WSSL Minutes – June 9, 2025

Board Members in Attendance – Dick Hoell, Kathy Sprague, Ben Di Vito, Steve Sheffler, Larry Rouse, Andy Jacobs, Tom Dolan

Key inclusions in this edition. Please read further for additional information

Summer Break – June 27 – August 11

Breast Cancer Awareness – Preferred Date October 19, Alternate October 26; Volunteers needed – contact Kathy at 2014grandmaks@gmail.com

'Welcome to the Second' half celebration – August 16

CPR Training to be offered for those interested

WSSL seeking Webmaster – Thanks to Ben Di Vito for his efforts since 2019

Both leagues continue to use flexibility in schedule adjustments

Strategic Focus Areas – The future of the WSSL

I. Sponsor Update
   a. League is in good shape with sponsorship

II. Breast Cancer Awareness Game
   a. Planning has begun for the 3rd annual event
   b. Hoping to secure an October 19 date which is set to correspond with a youth tournament like last year
   c. October 26 is alternate date
   d. Over $7500 raised last year and goal to surpass that this year
   e. Kathy (2014grandmarks@gmail.com) is the event contact and is looking for volunteers for planning, game ops and associated fundraising

III. Mid-Year Social
   a. 'Welcome to the Second Half' celebration discussed

b. August 16 was secured at 4 pm at the Powhatan Secondary Clubhouse
c. Likely to be a pot luck dinner with WSSL providing water and beer

IV. AED/CPR Training
a. An AED session held June 5 was very successful with 16 players taking part.
b. While AED training is critical, CPR training is just as important.
c. The League is arranging for a 3 hour CPR training provided by one of the firefighters at a local fire station free of charge.
d. This training will take place shortly after the summer break.
e. Anyone interested in attending this session should contact Dick at rhoell@hotmail.com

V. Webmaster Position
a. A huge thank you to Ben Di Vito for his wonderful service to the league as the webmaster since 2019.
b. As the WSSL looks to fill this position Ben has provided the following skill requirements and information:
    i. There is NO need to know HTML or other types of coding.
    ii. A comfort level using web browsers and office software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
    iii. Basic image editing is helpful
    iv. WSSL currently uses the website builder known as Weebly, a web app which is easy to learn
    v. For more information you may contact Ben at bdivito@cox.net

VI. Schedule Adjustments and Rainouts/ Heat Index Cancellations
a. Both League Presidents have been working hard to be creative while maintaining the wishes of their teams and players
b. Thanks to both Larry Rouse (JTD) and Andy Jacobs (YTD) for their hard work.
c. Both Presidents will be working on second half schedules that give the members of the WSSL the best opportunities to play the maximum number of games

VII. Strategy Discussion

a. Board began discussions of staying ahead of the curve relative to the future of the WSSL (Strategic Focus Areas - SFA)
b. Examples of future SFA Discussion
    i. Growth – additional divisions
    ii. Logistics associated with growth such as field availability, costs etc.
c. Future discussions will need both Board and player inclusion