8, 2026

Brickhouse Tavern 1130

Attendees: Dick Hoell, Kathy Sprague, Steve Sheffler, Larry Rouse, Bobby Jankavic, Will Murray

Discussion on mandating pitching screens- other senior softball leagues use pitching screens for safety reasons. Players in Yorktown were not in favor of using pitching screens. Players in Jamestown were mixed on whether to use pitching screens. The board is discussing , for safety reasons, should screens be mandatory. A followup discussion will be held in the July meeting.

For the Rest of the Year, the league has the following activities planned:

- Breast Cancer Game- scheduled for Sunday, October 26
- All Star Game- will occur if the date is not needed for makeup games
- second half of the season to start August 17. Playoffs to be October 6 & 8
- Social Events
    - Mid-Season Lunch
    - Year End Gala Lunch
- CPR/AED Training- Dick to coordinate
- Managing League Growth Solution Implementation- 3 potential solutions were identifies and will be sent out to the players for their review and vote. The 3 options will be sent to the players in June with a response date in July.
- End Of Year Survey
- Annual Meeting- need to select a date- date to be identied in July meeting
- BoD elections- same as annual meeting
- Transition to New BoD

Umpire Development

2025 survey indicated that 94% of Jamestown player were very (57%) or somewhat (37%) with umpires. Yorktown players indicated 98% were very (79%) or somewhat (20%) satisfied with umpires.

- Areas of improvement include:
    - identfying existing umpires who could be mentors (based on experience and knowledge of the game)- league presidents to identify umpires which could mentors and umpires which could use additional mentoring
    - when assigning umpires to a game, try to ensure at least 1 umpire is one that could be a mentor- John Ray
    - additional umpire training early in the 2nd half of the season. Session at QP and Kiwanis- to be discsuued in July meeting
    - re-establish the pre-game check list for umpires to discuss with managers before the game. The pre-game check list was established a few seasons back- Will Murray to prepare new check list based on the check list used previously and update based on umpire requirements included in the document section of WSSL webpage. Will have for July meeting

Additional BoD Position

- There was a discussion as to whether the Webmaster be on the BoD. It was decided not to include the Webmaster on the board
- It was decided that 2 additional board members should be added. Event Corrdinator (lunches, parties, parade, etc) and Communications (for new players). Kathy S to determine job description of each position to present to the board.

2027 Recruiting Approach

- Minimize the Facebook campaign. A final decision will be made after the players determine how they prefer the league to be structured in 2027 (see managing League growth above).
- It was determined that there needs to be a true deadline for player registration. After this ate, players ill be added to a list as subs or added to teams as needed due to injuries, work requirements, etc

Sub Rules

- There seems to be some confusions and/or concerns on some of the

rules governing subs. Specifically,

    - Subs playing more innings than players on the team
    - Also:

    - Concerns regarding "like for like". Managers receiving a sub should determine if the sub is like for like and request a different sub if theplayer is not. The team receiving the sub should not be singnificantly better because they need a sub.
    - Concerns regarding some players getting to sub multiple times while others have not had an opportunity
    - Current rule says teams **will** get a sub when they have less than 11 players available to play - inconsistently followed
    - Some gamesmanship going on i.e. moving a SS to an outfield position and then requesting a SS, not using a pitcher drafted in the pitching round and then requesting

a pitcher

- The use of subs needs to be clarified by the league presidents

The next WSSL board meeting is July 9 at Brickhouse (1130)