

## Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Association

### May 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** Joe Passoni, President called the meeting of the **SSSA** to order at 2:00 pm on May 7, 2020.

**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 Mark Hojnacki, Dennis Purcell, Tom Klein, Debbie Seguin, Ron Quarantino. Present were also several SSSA members.

#### **Treasurers Report - Mitch**

- Dues are continuing to come in. No major surprises. Expenses include New Clock, Scoreboard repair, Misters and new retaining wall. April had a net loss of about \$1,600 and the total cash balance at the end of April was around \$35,000. April Financial Statements were unanimously approved.

- **Summer Season** - It was agreed that Summer Season would begin as soon as we receive approval from HOA 2 Board of Directors. The Summer season will probably run from around June 1-15 to mid September. Joe, Jeff and Chuck met with a representative of the Board to discuss recommendations for modifications of play due to Covid-19. We expect to hear a response from them in 7-10 days. George will be doing signups for the Summer Season in about 7-10 days.

- **Sponsorship Update** – Due to the lack of games and fans, the Board agreed to extend the 2019-2020 billing period to 14 months with no additional charge. New billing period will begin 9.1.20.

#### **Old Business**

- **Misters** – The dugout & bleacher misters have been completed and the cubby holes have been installed in the visitors dugout.

- **2019 Financial Review Committee**– The Financial Review of the 2019 Financial Statements are on hold.

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#### **New Business**

- **Licensing Agreement** – HOA 2 has requested the all HOA Clubs negotiate and sign a new Licensing Agreement with HOA 2. Joe will negotiate this with HOA 2.

- **The Rules Committee:** – The Courtesy Runner rule will be in effect for the Summer Season on a test basis. It will be evaluated in September to see if it will continue into the Fall season. The Long-Term sub rule will be eliminated, and all subs will be handled by the League Commissioners.

- 1) Courtesy Runner Rule – 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.

SSSA Approved Hats/Visors – The wearing of hats and visors are optional, but only approved hats and visors can be worn. For safety reasons, protection may be worn to protect the player from the sun.

Board discussed the current uniforms. It was decided to table any decision until the Fall.

Peter has developed a SSSA Practice Plan by League after HOA 2 approves opening the Ball Field. We will need of Volunteers to assist Peter.

Board discussed previous Executive session decision that the only changes we made to the CTS guidelines and the SSSA Rules of Play were that if any player qualified to play in a given league is asked to move to a lower level league without their consent, the Board, and not a League Commissioner or CTS, would need to approve that decision. The priority of the Board is to have as many teams as possible and when needed, to move players up not down.

#### **Q&A/Discussion**

- Paul discussed who is insuring the SSSA assets with HOA 2. It sounds like HOA 2 is not insuring SSSA assets. Paul will look into Insurance issues with HOA2 further.

#### **Adjournment:**

President Joe Passoni adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm

Minutes submitted by Chuck Kill, March 9, 2020

## 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.

