

Agenda and notes for WSSL Meeting

Tuesday, January 29, 12:30 Brickhouse

Attending, Jim, Ben, Mike, John, Wayne & Ric

Revised 013119 – Revisions in Green

Old Business:

- Wmsbg P&R field negotiation update/John & Ric

Ric sent notes from 1/28 meeting, most important items:

WSSL NOT part of WPR system

Fields available to us on rental basis games \$25/day/field

Did not come to any conclusion on fields for practice –

John to follow up on this.

Discuss documents they will need from us

Jim and Mike to follow up on insurance

Ric will work on the other items in the notes from yesterday

- Banner update/John

3'X 6' – show example John looking for place to put it

Posters – two examples – 8'X11" or 8"X14"?

Should try to get these out soon

- 52/300 ball decision/BoD

We previously discussed using 52X300

We will buy a box of Trump 52X300 for first practice – **Jim will buy**

Senior Softball dictates 44X375

We may need to change if we get an affiliation

- CFO report/Mike

Budget send around is still a work in progress

Discussed amount of reserve

Discussed sharing at the open meeting in February

NO vote on the budget at this time

Checking account at Old Point National Bank – no fees – **Mike will set up**

- Vote on membership fee per season/BoD

The board voted unanimously that the fee will be \$75/person for the first year

- Webmaster report/Ben

Ben sent summary email yesterday

He will set up a free draft web site (will have ads and no permanent URL

We want to have enough information for prospective players including application form and waiver and contact information

Should be done in the next two weeks

We will all provide feedback so that he can set up a permanent web site

Approximate cost for our own URL (no ads) \$100/year

- Equipment needs, i.e. masks for pitcher/catcher/umpires
 Buy 6 masks total 4, catcher/umpire, 2 pitcher –
Use of masks is voluntary, but we will still make available for all games
 Buy only one pitch screen for practice
 Much discussion from Wayne's report on shirts and hats from Colonial Sports
 Wayne and Mike should get together to come up with some suggestions for the budget that will include set up costs per unit item (my suggestion)
- Full membership meeting, 2/19 or 2/20 and time?
 Tentative plan to try for 2/20 at 5pm. This date chosen because it will be after the meeting on 2/19 with WPC
 Jim will look for a venue
 Each Bod member plan 5-10 minute talk with slides
 Do we have a screen and computer to show slides?

New Business:

- Need manager rep on BoD? Was my suggestion but may be a conflict of interest?
 Jim suggest that we NOT include a manager on the BoD. There was a verbal consensus concurring with this. Keep BoD structure as it currently exists
- Association affiliation, NSA/USSSA/ASA/Senior Softball USA?
 Not discussed this week
- Registration forms/Mike & Ben
 Not discussed this week
 Mike working on Insurance

Brief discussions

Sponsorship – only one level - \$500 for league sponsor
 Pitching Arc – seemed the 6” = 12’ preferred by most – need to discuss further

Tabled until next week:

- Apparel, logo, hats, umpiring training/Wayne
 Shirts have no names so can be "traded"
- Rules & By-Laws/Ric's been out of town, so no update til next week.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 5 at 12:30 at Brickhouse

Board members to pay \$75 fee at our next meeting to give us some operating cash

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Attending, Jim, Ben, Mike, John, Wayne & Ric

Updates (status report on IOU items, committees, etc)

- Commissioner

One dozen practice balls purchased **\$75**

Checks from this committee to Mike today – by next week

Notice for the Gazette to announce General meeting on Feb 20

Hand out of revised roster: 46 players to date

Sponsorship letter – looks good. Only feedback from Mike with changes that Jim will incorporate. Ben suggested that we might want to shorten it to one page if possible.

Straw man calendar:

Practice Schedule – March 3 – March 29

March 29 – evaluation and draft

Teams practice together first 2 weeks in April

Spring Schedule – 15 dates with 2 games per date (30 games total)

April 16 – June 6 with no games May 28 (Tuesday after Memorial Day)

June 11 – June **27** dates for make-up games (or tournament)

JULY & AUGUST – NO GAMES

Fall Schedule – 15 dates with 2 games per date (30 games total)

Sept 5 (Thursday) – Oct 24

Oct 29 – Nov 14 - dates for make-up games (or tournament)

December 3 – Banquet

Jim has since provided a complete calendar (see his email)

- Dep Commish (WP&R update?)

Practice fields for \$5/date. Will firm this up at the meeting on Feb 19

John will find out the contact person and make arrangements for us to reserve practice fields

We will start practice the first week in March

- Secretary (rules meeting)

Working on By-laws

Meeting of rules committee (Ric, Wayne and John scheduled for 2/6)

- CFO (registration form?)

Most recent budget handed out. Spring season negative **\$1144**

Jim says that we need 3 sponsors to compensate for this

We need to get sponsorship letter finalized so that we can move forward on this.

Mike will get checking account set up. Will have two people who can sign checks

Mike and Jim

Everybody: **Get checks for our dues to Mike at our next meeting**

- Web (registration form?)

