

Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Association

March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

(Amended 3/16/20)

Call to Order: Joe Passoni, President called the meeting of the **SSSA** to order at 2:00 pm on March 12, 2020 at the Ocotillo room at MV.

Roll Call: The following persons were present: Joe Passoni, President, Jeff Stolze, Vice President, Mitch Mitchell, Treasurer, Tony Lulek, Chuck Kill, and Paul Auster, Directors. Also present were Commissioners Dennis Purcell, Tom Klein, Debbie Seguin, Ron Quarantino and Members Bob Lenihan and Bill Spevak.

Approval of Minutes from February 2020: The minutes of the last board meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report - Mitch

- Dues are continuing to come in. No major surprises, we're on track. All charges for the scoreboard have not yet been received. Jeff moved to accept the report, Chuck 2nd, all approved.

Director's Reports

- **CTS - Jeff** proposed and we discussed the new Ranking process, New Player Evaluation process and Skill Development program (to be run by Peter Romeo). See attachment 1 for more detail. Mitch moved we adopt the new processes, Tony 2nd, all approved.
- **Sidewinder Safety Issue – Dennis** discussed the potential issue of Senior (hot) bats being used in the Sidewinder League. It was proposed that in the Sidewinder league, only female players would be allowed to use Senior (hot) bats. Tony Moved, Jeff 2nd. Motion was voted down by a 2-For, 4-Against vote.
- **Sponsorship Update – Tim's** report was reviewed. Paul and Tony will follow-up with Tim regarding roles & responsibilities, records & reports.

Old Business

- **Misters – Ken C** reported that 1st base dugout & bleacher misters will be completely operational this weekend. To complete 3rd base dugout misters would require roughly \$170. Tony moved that we approve the expense, Jeff 2nd, all approved.
- **Tractor Purchase** – Tabled pending a specific recommendation.
- **New Player Update** – After discussion, it was agreed that our Bylaw regarding New Player residency requirements needs to be updated. Discussion included grandfathering current players and adhering to HOA2's requirements of 75% resident 25% outside membership from designated external boundaries. Bob offered some history regarding accepting players from outside SaddleBrooke. Jeff will present a recommendation at our next meeting. Joe further proposed a freeze on accepting new players outside of HOA 1 & 2 until the new Bylaw is approved. Tony Moved, Mitch 2nd, all approved.

New Business

- **Wall of Honor – Jeff & Bill** discussed the nominee process and recommended that the class of 2020 include 8 Volunteer Contributors and 5 Players be added. Chuck so moved, Tony 2nd, all approved.
- **Membership Boundaries** – Discussion was covered along with Joe's New Player Update (above).
- **Donation to Pickleball** – Mitch proposed that SSSA as a good neighbor make a \$250 donation to SPA's Capital Expense drive. Mitch moved, Joe 2nd, voted down with a 2-For, 4-Against vote.
- **Financial Review Committee for 2019** – Mitch will Chair, Chuck will be a member. Mitch & Chuck will be responsible for recruiting 3 SSSA members to join.
- **Update Emergency Contact** – no discussion due to time constraints
- **Update St. Patrick's Day Tournament** – Players & volunteers have been recruited and are in place for another great event.

- **Countdown Clock** – Mitch will do further research and present a recommendation.
- **Phantom 2nd Base** – It was recommended that Chalk Lines be drawn at 2nd base to assist runners Umpires in identifying the Phantom base target areas.
- **The Rules Committee made 5 recommendations:**
 - 1) Courtesy Runner – If a player who has been designated as needing a courtesy runner gets on base, the player before them in the batting order who is not on base at the time will be the courtesy runner. If that player is on base, then the next player before them will be the courtesy runner. Jeff moved, Tony 2nd, all approved.
 - 2) Replacement Player Policy – Current rule and possible revision was discussed. This recommendation was tables to be re-visited by the Rules Committee.
 - 3) After discussion of a reported incident, a motion was introduced that a player get suspended from all league play for 2 weeks effective immediately. Paul moved, Mitch 2nd, all approved.
 - 4) SSSA Approved Uniform Shirts – Discussion was tabled until Jan 2021.
 - 5) SSSA Approved Hats/Visors – Rules Committee will re-visit current rule and present a recommendation.

Q&A/Discussion

- Paul is looking into Insurance with HOA2.

Adjournment:

President Joe Passoni adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm

Minutes submitted by Tony Lulek

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Attachment 1

Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Association
CTS Player Evaluation
March 10, 2020

Player Ranking Process:

The CTS will complete a player ranking process to assign players to teams in each league following the player sign up process each season. The CTS is responsible for exercising informed judgement regarding the ranking of players and assignment to teams in order to achieve competitive balance for teams in each league and to promote safety for players in all leagues.

1. A player sign-up process will be completed for each league / day of the week prior to each season.
2. The CTS / League Commissioner for each league / day receives a listing of players that signed up to play, and ranks the players into an A Group (top players signing up), a B Group (the next best level of players signing up) and a C Group (the remaining players signing up). The number of players in each group will depend upon the judgment of the CTS Commissioner for each league / day based on the number of players signing up, relative to the overall abilities (hitting, running and defense) of players signing up compared to the other players on the list, and the number of players needed to form the teams needed for the up coming season.
3. The CTS / League Commissioner will then assign players to teams such that each team will have a proportionate number of A, B and C level players.
4. The entire CTS will then meet, review, discuss and modify if needed, the team rosters established by each CTS / League Commissioner. Once completed, the rosters are finalized and communicated to the various team managers in each league.
5. Player safety is the first priority of the CTS. As such, the CTS may, at any time, remove a player from a league and reassign to a lower level of play league if the player poses an unacceptable health or safety risk to himself / herself or to other players.

Evaluating New Player Members:

New player / members must have completed all waivers and player application / information forms and paid the annual member dues before any new player evaluation is initiated.

1. As new players join SSSA and are ready to play, the New Member Committee (Jim & Rick) will schedule a new player evaluation session and arrange for 2 – 3 members of the CTS to facilitate and evaluate the new player(s) on the field to determine the appropriate level of play for each.
2. Once the appropriate level of play, (Rec League, Community League, Sidewinder League, Coyote League or Competitive League), has been determined, the CTS Commissioner for the appropriate league will be notified to evaluate the availability of team roster vacancies for player placement. If there are no roster vacancies in the league assigned to, the new player will be offered to serve as a substitute player until a vacancy becomes available.
3. Once a new season is scheduled, the new player may sign up for leagues / days and be ranked and placed on team rosters on the same basis as all other players.

Player Skill Development:

The Player Development Committee (Peter & team) will schedule and conduct various skill building clinics throughout the year to help members at all levels learn, practice and develop their softball skills. The skills clinics will focus on learning fundamentals and skill development for outfielders, infielders, pitchers and hitting. Players at all levels can enhance their skills playing positions they already play or learn to play a new position.