WSSL Minutes – September 18, 2025

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

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

Key Dates for Remainder of the Year

Sponsor Spotlight

Breast Cancer Awareness Game *Change* – Date October *26*, 3pm; Volunteers needed – contact Kathy at 2014grandmaks@gmail.com

November League

Umpire Clinics

Updated Weather Rule

Strategic Planning Process

I. Key Dates
   a. October 16 – Breast Cancer Awareness Game – 3pm
   b. October 21/23 End of Season Tournaments – both divisions
   c. October 21 All Star Games – both divisions have been cancelled for this year
   d. December 7 – Williamsburg Christmas Parade
   e. December 9 – WSSL Annual Meeting

II. Sponsor Spotlight
   a. New addition to BoD updates
   b. This month spotlights Brickhouse Tavern
   c. Inaugural sponsor in 2019
   d. Two locations
      i. 755 Scotland Street – Williamsburg

ii. 141 Herman Melville Avenue – Newport News

III. Breast Cancer Awareness
   a. Planning is continuing for the 3rd annual event
   b. Date has changed to October 26, 3pm
   c. November 2 will be the rain date
   d. Auction items will be graciously accepted
   e. Kathy (2014grandmarks@gmail.com) is the event contact and is looking for volunteers for planning, game ops and associated fundraising

IV. November League
   a. Larry Rouse is coordinating the November League
   b. The order of preference for the league is:
      i. Players from the Jamestown Division
      ii. If room, prospective new players to the league/Jamestown Division
      iii. If room, players from the Yorktown Division

V. Umpires Refresher and Training Clinics
   a. Will take place as part of the WISC off season development program
   b. The clinics will include:
      i. Handling difficult plays
      ii. Proper Positioning
      iii. Live situational training

VI. Updated Weather Rules
   a. Additions have been made regarding:
      i. Excessive heat
      ii. Wind chill
      iii. Lightning
      iv. Air Quality
   b. They will appear on line for the rest of this season and will be incorporated into the Rules Manual for next year

VII. Consideration of Rule Changes
   a. Division Presidents will be contacting their division managers for rule change input
   b. All other members are encourage to provide input to their team managers

VIII. Strategic Planning Process
   a. Three strategic goals have been identified
      i. Enable and manage the growth of the WSSL in order to provide more senior opportunities
      ii. Ensure enough quality/trained volunteers to effectively support the needs of the league
      iii. Provide opportunities for players to increase their skills, knowledge and understanding of the game
   b. The intent is for:
      i. Action items to be identified by the end of the year
      ii. New BoD to react to the those items beginning in January
      iii. Then solicit input from players.

IX. Next Board Meeting October 17 at 11:30 at Brickhouse Tavern