Temporary site set up and has receive feedback
Will switch to upgraded format so that we can have a permanent URL and
can put registration forms on line (cost estimated at \$106/year)
Ben says that we can post pictures on the web site. We should include a
disclaimer/release for doing this as part of the registration form.
Registration forms to go to the CFO. **Deadline for receipt March 31.**
We will NOT have on line registration at this time

- Director at Large (Wayne)

Discuss shirts and hats – wants to do UV protection and straight collar
Cost \$17 plus \$3 for logo
Colors (single color per team) red, white, blue and silver
Cost of shirts to be included in registration fee – all agreed to this
Hats One color Navy blue **Approximate cost ?**
Discussion of banner. John's is cheaper but does not know of sponsors can be
Added. More discussion on this later
Wayne will have more on these items next week

Old Business:

- Venue for membership meeting...Old City BBQ? Vote

All vote yes
Feb 20, 5 pm
Still looking for projector

- Logo design? Vote

Discuss, flag with WSSL underneath
Crossed bats with ball in middle
If use glove, needs to be distinctive
Not sure who is taking the lead on this – Jim?

Equipment discussions:

Masks - mandatory, waiver, pitcher/catcher/umpire? Vote
Mandatory for pitcher but can sign waiver
Voluntary for catcher and umpire
We will buy a total of 3 masks for the league

Hats - league buys player one. player can purchase more? **Vote next week**

Shirts-material vs cost, numbers vs names, player or league purchase? **Vote next week**

Wayne is the lead for the logo/hats/shirts items. He said he would have votable intel next week.

Shin guards - league vs personal cost? Vote

I think that there was a consensus that we would leave this up to individuals and not provide any from the league

John has purchased two scoring plates

Strike mats - size? 16" x 25" or 19" x 34.5"

Go with 16" X 25" We will need two to start

Pitching screen - practice vs games, how many? Vote

Will use for practice and batting practice

Suggestion made to buy 2 of the folding kind

We voted so purchase 2 folding screens (see emails for follow up

- Affiliation - NSA, USSSA, ASA, Senior Softball USA? Vote

USA Softball, but this will depend on liability issue Mike looking into this

WP&R is NSA but think that is due to umpires

- Umpire training - video enough? everyone eligible/mandatory? Vote

Wayne continuing to investigate

- Membership meeting 2/20, 5pm...Old City BBQ...will get in VA Gazette, where else?

Colony Life? Williamsburg Neighbors.? Other?

May be too late for Feb 20 meeting but we should be in touch for future publicity

New Business:

- Sponsor letter comments/input

ALL: Please review and get back to Jim with any other comments

- Projector discussion

Still need to do this before Feb 20

Next meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Brickhouse tavern

Discuss changing date at our meeting next week

Agenda and notes for WSSL Meeting Tuesday, 2/12 Meeting at Brickhouse Tavern. All attending

Updates:

- Commish.

- Sponsor letter done and ready to use
- Calendar done and on the web site
- Dicks coupons available
- 52 players so far

Dep Com.

- Bought 2 pitcher nets at \$49 each
- Batting strike mats on order, but will purchase 3 at \$9.99 each

Secretary

- Working on bylaws
- Working on rules with committee (Wayne & John)
 - USA Softball
 - NVSS (using this as template but will also use WSSA inserts as well)

CFO

- D&O Insurance \$500 per year. Consensus NOT to do this
- Budget update - \$539 surplus for Spring Season (include having 3 sponsors)

Webmaster

- Have our own Website and URL now: wsslva.org
- **(Ben, this really looks great- Thanks much from all)**
- Listing the teams/managers/players on the website will come after the teams have been selected. This may or may not have been discussed!
- Not sure about putting players names on the website. Originally Ben thought we could have people fill out the form on the website. Then we would capture all the info for printing out reports. But that is not the case with the version we are using. – comment from Mike.
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- One the website; look for volunteers for coaches managers umpires

D@L

- Wayne led discussions on the logo – ball above bat, no glove, gold border
- shirts - no number, no names, use NVSS logo – order 20 per team
 - (2 med, 6 large, 8XL, 4 XXL) cost, approximately \$20 per shirt. Individuals can buy additional shirts.
- Players will not keep shirt, but will turn in at the end of the season
- Hats – nave blue with logo – mesh or no mesh? Wayne will brings examples of each next week.
 - VOTE: buy one hat for each player to keep – ALL AGREE**
- Taking the lead for umpire training. Offer from USA softball to have someone come to meet with us – suggested date April 2

Old Business:

- Membership meeting/Presentations (All) – Wednesday Feb 20 at Old City BBQ

- 5 – 10 minutes per person
- Get slides to Ben by Monday. NOTE, Ben circulated Power Point template to use after the meeting
- Try to get to Old City BBQ by 4:40 on Wednesday
- Logo (Wayne)
 - See note above under D@L report
- Hats (Wayne)
 - See note above under D@L report
- Shirts (Wayne) (Peace Frogs option? - Jim)
 - See note above under D@L report
- Strike mats, pitching screens (John)
 - see note under Dep Com report
- Affiliation (Mike)
 - With USA Softball – **cost \$25 per team** Mike will move forward with this.
 - John and Ric will inform Tyler of this at meeting on Monday
 - NOTE: We need to move forward with this ASAP so that we can get the Certificate required by WPR. We can NOT start practice without this.**
- Umpire training (Wayne)
 - Working on this, see note above under D@L report

New Business:

- Discuss web page
 - see note above under Web Master report
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- Projector - Craigslist (Jim)
 - **Thanks to Gina Antretter, we do not need to purchase a projector. She will loan us one from her work**
- Creed
 - NVSS creed circulated by Ric. Consensus to adopt this for WSSL

Upcoming events:

Tuesday (prior to Board Meeting, John & Ric will meet with Tyler at WPR to discuss some follow up items. Let us know if you have any concerns. I will circulate an agenda prior to that meeting and John & I will meet at 10 am (30 minutes prior to the meeting) to go over the agenda.

