WSSL BoD Meeting - 16 April 2024

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

The Board kicked off the meeting by discussing the effectiveness of the field set-up and break-down process to date. It was agreed that additional work was needed to ensure that the workload would be more evenly distributed and that the home teams stepped up to take on this responsibility without fail.

It was noted that the reporting of game scores to Ben by scorekeepers immediately post-game also needed improvement.

The Board noted that all WSSL members need to be aware that there can be no use of City fields without the League sanctioning the activity and brokering same with the City. It was also noted that the City's requirement to have a current "Certificate of Insurance" had been met for 2024.

The Board next turned to the status of League sponsors, noting that the Coffeehouse seems uninterested in renewing their sponsorship. We decided to drop them from our home page. Eric Wolf's logo (Private Advisor Group) was added as a new sponsor.

The subject of field equipment and scoreboards was next discussed with nothing of note outstanding to immediately address. Hats and shirts were also discussed and it was noted that while hats were still available for rookies, providing additional shirts could take as much as two weeks to obtain with a minimum order required.

Wes announced that the second AED had arrived and upon the new arrival being successfully activated there will soon be one AED available for each WSSL field complex storage box.

It was proposed that an additional umpire/scorekeeper clinic could be useful to further augment these volunteer cadres. Steve C. advised he would contact Larry Rouse to determine if he could accommodate an additional clinic into his schedule.

The recent discussion within the Rules Committee relative to the new and larger strike mat potentially complicating the foul vs fair territory in the immediate vicinity of home plate was noted. The Board agreed there was potential for confusion on this, however, did not feel at this time it warranted a change in the wording of the rules, although it was agreed that umpires should be aware of the potential issue.

The recent Eggheads fundraiser for Meals on Wheels was discussed and it was noted that a photo of WISC, WSSL, Eggheads owner, and MoW reps was taken to provide to

the local media when the funds were presented and the League's generosity was noted by the thankful MoW staff.

The possibility of a WSSL member event at a William & Mary baseball game was proposed, it being noted that the college had offered discounted tickets to the League if interested.

Wes provided a Treasurer's Report to the Board.

Inclement weather/game status reporting was discussed with it being noted that, despite best efforts by all, there remain a number of league members who reach out directly to the Commissioner whenever field status is in question.

Per Ben's request the Board agreed to refine the team names soonest to facilitate consistency in reporting game scores and division standings.

The Board agreed on 22 May (since changed to 23 May) as the next Board meeting.