

WOODBIDGE SENIOR SOFTBALL COUNCIL

General Meeting

Minutes April 18th, 2023 @4:00PM

Call to Order: President, Keith Loudermilk, called to order the general meeting of the Woodbridge Senior Softball Council at 4:02pm.

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

Welcome & Announcements- Keith Loudermilk- "All Council Members and Committee Chairs need to report to the Council about their activity throughout the year. Oral reports are expected at each meeting unless there is **ACTION** on the report, which then requires the report to be written duplicated and distributed to those in attendance at the meeting is not sent electronically prior to the meeting."

Quorum: A quorum **was not** established.

Procedures: - Keith Loudermilk read the parliamentary procedures as stated in Roger's absence.

Approval of the Agenda with approval for the President deviate: Keith stated that we do not have a quorum and will not deviate from the agenda order.

Old Business: No Old Business.

President – Keith Loudermilk – Keith announced that the End-of-Season Banquet will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on Friday, October 20th from 5-9pm. The Huntsman's tournament should be over by October 20th.

Vice President- Art Hogan– Nothing to report.

Secretary – Polly Smith – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Rick Bachman – The bank statement will come to Rick in 4 days, and he will send his normal report to the Council. Currently there is a balance of \$9,050.84.

Field Maintenance Manager – Mark Victoria -The Outfield is hard now, even with all the rain. There are issues with the sprinkler system. Delta Blue Grass is scheduled to roll & plug the area. There will not be any changes made to the practice schedule. All 5 Silver Sluggers teams are practicing every week as well as the Diamond Gals. Monday is a heavy practice day starting at 9:00 and ending at 4:00. The Diamond Gals will continue to practice on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoon.

Operation Manager – Sue Edmiston Connie Reed reported for the Snack Shacks in Sue's absence. The sales for Opening Day were \$1,030.00. Sales were 25% higher than last year's Opening Day. Expenses were \$1,177.58, a little high due to stocking supplies for the season. The Snack Shack sold 225 Hot Dogs & chips and Root Beer Floats and ran out of both ice cream & chips. Connie suggested that next year we start giving out free coffee & donuts at 8:00am so the people that are participating in the ceremony have time to get their free donut & coffee. Dave Reed indicated that he would turn in expenses to Rick every 2 weeks. Connie gave an overview of how many hours goes into running the Snack Shack. She would like to be present at the Council meetings & get information firsthand. Keith suggested she discuss this with Sue. There was discussion on communications regarding the menu & prices at the Snack Shack. Keith said we appreciated the hard work & hours that are needed to run the Snack Shack. At one time the Snack Shack Manager had a position on the Council, but the Snack Shack was added to the Score Booth under the Operations Manager Council position. This was changed in the 2019 Bylaws. Operation Manager, Sue Edmiston, is responsible for the Snack Shack & the Booth.

Polly made Sue's report for the Booth: "May's schedule is being completed. Opening Day went well in the Booth".

Head Umpire – John Cawley – Bob Callister contacted John and asked him to write an article for the Woodbridge Life for May. The article has been submitted by the April 15th deadline. Opening Day was terrific. The games were competitive & fun for both the Silver Sluggers and the Diamond Gals. The new rules don't seem to be a problem for anyone. All bases were covered by the Umpires. The umpire rotation schedule will be out in the next 2 weeks.

Diamond Gals General Representative – Mary Long – Agreed that the Diamond Gals played well with the new rules and had fun playing. The pitchers have been practicing the new arc and they did great. All the players showed good sportsmanship and supported each other during the game.

Opening Day Committee Report: Mary thanked the committee members Polly Smith, Nancy Behney, Laurie Stillmaker, & Sue Edmiston. Our budget was \$300, and we spent \$123.67 and \$20.96 was donated by committee members. We had a large turnout. It looked like the Crafters and Snack Shack did very well. Donuts were a big hit as usual. All the games were exciting & the fans were having a great time. Mary said she spoke to a few fans, and this was their first experience being at Opening Day & they will be coming back. An Opening Day article will be in the June Woodbridge Life.

Diamond Gals Player Representative – Laurie Stillmaker – Agreed with Mary regarding the Diamond Gals games.

Co-Ed Report – The first Co-ed game will be Friday April 21st. She has 22 people playing in this first co-ed game. Of the 29 men & 20 women who have signed up to play co-ed; 16 men and 6 women are available for the first game. Mary Long & Bob Collister will be the coaches. The Umpires are fully staffed.

Silver Sluggers General Representative – Ray Rothbardt – Coaches met early in April to even out teams due to injury. After much discussion the coaches decided to leave the teams as originally assigned. All the games on Opening Day were close. Ray asked if we had defibrillators on the field. Both field restrooms have defibrillators inside the door. The key is to get the defibrillators quickly.

Silver Sluggers Player Representative – Bob Collister – Absent. Nothing to report.

Tournament Teams Representative – Ron Bordi – Absent. Nothing to report.

New Business: Rick Bachman suggested that we have a tribute to the volunteers. He wanted to know if we have ever had anything to show our appreciation to them. Possibly having something for them at the End-of-Season Banquet. We have had the volunteers stand up as acknowledgement in the past. An article about the volunteers for the Newsletter was suggested.

Mark Victoria had concerns about the Diamond Gals' pitchers not having chest protectors when pitching. The pitchers are required to wear a face mask but not required to wear a chest protector. Mary and Laurie will discuss this with the coaches and come up with a plan.

Announcements - The next WSSC Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, @ 4:00pm (3rd Tuesday of the month) in the Clubhouse Oxford Room

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm

Respectfully Submitted,
WSSC Secretary

Polly Smith