Membership Meeting Tuesday, Feb 20 at 5 pm at Old City BBQ

Next meeting noon, Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Brickhouse tavern

Don't forget your checks and registration forms!

Agenda and notes for WSSL Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 12:00 Brickhouse
Attending, Jim, Ben, Mike, John, Wayne & Ric

Updates: (All)

Jim – Felt that the membership meeting went well, but was disappointed in the turn out

John – Calling for an informal practice tomorrow 10:30 at JCC field, followed by lunch

John will send out the call

Ric – Rules Committee met and discussed up-dates.

Ric will reformat the rules document and circulate the Committee before sending to the Board

Jim suggests that there should be no forfeits – will include this in the rules

Mike – 22 registrations 20 paid for a total of \$1500

With one sponsorship so far that gives us a net income of \$2,000

Expenses (turned in) to date \$376

We should watch expenditures until we have at least 30 people (3 teams)

Will apply NOW to USA Softball naming three teams.

The designated managers will be:

Mike Frost

Mike Allen

Bob Dedmon

If we need to add a fourth manager it will be Bill Punch

Ben – Web site all up to date with new logo design

Wayne – see below

Old Business:

- Hats, shirts, logo (Wayne)

Show final logo patch

Show example of a banner

Prices: 3X6' \$130 4X6' \$230

Will defer an order until a later date

Suggest lowering our initial orders for now (see previous meeting notes)

Hats – 50 (will require 50 patches)

Logo Patches - 75

Shirts – 3 teams (Red, Blue, and Silver) of 15 shirts each

Wayne will defer placing an order until her returns for trip.

New Business:

- Age requirement

Because of the low number of people signing up, we will lower the minimum age to 50 just for the spring season (will discuss the fall season at a later date).

Players admitted under this exception will be allowed to continue to play if the rule changes back to minimum age of 55 (they will be grandfathered)

Everyone agreed to this change.

- Membership cards

Jim showed an example

Can buy 250 for \$90

Everyone seemed in favor of doing this but decided to wait until have more members signed up.

- PO Box?

Mike NOT in favor of doing this.

Will table this for now

Additions or comments?

Discuss Plan B

If we can get 30 players signed up we will divide them into three teams

On game day, two teams will play with players loaned from the third team

Manager's Lunch

Jim and John will have lunch with the prospective Managers next week to get them involved.

Player Recruitment

Ric agreed to go through the list and identify people who have expressed an interest in WSSL, but who did not attend the membership meeting or have not signed up.

This has been done and an email has been sent to the Board with an attachment identifying the people each of us should try to contact.

Let me know if you have any problems with this.

Brief discussion of bats and sponsors – but I did not record all of this discussion.

Perhaps we should include as agenda items for our next meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Brickhouse tavern – After Practice

NOTE: No meeting next week March 5! Buy there will be practice on March 5 depending on the weather

WSSL Meeting March 26, 2019 Brickhouse
All officers attending

Old Business

John: Spoke to Tyler at WPR to confirm our use of Kiwanis Fields. We just need to be sure that we are off the field in time to get it ready for varsity girl's games

Someone mentioned that there was an event at JCC Rec Center next weekend or next week that we should try to attend to promote WSSL. Ric checked and there is no upcoming event of interest to us.

Ric: Rules distributed. Please review by our next meeting (see below). Ric will send to everybody again- DONE

Mike: 33 players signed up, 32 paid – there are a few more who are interested or have given checks to other officers. These should be forwarded to Mike ASAP.

Mike: Bank balance \$2,830. Expenses to reimbursed \$270, leaving a balance of approximately \$2,500.

Mike: 50 caps cost \$1,000. 30 shirts \$325 at \$11 each? Fields \$450 (18 X \$25)
Revised spring budget after all expenses leaves a balance of \$400

Ben – updated website with Kiwanis field. Will post revised schedule created by Jim. Needs backup person – Ric volunteered to do this.
Need to make sure that that we have updaters posted on web site by 7:30 am on game day or practice day.

Group discussion of roster limits and stand-by players. Group decided to expand teams to 3 teams of 12 players each for a total of 36 players. Player accepted on a first come first served basis. According to John, 8 players said that they could only make 50% of games, with this and other absences; we should be OK with the expanded roster.
Additional discussion about a couple of players with limited abilities. Decision made to keep them.

Wayne: hats to be done by Friday. **Needs to have shirt sizes by Friday April 5 in order to have shirts ready for the first game.** Decision made to order total of 39 shirts – 13 for each team.
Data from player survey and updates from managers to determine sizes to be ordered.

Jim: revised schedules for 3 teams, which Ben posted on the web site – DONE
3 practice games, 18 play dates with 4 rain dates starting April 4 for practice games

Have 3 managers so far: Mike Allen
 Bill Punch
 Bob Dedmon
 Mike Frost Assistant Manager for one team

Pitchers: Mike Sloan
 Tom Garcia
 Billy
 Ben
 Ric (as a back up)
 Others?

