

WOODBRIIDGE SENIOR SOFTBALL COUNCIL

General Meeting

Minutes January 24, 2023 @4:00PM

Call to Order: President, Keith Loudermilk, called to order the general meeting of the Woodbridge Senior Softball Council at 4:03 pm.

Roll Call: The following Council Members were in attendance: Keith Loudermilk, Polly Smith, Rick Bachman, Mary Long, Laurie Stillmaker, Sue Edmiston, Ray Rothbardt, Bob Collister, Mark Victoria & John Cawley. Absent: Art Hogan & Ron Bordi. Also in attendance: Parliamentarian Roger Gibson.

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Procedures: Roger Gibson- Roger read the parliamentary procedures that limit 10 minutes to a single report, 15 minutes if the report has action; motion to be in effect for the 2023 council year. Changes to the allotted times may be made as needed with the vote of the council.

Approval of the Agenda with approval for the President deviate: Keith made the motion to approve the agenda and for permission to go out of order. John Cawley seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: No old business

President – Keith Loudermilk – Keith announced that Bob Collister will be responsible for WSSC's communications to the Woodbridge community, including the monthly Woodbridge Life article and the club website. He will be working with Dave Steffy on the website along with the secretary. We have 2 dates for the End-Of Year Season Banquet, October 7th, and October 21st at 5:00pm. Once the dates for the Huntsman Games are established, we will confirm the banquet date so everyone will have the opportunity to attend.

Vice President- Art Hogan with Keith reporting– Art is working with Mary Long on the sponsor committee. Sponsors will also be recognized at the end of WSSC's Newsletter articles. They hope to increase the sponsorship this year. Redi Mark will make the WSSC banner listing sponsors again this year.

Secretary – Polly Smith – registrations that have been received so far are: 31 Silver Sluggers, 22 Diamond Gals, and 7 volunteers. There are people that volunteer for more than one position as well.

Treasurer – Rick Bachman – Presented the 2023 Budget and read the motion "Approval of 2023 WSSC Annual Budget" see attached. Rick reviewed the 2023 Budget compared to the actual 2022 expenses. There was discussion of the 2023 budget with the 2022 budget comparison. The committee was exploring other ideas to better manage our expenses/income. A suggestion to

increase the attendance at the annual End-Of-Year Banquet was to hold 2 dates in October to ensure more players were able to attend and not interfere with tournament play. More Snack Shack advertising by publishing the menu and continuing to remind community of times they are open. Open the Snack Shack when we play co-ed games from outside our community. It was suggested that they serve healthier choices too. **After further discussion the 2023 budget was approved unanimously.**

Field Maintenance Manager – Mark Victoria -- reported the field is in good shape. Met with James (maintenance) to discuss WOA and WSSC's field responsible. The field will be plugged in the first part of March. Everyone is glad GP Landscaping has returned to take care of the field. Mark discussed the situation of the breaking pipes and he concluded that they were repaired incorrectly, and he feels this landscape company will be better. Rick suggested installing a small relief valve to help with the pressure. Mark & James will investigate it further.

Operations Manager – Sue Edmiston – 5 plum trees have been removed adjacent to the softball building structures which impact the sun & heat during the summer. Sue asked if the WOA would pay for additional shade, for example a pop up of some sort? Connie Reed has volunteered to run the Snack Shack again this year. Free lunch tickets will be a part of the Snack Shack advertising. Geri Lewis, the Events Coordinator, will send out a notice to the community of the times that games are played and menu items more often. All the written information will be updated prior to opening day. The booth needs gently used chairs for the volunteers to use during the game.

Head Umpire – John Cawley – The rules committee will meet in mid-February to discuss potential rule changes, i.e., enforce the run through rule at first base to avoid collision; pitchers fielding the ball when using the net; and the infield fly rule. They will also discuss the time limit for games when playing co-ed games due to playing later when it can be hotter. Some of the games ran long last year and the players had to deal with the heat. John is Chairman of the SS Playing Rules Committee along with Silver Sluggers General Representative Ray Rothbardt and Player Representative Bob Collister. John mentioned offering Joe Victoria an opportunity to serve on this committee.

Diamond Gals General Representative – Mary Long – the coaches met in January and discussed the 2023 budget. The DGals will order the red shirts for the teams this year and the blue shirts next year. She will also order new balls for this season. Sandlot will start on February 6th from 9-10:30 for both returning players and new players. The General Informational meeting for the DGals will be on February 23rd in the Clubhouse at 6:00.

Keith announced that the Annual Membership Meeting will be held on March 29th at 6:00pm. Opening Day for Softball will be April 1st. Mary will oversee Opening Day celebrations again this year.

Diamond Gals Player Representative – Laurie Stillmaker – The DGals pitchers will change the pitch to have more of an arc to it. Umpires will have to look at the mat more when calling balls & strikes. The height on these pitches will have a 6–10-foot limit. There will be more co-ed games this year. She will be contacting the City of Manteca to set up a rematch of last year's game. Having a co-ed game when the tournament players are away does not work due to the absence of so many players. Laurie is going to try to have a co-ed game once a month, starting in April.

Silver Sluggers General Representative – Ray Rothbardt - Sandlot starts Wednesday, February 8th from 10:30 to 12:00 and will take place every Wednesday and Saturday throughout February. All players interested in playing Sandlot need to register and sign waiver. These forms are available at the front desk. This is an opportunity for continuing players to work on their skills and for new players to experience what Silver Sluggers softball is all about. (Flyer attached) New players are required to attend 2 Sandlot sessions for the coaches to make up the teams.

By-laws approved by the WOA Board on October 19th after the Membership approved on Sept. 7th, 2022. The By-laws were approved by all entities, and signatures are now required from all parties. The changes were small however the process is slow.

Silver Sluggers Player Representative – Bob Collister is taking Keith Loudermilk's place after 4 years as the WSSC Communication Representative. Dave Steffy is responsible for updating the website. All communication will now be submitted to Bob Collister and cc to both Dave Steffy and Keith Loudermilk. Bob passed out an update of these responsibilities. When submitting correspondence be sure to include the date in all communication. Bob will be responsible for the Woodbridge Life monthly articles. One of the upcoming articles will include budget information, and a big emphasis on using the Snack Shack. We will promote the Snack Shack more this year with flyers on the activities board in the clubhouse and advance notices of the food items on the menu. BBQ will be open on Fridays and will be evaluated to determine if we continue.

Tournament Teams Representative – Ron Bordi – Ron was not present but sent in his report, which was read by John Cawley.]

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- 2023 NCSSA Tournament Schedule was posted 1/18/23.
- The Wildcats & Renegades will start working on their schedule.
- The master tournament schedule should be completed Mid-February.
- I have asked Bob for a Wolverines tournament information to add to the master list. Haven't gotten any feedback yet.
- We will have 3 teams for 2023: Wildcat 70's, Wolverines 65's and Renegades 60's.

New Business – 2023 Opening Day celebrations will be held on April 1st. Mary will set up the committee for this event.

Announcements -The next meeting is scheduled for February 21st, @ 4:00 (3rd Tuesday of the month)

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,
WSSC Secretary

Polly Smith

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