BoD Meeting Minutes - 31 July 2024

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

The meeting commenced with a discussion to finalize rule language relative to runners leaving the base early and the batter's use of the first base orange bag based on umpire's assessment of player safety during a play. Updated rules will be uploaded to the website prior to the start of the season's second half.

A supplemental shirt order is being processed with Parkway Printing to address needs for the season's second half.

The board revisited whether an umpire evaluation process would be established this season and again determined it would not. The discussion stressed the board's preferred approach to address umpire improvement via feedback vs any sort of structured punitive determination. It was agreed that this guidance would be relayed to the Umpire Committee. The board agreed that the annual league meeting in December is the appropriate venue to raise this again if anyone feels strongly about it.

The division updates were provided and player injuries and appropriate replacements were discussed. In the short-term absence of Jamestown Division President Bill L., Joanne W-F agreed to manage Jamestown Division substitute player assignments. The remainder of Jamestown presidential duties will be assumed by other board members also until further notice.

The ongoing summer break practice schedule coordinators will remain Dick H. For Jamestown and Will M. for Yorktown. It was stressed that weekly communication with the Treasurer was needed to ensure payments to the City were made correctly.

The board turned to discussing social events and decided to cancel the 11 August summer social and focus on an end of season social, date is TBD.

Playoff schedule for the divisions were discussed with the dates of 10/15 and 10/17 determined. Additional information to follow.

The Breast Cancer Awareness charity game date will be held on 10/13. Additional information to follow.

The all-star games will be held at Quarterpath Park on 10/22.

The homer derby and base-running competitions will be held on 10/24.

29 October will be date for the WSSL scrimmages at the War Memorial Stadium in Hampton.

In the previous (6/24) board meeting it was determined that there would be no November League for 2024, however, the board discussed whether league paid for practices/scrimmages would be offered to league members. At the conclusion of this discussion the board decided to take a month breather prior to ramping up for 2025 with elections and the annual meeting in December, the Christmas parade also in December, and WISC session kicking off again in January.

The board noted the date for the Christmas parade is 8 December. The current plan is to largely replicate our very successful and fun 2023 entry to include the band “Identity Crisis” rolling with us along the route.

The WSSL Treasurer provided his update to the Board and it was determined that the state of our finances is healthy.

AEDs were again discussed with the status of our second unit remaining TBD.

The the next board meeting is scheduled for 21 August.