Umpire Training: Mike will check with USA Softball and coordinate with Wayne.

Check fields: Mike Allen will call John or Jim and they will make a decision.
 They will let Ben (or Ric) know so that it can be posted on the web site.

Equipment: John will get to Managers on Thursday
 Have 6 dozen balls – 2 dozen for each team for games. Need to order more now.
 Need to buy first aid kit – John will take care of this.
 Need to buy pitchers and catchers masks – Jim has done this
 Pitchers shin guards – up to individual pitchers to buy their own.

Rules: If a ball is hit to an outfield, only the short fielder can throw out the runner at first
 On a play at home, the catcher must touch part of home plate. Touching only the
 strike plate will NOT be an out.
 Ric will make sure that these items are incorporated into the rules

Business cards – Not order at this time. Ric will make up some using materials that he already
has (no cost to the league).

Sponsors – Dave Amor withdrew his offer to sponsor. Still need to recruit at least one more.

Need to have a meeting on rules. This will be Friday April 5 at noon at Brickhouse.
Everybody, please review and get comments back to Ric.

WSSL BOD Meeting

Brickhouse Tavern
Wayne

May 29, 2019

Attending: Jim, Ric, Mike, Ben, and

Debbie donations, memorial service, ribbons, wear uniform shirts with suit coat?

Do not wear uniform shirts

\$500 to be donated (combined member checks and league check) to
afsp.donordrive.com/campaign/Jeffery-Kelly-Memorial-Fund

Black ribbons to wear – will pass out at ceremony, then will wear on uniforms.

Finances

Handout from Mike

Shirts and caps - \$300 over revised budget – but less than original budget

No set up or design fee going forward

Bank balance \$793

Still need to make reimbursements to some board members

Remaining expenses \$325 for fields the rest of the spring season (after reimbursements) – Colonial Sports has been paid

Nothing said about Colonial Sports sponsoring at this time

If no other expenses expect \$450 remaining after the end of the season

Discuss tax break for the league – Are we a non-profit?

Mike will look into this - AFTER MEETING – Mike says we do not qualify for Non-profit tax status

By-Laws – How WSSL governs itself

Jim and Ric will work on this over the summer break

Hope to have for approval by membership meeting

Bat Committee - Ric

Handout – commend Jamie for work he has done

Different organizations coming together for common standard

We should use:

ASA logo with 1.20 or NSA 1.20

Not just use ASA without the 1.20

Not use 1.21

Not use senior bats (also 1.21)

Leave up to Managers and Deputy Commissioner to decide on what bats to grandfather

Put red dots on approved bats

Some discussion on bats, BPF – bat performance factor

Takeaway – still have grave concerns about non-ASA bats

Safety concerns are the issue.

Technical issue – need to explain to membership?

Ric and committee will revise and get back to the Board – IN PROGRESS

Colonial Sports - Invoice for shirts & hats, sponsorship? - PAID

Hats – 4 left.

WSSL Patches - 18 available (Wayne & Jim have one each) to offer for sale, \$\$\$?

Save for hats in the fall to reduce expenses then. May need more depending on the number of new players signed up in the fall.

Plan for membership meeting July/August, venue?

Since the meeting, Jim has arranged a venue at his church on **July 29**, Details to follow

Plans for Fall season

Start Sept or the week after Labor Day (Bill Punch suggestion)?

Hope for 4 teams

List of 30-40 people who were initially interested – Jim will contact

Get feedback from managers on who will be back for the fall

Uniform?– sponsor names and logos for shirts

Players switch teams – Jim suggest managers protect 3-4 players

Manager should draft pitcher first

Jim – this is on field issue that John will handle

If 4th team – Jamie as manager (6/10 he declined, but willing to be Asst. Mgr.)

Bottom line – get new shirts for all and players keep caps, only new player get caps

Modify double header format? No decision made

Sponsors

Always on lookout for more sponsors

Can bars sponsor to play on WPR fields

Have John talk to Tyler about this

Put names on shirts or just on banner?

We should keep the shirts without sponsor logos

VA Gazette article –

Well received and good publicity

We are all mentioned in article except Mike – but he was in video

Doug Arnold, 6 play dates left, 1/3 of season, \$25?

Start playing next week

Ford's Colony Summer Classic

Use our field and bats and their ball

John has WPR field reserved for June 28

How to pick people to play? – depends on who available

SINCE MEETING – details of the game have been worked out – see emails

Upcoming golf tournaments, other commitments for players?

Look up schedule and may not have games that week

Parades, ways to get in publicity? AAA cruise presentations

July 4, W&M Homecoming – should look into getting into some of these events

Nobody assigned to look into this.

Ben – update web service to include videos?

Registration for fall – June 1 start accept registrations – Aug 15 deadline.

Have them sent to Jim who will deposit checks and will send to for Mike to compile.

Stick with \$75 fee.

