

## WSSL BoD Meeting - 7 February 2024

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

Venue: Brickhouse Tavern

The meeting kicked off with a status on the off-season WISC workout program. The Board assessed the program to date as meeting the goals as envisioned and it was noted that the sessions were typically filled to capacity, with many having a short wait-list. While all agreed that full sessions were a significant positive, one downside observed was that most SME/Trainers were not getting their own workouts in as the sessions are fully booked for almost two weeks ahead - as well as SMEs typically feeling that by signing up for a session they were taking an opportunity from someone who might need it more. It was agreed that on Friday's (beginning on 9 February through 15 March) a dedicated session would be held from 10:30-11:30 to allow the SMEs to focus on their own preparation for the season. The Board discussed the potential for an additional dedicated SME session to be added on Tuesday or Wednesday if this initiative proves successful.

The next topic discussed was the survey question that would be posed to the WSSL membership regarding whether players were interested in retaining the typical standard summer break for the 2024 season, or perhaps opt to play through the summer period by playing early morning games (9:00) only. The Board approved the survey question as well as agreeing to track the results for the Jamestown and Yorktown Divisions separately.

In conjunction with the survey question being posed, it was discussed that the WSSL's current rule regarding a 90 degree heat index threshold should be reviewed by the Rules Committee to accommodate the likely scenario of this threshold being conservative for summer play. It was noted that other leagues around the country help a higher heat index threshold than the WSSL.

The ongoing Facebook marketing initiative was discussed with the Board expressing general satisfaction with the responses to date with 66 responses resulting in 13 potential new players signed up.

The following calendar events were discussed:

February 15<sup>th</sup> - WSSL at William & Mary Basketball Game – 7:00 pm

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – WSSL Event at Eggheads Diner – Gloucester.

March 15<sup>th</sup> – end of structured WISC workouts

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Rookie Camp

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Yorktown Division Draft

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Jamestown Division Draft

March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup> – Team Practices

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Jersey Reveal Party – Billsburg Brewery - 3:00 pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day Jamestown Division

April 11<sup>th</sup> – Opening Yorktown Division

The WSSL Treasurer noted that the annual audit of the WSSL's books would take place Tuesday, 13 February.

The Board next discussed the plan to schedule two Umpire Clinics as well as a Scorekeeper Clinic prior to Rookie Camp.

The Board agreed that the proceeds from the 2 March event at Eggheads would be provided to the Williamsburg Meals on Wheels chapter.

The Board determined the date of the March Director's meeting will be held on Saturday, 16 March at noon.