

WOODBIDGE SENIOR SOFTBALL COUNCIL

General Meeting

January 21, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

Call to Order: President, Art Hogan, called to order the general meeting of the Woodbridge Senior Softball Council at 4:04 pm.

Roll Call: The following Council Members were in attendance: Art Hogan, John Munoz, Melba Starr, Sue Edmiston, Frances Ramos, Jim Anderson, Laurie Stillmaker, Ray Rothbardt, John Cawley, Mike Gard, and Tom Hower. Absent: Rosendo Verduzco and Kay Kion. Also in attendance was Linda Pace, and Polly Smith.

Welcome & Announcements- Art Hogan - "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 if not sent electronically prior to the meeting."

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Procedures Parliamentarian: Rosendo was absent and Art read the procedures that limit 10 minutes to a single report, 15 minutes if the report has action; motion to be in effect for the 2024 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 to deviate: Art made the motion to approve the agenda and permission to go out of order. Ray Rothbardt seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements – President- Art Hogan – The President or designee for the Woodbridge Senior Softball Club (WSSC) is the only official spokesperson to position matters. All official correspondence should be copied and mailed (including email) to the President and Vice President.

Old Business: None

Council Member Reports:

President - Art Hogan – Softball equipment will remain in the electric room and the items will be reviewed and organized this week.

Vice President – John Munoz – John presented donations from several businesses totaling \$2,700. The business names will be placed on the poster which is hung at each dugout at each game.

Secretary - Melba Starr – As of today, the following number of applications have been received; 84 WSSC members, 33 Diamond Gals, 35 Silver Sluggers, 12 Umpires, 12 Snack Shack, 3 BBQers, 16 Booth and 2 Field Maintenance.

Treasurer – Frances Ramos – The balance as of today is \$18,378.12. The status regarding WSSC's bank account with Chase Bank was reported and issues with the account. A motion was presented to the WSSC Council to close the WSSC bank account at Chase Bank and open a new Association bank account of the WOA for the WSSC Charter Club at Valley Strong Credit Union. The following WSSC Council positions are authorized to sign on the account: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Operation Manager. Currently, the individuals holding those positions are Art Hogan-President, John Munoz-Vice President, Frances Ramos-Treasurer and Sue Edmiston-Operations Manager. The motion was seconded by Laurie Stillmaker. The Council voted unanimously approving the motion.

In addition, a motion was presented to the WSSC Council to approve the 2025 WSSC Budget. The motion was seconded by Jim Anderson. The Council voted unanimously approving the motion.

Field Maintenance Manager – Mike Gard – The field is in good shape. Softball teams are utilizing the field for practice. Vendor will be rolling and leveling the field.

Operation Manager – Sue Edmiston – Volunteers are needed for the Snack Shack and BBQ. John Munoz will be attending coaches meeting to recruit BBQ volunteers. The menu and duties of the Snack Shack will be reviewed and reorganized. The credit card option at the Snack Shack may be discontinued. Snack Shack and Booth operations are being reviewed and changing who they report to.

Head Umpire - Jim Anderson – Jim presented to the Council the following five new WSSC Silver Slugger rules that were approved by the Rules Committee and required to be voted on by the Council.

- 1) A pool player will only be able to advance as far as a double on any of their hits. If a pool player touches third base, they will be declared out. Approved unanimously by the Council.
- 2) All games will be played seven innings with every batter starting with a one and one count. Approved unanimously by the Council.
- 3) Buck Short must start 25' behind the end of dirt on the infield. They can come in, to field a ball, after the batter makes contact. A second line will be made in the outfield for this. This will be called the Buck Short Line. Approved unanimously by the Council.
- 4) When a team only fields ten players, one outfielder will be allowed to move inside the 170' line. That fielder must stay behind the Buck Short Line until the batter makes contact. Approved unanimously by the Council.
- 5) Pool players cannot be used as courtesy runners. Approved unanimously by the Council.

Diamond Gals General Representative – Laurie Stillmaker – Diamond Gals have several new players, practice is on Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 pm, there are more pitchers this year and ordered new softballs by Champro. New Chairman for the Co-Ed team is being recruited.

Diamond Gals Player Representative - Kay Kion – Absent.

Silver Sluggers General Representative - Ray Rothbardt – 2025 WSSC registration has begun and ends February 15th. New softballs were purchased for 2025 softball season. Sandlot softball will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays starting February 5th at 10:00 am. Players must have signed the Liability Waiver document to play and Diamond Gals will be welcome to join. A motion was presented to the Council to purchase hats for all Silver Sluggers players in the amount not to exceed \$700. The motion was seconded by John Munoz. The motion was unanimously disapproved by the Council.

Silver Sluggers Players Representative - John Cawley – John volunteered to research the replacement of homeplate mats.

Tournament Teams Representative – Tom Hower – Tom is recruiting players for the Wildcat softball team.

Committee Reports:

Banquet Committee – Julie Verduzco, Chairperson, was absent and Melba Starr reported for her that the 2025 WSSC Banquet will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025.

New Business: Postponing Opening Day from the first Saturday in April to the second Saturday in April. New committee created to change the By Laws. Art Hogan will serve as Chairman and the committee members will consist of John Cawley, Polly Smith, and Linda Pace.

Announcement – The next WSSC Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse in the Oxford Room.

Adjournment –Art Hogan adjourned the meeting at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Starr
WSSC Secretary