Need evaluation process for new players – defer to John on this.
Upgrade web service plan to host videos? Additional \$50/year – all concur

Next Meetings BoD – week of June 22 or July 1? and July 24 Membership – July 29
(NOTE: Ric not available until July)

Scoreboard for fall – see how many teams we have and decide in August

WSSL BOD Meeting

Brickhouse Tavern June 27, 2019 Attending: Jim, John, Ric, Mike, Ben, and Wayne

Pre-meeting discussion: Email Mike Sloan – Two new sponsors; they may want to play? Need to change age requirement (no decision)

Jim – Brickhouse Tavern wants to sponsor – wants to make their own shirts – some discussion of this Suggest that we only charge them \$250. Jim talked to Tyler who says they cannot have a sponsor from a bar. But we are renters and we could do this. Jim will double check on this

Bat requirements

Ric – discuss allowing old bats – all agree NOT to do this. We will require ASA or NSA and 1.2 on the bat. No exceptions. All agree to this rule.

John suggests spot checking the bats randomly during the season.

Jim will bring this up at the membership meeting in July.

June 29 FC game and party at Sloan's around 6pm

Email from Ford's colony about what rules to use. Will decide before the game. Will use Ford's Colony ball. Discuss who will play for which team.

July 31 membership meeting place

James City Community Church at 5 pm. Jim and Ben will go up ahead of time to check things out.

VA Gazette "Thank you" in Last Word July 6 or 13

Spoke with Editor of Gazette – cannot put announcements in the Last word. She suggests a “shout out” to go in the Last Word – July 13 (Actually appeared ...July)

A lot of people did not see the announcement in the Sports Section.

Talk about other publications.

Blurb in "On Deck" now

Re-enlisting for Fall

6-8 people have re-signed up for the fall, no new people yet. Dedman not coming back Mike Frost take over the Blue team as manager. Bill **Reeser** may not be back.

Misc. Issues Discussed

Bring up change format of the games because of length of games in hot weather.

Discuss time limit for games. Jim did not see in rules. Ben put in the web site

Practices for the next two months, one per week on Thursday at 9 am. Start July 11.

\$20/month for fields.

Shirts and hats for the fall – we discussed already – all new shirts, Everybody uses the same hat.

Have 4 sponsors for the fall. Discuss location of sponsor logos on shirts. No decision made.

Fall start date depends on the number of teams, 4 teams – 15 play dates; 3 teams – 18 play dates

Donation to Debbie not posted yet, but they have it and it will be posted

Upcoming parades or community events we can attend? July 4 – probably not, Christmas?

Second Sunday - \$85. Should do it once (Done in July)

Banner missing – last seen at Quarter path

If 4 teams, will go to Quarter path. Possible to play two double headers at Kiwanis?

Preference to stay at Kiwanis field(s) if possible.

Discuss change of balls for the fall. Try out during practice this summer.

Team continuity? Problem if we go to a fourth team. No decision.

WSSL BOD Meeting

Brickhouse Tavern July 24, 2019 Attending: Jim, John, Ric, Ben, and Wayne

Please, start thinking about what you want to say, or want to have said, at the membership meeting on the 31st.

Other than that, here's the agenda I came up with for Wednesday:

Membership meeting agenda

Paying dues and registration at meeting (set up)

Ben & me (and whoever wants to) visit meeting room at Wmsbrg Comm Chapel

19 patches for sale at cost

Women's age down to 30? discuss options

Running for a batter

Rule wording re: BoD sets league age by 2/3 vote and/or on individual basis?

Shirts and hats for the fall

Hats – 4 left, need 2 for sponsors. How many to buy? Group consensus is 40

Shirts – Keep the same teams, not need to buy as many...just for new players and players designated to switch teams. We need to have two weeks to order more shirts.

Shirts for new team may be provided by sponsor (Brickhouse Tavern?)

Table any discussion on long sleeve shirts for now.

Player Update

9 new players have paid or been to practice. We lose 6 spring players 4 potential female players

John will make team player decisions to even them up

Start Sept 5. Can push back to week after Labor Day if we have 4 teams

With regard to sponsor logos on shirts, will defer this until next year.

Donation to Debbie posted. \$525 total donated from WSSL and individual players contributions.

Second Sunday was worthwhile – 80 cards handed out.

Fall schedule – if 4 teams we will play at Quarterpath. Bigger fields and longer bases. (70')

Need at least 50 players for 4 teams.

Mike Frost will manage the Blue team. If go to 4 teams will need additional manager. Jamie?

Stick with the same ball we are used in the spring. May try other balls at practice this summer

Put **sponsors logos on banner** using Velcro and the laminated signs that John had made.

BTW, the banner is back!

Sponsor recognition now – some kind of plaque & hat. At the meeting next week, we will suggest that players try to patronize the sponsors.

Suggest recognition at the member meeting or do an email blast introducing them to members.

Bylaws – Jim has worked on a draft and given to Ric to work on it. Model on Wilmington.

Manual of Procedures will require more work. More to follow on this.

Discuss international **tie breaker rule**. Ric suggest that just one extra inning (with last out in previous inning starting on second). If the game is tied at the end of this inning, then the game will be a tie. Seemed to be a consensus to support this suggestion.

John felt that the spring season went well. Thanks from many people for creating the opportunity to play

Ford's Colony game was fine, but there was some tension. Probably no appetite to do this next year.

In Memoriam on the Web site. Currently only Debbie.

NOTE: the membership meeting will be Thursday August 1 and NOT Wednesday, July 31. I will be at Williamsburg Community Chapel, Moog Room (upstairs).

