



## Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Board Meeting

### Call to Order

Joe Passoni, President called the meeting of the **SSSA** to order at 2:30 pm on April 13, 2021 at the softball field.

### Roll Call:

The following persons were present:

Joe Passoni - President, Tony Lulek - Vice-President, George Corrick - Treasurer, Directors: Ed Cussick, , Chuck Kill, Dave Fortis and Steve Pede.

Guests present were John Reingruber and Dennis Marchand.

### Approval of Minutes from March 2021

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved.

### Treasurers Report - George

- Major expense in March was the Recognition Awards. They represented over 60% of the deficit. There seems to be downward trend in the collected refreshment monies as opposed to expenses. This will be addressed in a plea to the membership. The report was approved as presented.

### Old Business

- **Sponsorships** – As a result of the Covid delayed billings, no revenue should be realized until the fall.
- **Field Maintenance** – Looking at bidding for Verti-cutting and fertilizing the outfield. Looking to staff daily afternoon watering crews for the infield. Tractor maintenance will be done by the dealer we purchased from. The cost of blade sharpening on the mower was discussed and it was brought up that the life span of a sharpening is enhanced by the mowing pattern avoiding have the blades lowered when turning on the soil foul areas. Mower volunteer education will be adjusted. The new batter's box mat is in transit and will be installed during the Winter-Spring season break along with the adjustments to the base anchors.
- **CTS** – As a result of the very successful Pitcher Clinic, new pitchers are beginning to appear in leagues. All managers and players are encouraged to support them and be patient with their growing into this very difficult position. The

CTS Board will participate in approving League managers. CTS Commissioners should not be Managers in their respective leagues.

### **New Business**

- **Labor Day Tournament** – The Board is considering a Labor Day Tournament. This would be done with HOA2 approval and strict adherence to any local or county Covid restrictions necessary to achieve approval. More thought is required as we move closer to the September date.
  
- **Rules of Play** – A re-write of the SSSA Rules of Play document was reviewed with the following actions being taken. Discussion was generated on the structure of the document, specifically - redundant pages, table of contents, the inclusion of document links, etc. Topics of discussion generating were: Handling of cancellations as a result of Inclement Weather, sliding game start times, use of competitive bats outside competitive league, use of better skilled players in the Sidewinder league. In depth discussion centered on a number of rule recommendations and some highlights follow.
  - **Liability Forms** - a review of the liability waiver forms will be made with a potential outcome to combine the two forms.
  - **Recreation League Courtesy Runner Rule** – Runner will be positioned on a mark near home plate as agreed to by managers and umpires. No permanent marker will be added.
  - **Five Run Limit Rule** – is amended to institute language to control the length of “open innings”. A form of the “flip” procedure will be exercised.

The rules were reviewed, discussed and revised where appropriate. They were accepted as revised and rather than presenting content here, it is strongly recommended that every player review the new Rules of Play when they are published to the SSSA website.

### **Adjournment:**

President Joe Passoni adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Ed Cussick

April 15, 2021