

## Washington County Senior Softball League

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2019, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hagerstown, Maryland

Officers present: President Theresa Emery, Secretary Tim Doyle, and Treasurer Cheryl Gouker. Members present: Webmaster Jeff Bean, Tom Hyme, Randy Wilkinson, Craig Metz, Bob Thomas, Ron Bennett, Dan Elgin, Ron Miller, Larry Hastings, John Rowe, Jim Flick, Donnie Helman, Randy Moffett, Rodney C. Knable, Brian McKenzie, Marvin Oliver, Bill Peterson, Frank Hood, Frank Emery, Newton Breese, Denny McCoy, Tony Ayton, Rick Nicarry, Jim Taylor, Ken Oyler III, Marty Reichert, Terry McLeod, Rick Rau, and Lynn Reedy.

President Theresa Emery brought the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Tim Doyle read the minutes of the Feb. 18 organizational meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cheryl Gouker reported that the league has a checking account balance of \$6,233 and a savings account balance of \$5,535.

Cheryl also reported that the league has received 43 paid player registrations. The league expects to receive the bulk of its \$50 player registrations closer to its April 4 registration deadline. She noted that seven 14-player teams were fielded last year.

Cheryl said Funkstown Tavern is expected to become a team sponsor soon. Sponsors who have already paid their \$400 fee are the Centers for Advanced Orthopedics', Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and Atlantic Foot and Ankle Specialists. Miracle-Ear Hearing Aid Center and Visiting Angels Senior Care are expected to become team sponsors

Theresa thanked Jimmy (J.T.) Taylor for organizing the league's January Bonanza fundraiser. He was unable to attend the league's February meeting. Theresa also thanked Webmaster Jeff Bean for his work highlighting the player registration forms and deadline on the league website (wcssl.com).

## OLD BUSINESS

**Rules and Regulations:** A motion made by Ken Oyler and seconded by J.T., resulted in a unanimous voice vote to approve the new 2019 Revised Rules and Regulations.

Theresa reported that this year's six team managers have received printed copies of the four-page Rules and Regulations document.

An extended discussion involved the substitute runners wording in Rule Number 7 of the "Base Runners" section. Theresa called attention to new Rule Number 3 in the "Pitched Balls" section of the Rules and Regulations. She read the new rule aloud:

"If the batter, before a female batter, or batter identified as needing a substitute runner (per Base Runner Rule #7), is walked, the female or batter requiring a substitute runner, will have the option to bat or proceed to 1st base."

Tom Hyme added that bat certification committee chairman Jim Nelson will not approve any WCSSL bats that do not have an Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) logo seal on them.

**Deadline and Dates:** The league's 6 p.m. open practices will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at Hagerstown City Park beginning April 1. Theresa reminded everyone of the April 4 player registration deadline. Teams are to be drafted on April 24. Pictures of all registered players are to be available for the April 24 team draft.

Uniform shirts and hats should be available by May 13. The 2019 season games begin Monday, May 13. The WCSSL summer picnic is scheduled for July 13 at Byron Memorial Park in Williamsport, Md.

**Storage Unit:** Terry McLeod confirmed that D.M. Bowman Inc. trucking company will provide the league with a large metal storage pod unit for \$10 per month. The Bowman storage pod is to be placed in the Hagerstown City Park maintenance area.

Terry said that the league's mid-size Kubota field maintenance tractor provided by Antietam Tractor and Equipment Co. will fit easily in the storage pod. Theresa said she will contact City Park officials to make final arrangements for the placement of the storage pod.

## NEW BUSINESS

**V.P. Vacancy:** Theresa encouraged league members to contact her if they are interested in filling the vice president vacancy created by the recent resignation of Craig Metz.

**Team Draft Question:** Rodney (Pork) Knable asked about how two brothers are to be drafted by a team that is managed by one of the brothers. This situation can also involve fathers and sons or husbands and wives.

Tom Hyme explained that the player draft can get complicated or controversial when a manager or assistant manager is part of a co-drafted pair. The situation can become especially awkward if the pair's younger or stronger player is not drafted first in an early round, Tom said.

Bob Thomas pointed out that the Chambersburg senior softball league assesses its players through a player-strength ranking system not an age-based system. It was recommended that managers "be reasonable" and draft the younger or stronger player early in the first rounds to control any related draft night issues.

**Work Day March 30:** Theresa encouraged all WCSSL members to attend this year's field maintenance work day beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at the two softball fields in Hagerstown City Park.

Ken Oyler plans to be on hand with a skid loader and other earth moving equipment to help correct storm water drainage problems. Work day participants are encouraged to bring any equipment that will help prepare the playing field areas for the 2019 season. Plans for new smoother crushed stone infield surfaces are to be activated after the storm water drainage issues are resolved.

Bob Thomas suggested spraying to eliminate the hemlock plants near the third base side of the City Park back field. "Hemlock is much worse than poison ivy," Bob said.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Doyle

March 16, 2019