Lower the age for female players – consensus to allow women over 40 to play this fall

Scoreboard – Ric will send a suggestion to Jim and John.

For the meeting next week, send slides to Ben as soon as you have them ready.

Discuss having runner from home for the batter. No consensus on this.

WSSL BOD Meeting

Brickhouse Tavern August 27, 2019 Attending: Jim, John, Ric, Ben, and Wayne

Not co-ed!

We are NOT defined as Co-ed by definition. Women are welcome to play. 7 women signed up for the fall.

Number of players

Four teams, what color shirts?

As of today, 54 full time players and 3 part time – Go with 4 teams. Draft held organized by John. New team, Gold managed by Jamie. Jim represented Blue in the draft because Mike F. on vacation.

Not give back shirts from previous season – No, voted on this last time

Not done recruiting at this time (extend beyond the Aug 16 deadline)

Runners for batters - How to determine eligibility of batters?

Purpose of rule is not to take advantage of the game just to run up the score.

Consensus it that we should do this. However, a person designated as a substitute runner may only be used once per inning. Managers will decide when to use runners from home.

Intentional Walks

If more than one per game per person, the second one will result in the batter being awarded 2 bases. This will be at the discretion of the umpire whether or not the walk looks intentional.

Review other rule changes, i.e. bats, one extra inning, foul tip, time limit, & pitching distance

Not go over other new rules as presented at the members meeting as we have all agreed on these changes already. (NOTE: Ric will update the rule book and circulate to the board before we put it on the web site). May have to modify pitching distance depending on which fields we use this fall.

Bats. Foul tip, time limit, one extra inning.

Fields Update – Jim & Ric

Met with JCC about using the fields at the Rec Center on Longhill, but we did not meet with a decision maker. We have requested a meeting with the decision maker after Labor Day. We will update everybody after this meeting. Price per head (for the season) as well as a field rental. If we do not get these fields at a reasonable fee, we will go to Quarter Path.

Ric will check out the distances at the JCC Rec Center fields. (The bases are Approximately 60 ft)

We would have to move mounds off and on the filed for our games.

Discuss the possibility of a night game. (Tyler - \$75 for lights at Quarter Path)

Gift card for Joe & Pat W for scoreboards

We are appreciative and Jim gave them a \$50 gift card to First Watch

Opening day - 9/5 or 9/10 or other?

Consensus to move to opening day **Thursday 9/12**. Regular games until the end of October.
Wayne will ask Army Regiment Chaplain to throw out first pitch. Bill Caribonus (sp?)
Invite Tyler or Kyle to throw out first pitch depending on where we play.

Progress on hats?

Wayne till pick up tomorrow. (After the meeting, Wayne brought hats to Ric because he is going away)

Have age changes helped?

Yes, especially with women

Trainer at William & Mary

To come give us some conditioning exercises
Unclear who will follow up on this? - John Ancellotti or Jim

Patches

Have 18. Wayne says to keep and put on jackets.
Just hold on to for now

Williamsburg Christmas Parade – Dec 7

Jim has signed us up for this - \$30

Discussion on long sleeve shirts and other clothing items

Wayne will get quote from Colonial sports

John: Will meet with managers before the season to remind them of their responsibilities
Including the fact that they need to keep score books.

Ric: As noted above, he will update the rule book and circulate to the board before we put it on the web site.

Ben: Awaiting changes and will continue to update the web site on an ongoing basis. Frank H will serve a back-up to Ben. Ben will create an achieve for items taken off the web site.

NEXT MEETING Monday, September 23 at 4 pm at Brickhouse Tavern

Since the Board Meeting, Wayne has reported that his physical condition will limit his play this fall and that he would rather serve as a pool (fill in) player this fall. He also indicated it is his intention to resign from the Board.

NOTE: Jim summarized many of these items from our meeting his email to the league on Tuesday evening. Since he captured some items I may have missed His message is below:

All,

Well here we are on the doorstep of our second season! We have 54 full-time players, including 7 women. Add to that two part-time players and we seem well situated for the season. Of course, please, DO NOT stop recruiting! As we found out in the spring, the injury bug can make a season really long! Another 4-6 full-time players would make life easier for all of us.

Weather looks great for Thursday! Looking forward to playing some games again instead of batting practice. Although it was very nice to be able to walk off and sit during those hot mornings. Scheduled practice games, Silver vs Blue at 9am, Red vs Gold at 10:20am. All are welcome to attend both games and get some playing time. There may be more games on 9/5, TBD.

Opening day has been moved to Thursday, September 12. We are aware that several/many folks would still be on vacations and traveling earlier in the week. This means we have scheduled games through the end of October. Any rain outs will take us into November and we will wait and see how the weather is before determining to shorten the season. The schedule has been posted on the website. We will get word out as soon as we know at which fields we will be playing. Hopefully, end of next week.

Wayne Glass, a Vietnam veteran, has volunteered to ask his Regimental Chaplain, also a Vietnam vet, and former softball player, to attend opening day and provide us a short benediction. Pastor Travis Simone, from the Williamsburg Community Chapel was very well received by the membership on opening day in the spring. Inviting pastors to opening day could easily become a league tradition.

We are hoping our new hats will be ready tomorrow, so I will prepare a list and bring them to our new players on Thursday. If you cannot make it to Thursday's games, track me down! I will have them in my truck until everyone is covered!

