

## **WSSL BoD Meeting - 16 March 2024**

Attendees: John S. Bill L. Wes R, Joanne W-F, Ben D., Andy J. & Steve C

The meeting began with an update and wrap-up of the 2024 WISC indoor workout program. It was agreed that this year's program was better attended than past years, with sessions being booked to capacity routinely through to the end of the program. It was discussed that an area of improvement for future years is to ensure players cannot book themselves far in advance for most every session through the entire two month program. This often resulted in other players and new rookies being unable to sign up for over-booked sessions.

Sign-ups for the 2024 season were next discussed with it noted that 147 total players had committed to date and that, with the expected returning players who had yet to pay and new players coming to the Rookie Camp, it was expected that the league would field 12 teams, 7 in Jamestown Division and 5 in Yorktown. It was noted that the projected rosters for each team was 13 players, this could increase to 14 should a surge in sign-ups occur.

The board next discussed the league FB marketing campaign with a general assessment that we had received a positive net effect in return for the cost, however, the final stats were yet to be fully analyzed.

The Board turned next to the summer break (yes vs. no) poll results and, after some discussion and debate, determined the voting to have been close enough to not provide a clear impetus to move away from the league's traditional summer break. This matter will be tabled until the next league annual meeting in early December 2024..

The Board next reviewed a number of proposals submitted by the Rules Committee for consideration to changes in the WSSL's heat index restriction policy (offered in 2023 but not adopted), approved bat policy and to codify updates to the larger strike mat adopted during the 2023 season and the clarification of the over-throw rule as well as the scorekeeper role as part of the game-day officiating crew. The Board adopted most of the proposed changes submitted by the committee, however, in the areas of bat policy and the scorekeeper role made some additional changes. These changes are in the process of final review by the Board and will be included in an updated 2024 WSSL Rules document that will replace the current 2023 version and will be available on the website prior to the umpire and scorekeeper clinics to be held in late March/early April.

The Board then discussed that the Yorktown Division will hold an in-season tournament during the week prior to the summer break,

The Board discussed the preparations for the upcoming Rookie Camp, Umpire and Scorekeeper clinics and the movement of a storage box and equipment to Kiwanis for use by the Jamestown League.

It was noted that Eggheads fundraising effort had yielded over \$600 for the Meals-on-Wheels program. Plans are being made to present these funds soon, with WISC, WSSL and MoW leadership in attendance.

It was noted that the 16th of April will mark the WSSL's 5 year mark. Discussions ongoing on how best to honor this milestone.

The Board determined the next meeting will take place at 12:30 on 18 April at Brickhouse Tavern.