WSSL Minutes – July 24, 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

Honoring Gary Driver

August 12 – Second half begins

August 16 – 'Welcome to the Second Half' Celebration

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

Strategic Focus Updates

I. Second Half
   a. Play begins for both divisions at Kiwanis Park on August 12
   b. Second half schedules can be found on the WSSL website

II. Honoring Gary Driver
   a. Sadly, Gary passed away suddenly on July 7
   b. On August 12 prior to the first contest (approximately 8:45) a ceremony will be held at Kiwanis Park
   c. Additionally on August 9 at 1:30 at Monfalcone Field in Deer Park (11523 Jefferson Ave., Newport News) there will be a Celebration of Gary's life

III. 'Welcome to the Second Half' Celebration

a. The mid-season party will be held August 16 at the Powhatan Secondary clubhouse from 5pm until 9pm

b. The league will provide water, beer and all paper products

c. The following link should be used to RSVP and sign up for a dish (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AA9A629A7F58-57718569-midseason)

IV. Breast Cancer Awareness

a. Planning is continuing for the 3rd annual event

b. Possible dates continue to either October 19 or October 26

c. Kathy (2014grandmarks@gmail.com) is the event contact and is looking for volunteers for planning, game ops and associated fundraising

V. Strategy Discussion

a. Three areas have been identified to address

i. League growth

1. Additional division(s)

2. Optimal number of teams per division

3. Managing the balance between the desire to continue to grow while being able to keep up with the necessary logistics

ii. Volunteerism

1. How to get more people involved

a. Game logistics

b. BoD positions

c. Special events

iii. Providing/Promoting Player Development

1. Tournament Participation
2. Promoting softball-focused camps
3. Continuing WISC off season program

b. This will be a long term process that will involve many opportunities for member involvement and participation

VI. Next Meeting Scheduled for August 22 at 11:30