We have implemented a couple new or modified rules for this season. As with all information, please check out the changes on the website. Three important ones quickly: 1) A team will be allowed to intentionally walk a batter once during a game. A second time of "not pitching" to a batter will result in that batter being awarded second base and all runners advancing two bases. The umpire will be responsible to deduce the pitcher's intentions. 2) Any bat must have an ASA or NSA or 1.20bpf certification stamp to be legal. 3) Batters with chronic issues or sustaining an injury during a game may be allowed a runner from home plate. The runner must start from a position parallel to the scoring plate and may not "run" for any other player during the same inning, whether safe or out at first.

Please, come to all your team's games if you are able. Let your managers know asap if you cannot. We decided to go with four teams this season because the number of players allows it, but we cannot make it work if some do not show up to play. We have made a commitment to each other, and for the eight week season the WSSL needs to hold a priority for us all.

We have registered for the Williamsburg Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7. All players are hereby asked to attend if at all able. Maybe some grandchildren can come as well. If anyone owns or knows someone who has an old fire engine, double deck bus, farm tractor with flat bed, or some other really cool mode of mass transportation; and would consider allowing us to use it for the parade, please let me know.

We have 18 patches of the WSSL logo available if anyone wishes to purchase them. They are identical to the logo embroidered on our hats. Cost is \$7.50/each

John Ancellotti (Blue Team) has contacted the head baseball trainer at William and Mary, Mr. Robbie Lester, asking him to provide us some tips on stretching and injury prevention. I will be following up with Mr. Lester and find out if he wants us to come to him, or he will come to us. More on this opportunity later.

Our partners in the Williamsburg Parks and Recreation are having a pickleball event they want you to know about. If you are "a player", please, check it out. I played in the inaugural "frenzy" event back on June 25th and it was a blast! Here is the website: <https://www.williamsburgva.gov/government/department-i-z/parks-recreation/special-events/big-dill-challenge>

if you have any questions, please respond to this message or ask me.

Thanks,
Jim

WSSL BOD Meeting

Brickhouse Tavern Sept 23, 2019 Attending: Jim, John, Ric, Ben, and Mike

Discuss Wayne Glass resignation from Board – all agreed to accept. We appreciate his contribution to the League

Financial report – See attachment from Mike

55 – 58 plyers - 2 prepaid for spring + Cathy Carroll
\$460 cash in bank - the end of spring season.
Dues received of \$3,975
Sponsors \$1,500
Total Income \$5,635
Costs Total - \$689
Cash in bank \$5,294

Need for more shirts? Managers canvassed

Ric talked to Colonial sports – they have no orders
Everybody thinks we are good for now.
Ask Managers this week and get back to Ric

Colonial Sports over-charged for hats, will provide 8 more hats?

Ric - hats will be ready on Friday
Mike will send check to pay for hats

Long sleeve shirts with sponsors...Ric, please discuss LS shirts & hats issue with Wayne prior to see where he left off – Ric will do this and report back to BOC

Bylaws – Ric presents draft, will send digital copy after the meeting to all members
Ask each person to look over and get back to me with their feedback

Put in 6th Ad Hoc Board member? Could cover shirts or marketing
Ben – marketing Director – he should mark up an modify description accordingly
John – suggests 6th Board member to cover marketing, and recruitment and sponsorship.

Could call 6th Board member “Marketing” Call it “Ad Hoc” for now and we can change later
Look at the write and give me some feed back
Ric serve as liaison for Colonial Sports for now – can hand over to a new board member

JCC update on fields – Jim

Response to JCC from Jim & Ric
Will keep the BOD updated

Night Games - Jim

Mon, Tuesday and Wednesday available
3 or 4 Weeks in October.
Discuss which dates to choose
Start at 5 or 6 pm?
Do an informal poll of Managers/players this week.
Jim will put this in his email

Unusual truck/bus/trailer for Christmas parade – Dec 7

Trailer or classic car. Greg Lamelli
Try to get as many people to attend as well
Give out cards- Jim has some to pass out.
John has banner that will include sponsors

Jim ask about email from Jami – Yoga for old guys (stiff men) – 3 sessions on Wednesday mornings for \$75. Apparently this was only sent to Jim.

Bylaws - Ric

Officer Terms
Continuity – provide Ric with thoughts on this.
January, bring to Member meeting and have members vote.
One group finish out year, then stagger the others for the odd years
Should Web Master be elected position?

Manual – overlaps with rules

Ric will look over and see if this can be integrated into the rules or vice or versa.

Money carry over – discussion of how much to keep in reserve

Maybe lower dues for returning players?
Maybe go to yearly dues – keep teams the same – saves money on shirts
Maybe have an end of the year banquet?
Good number for reserve? Mike suggests \$1,500.
No resolution on these items.

Go around to individual Board members:

Ben – no issues; good to have Frank as back up

Frank reports scores to Gazette

John - Put sponsor names in Gazette? - Ben recommends not for now.

Rule about runner from home for batter who makes an out – need to modify to indicate that the courtesy runner cannot be used again in the same inning.

Some people not playing the minimum number of defensive innings. John will address this with the managers. Jim spoke to manager about this. Are we going to be strict about this rule?

John – issue about ability levels – only involves a couple of players. Not change for now, but may need to reassess in the future. Could make minimum acceptable criteria to be able to play.
Discuss roster moves – Managers seem satisfied

Ric – bylaws and manual/rules as discussed above.

Ask Colonial sports how much it would cost to put on number and logo on existing sports.

Next meeting – Monday October 21.

WSSL BOD Meeting

Brickhouse Tavern Oct 28, 2019

Attending: Jim, John, Ric, Ben, and Mike

JCC Update – Jim and Ric

Plan to go to one season because otherwise we would have to pay twice, one for spring and one for fall. Based on 60 players, if we do one season; \$15 for JCC residents and \$25 for non JCC residents. With 50 JCC, 10 non JCC – this would be \$1000 for the whole season

Next Season Schedule - "One Season", JCC Field Shutdown shut down in June so we could schedule Night Games at Kiwanis. During spring use one JCC field and one Kiwanis field because only one JCC field available.

Do one registration in spring and give these rosters to JCC to determine our fee. We would then allow additional people to register for the fall as a reduced price.

Discuss going back to double headers vs. the way it was done in the fall with 4 teams.

Discuss alternatives – play 3 games per week instead of 4.

Discuss the need for at least 60 players signed up...15 per team

We need to canvas the manager about what players want to do. **Action item for John?**

Ben to look into Survey Monkey or other alternatives to poll the players

Survey Monkey - Free basic plan for 10 questions and 100 responses

JCC – we can use a meeting room at the Rec Center and we can be listed on their brochure

And we can advertise on their bulletin board and website

NOTE: Jim has submitted the paperwork for us to move forward with JCC.

Christmas Parade – December 7 We need to get people – at least 20 people!

Vintage cars. Greg Lemelli, Ric will ask Ford's Colony Car Club

Follow up, Jim and Ric have lined up 5 cars.

John will have sponsor banner.

NOTE: Ric attended an organizational meeting and Jim has signed us up for the Parade

Treasury Accounting Mike

Numbers – Fall actual start with \$460, 3 spring prepaid dues

\$4475 in the bank. Hats (\$948) and shirts paid for, nothing else outstanding

Ask for two members from to go over the books. In the Bylaws.

NOTE: Bill Punch & Don Douglas – have volunteered to do the review.

BoD Volunteers – Mike Allen and Carl Borst have expressed an interest

Discuss alternatives

Should not do this now, maybe at the annual meeting in December or January

Maybe look for someone with a marketing background

Form a committee to explore this

Umpire Clinic

Steve Nash has not been around – could we use him?

John – ASA umpire from Richmond

Mike – Henry Pollard from USA softball

Reach out to these people.

Would want to do this on the field

Try to do this by March 1

Next Door Neighbor Magazine Interview Volunteers

Jim interviewed for the December issue

FYI, to date NDN magazine interview volunteers' (7) responses:

*Mike Allen - "I would love the opportunity."

*Jamie Kehayes - "I'd be willing to help if needed. Just let me know."

*Mark Metivier - "I'm in."

*Dick Hoell - "Dick here, if you need someone, I would be happy to participate."

*Ed Connors - "I vote to have them interview Joanne from the Red team."

*John Ancellotti - "Great job getting more attention to a great league! I am more than willing to assist if needed as a 100% Service Connected Disabled Vet and also a Stage IV pancreatic cancer patient. This league is one of the factors in my life that keeps me motivated, along with my daughters and job."

*Billy Moore - "I would be willing but would be happy to see anyone from our league interviewed. So many cool people it would be fun to see you and anyone interviewed."

WE all concur that John is our choice. Will be in the Feb/March issue

2020 Season/Teams' Make Up

Discuss how to do this

Dave Amor volunteer to help out

Number one objective is parity

Suggestion made to have Managers make teams, then the teams will be assigned by a random draw rather than having each manager select a team.

Discuss loading up team with the best substitutes

You lose a player, get an equivalent back

One alternative – All subs show up at the game, and then they are assigned to the teams at the time of the game.

Maybe form a committee to resolve the substitution issue

Discuss timing of committees and survey. – Nothing decided

Next meeting – Monday November 18.

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Gents,

What I have for Monday:

Audit volunteers - Bill Punch & Don Douglas
Field Status - Kiwanis & JCCRC
Gifts for sponsors
Membership sign up dates
Open membership meeting date/time?
Umpire class update
Parade update - cars & players
Rule Committee - Carl Borst & Ric
Play date calendar & schedule

As always, please advise of any additions/deletions.

Thanks,

Jim

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Guys,

John's brother-in-law is quite ill, so it is possible he will not be in town next Monday. If the rest of us can make it, we will forge ahead with the meeting at 4pm, Monday the 16th.

The items I have on the agenda are as follows:

- Parade recap
- Audit complete - recap
- Membership fee for 2020 - (new idea - returning \$50/new \$75?)
- Survey results
- Team App update
- Umpire class
- Team assignment committee update
- March evaluation period
- Sponsor gifts
- Long-sleeve T-shirts
- Next Door Neighbor article and follow up article
- JCC field status & needs - season dates, storage box?
- Practice schedule
- Rules Committee - substitution issues
- Mural at Brickhouse?
- Membership business meeting - date? begin formulating agenda

As I told my wife..."Believe it or not, this is the busy time of year for us!"

Any additions/deletions?
Thanks,
Jim