

WOOD RIVER BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
Minutes of General Membership Meeting – May 12, 2021

Board Present: Bart Curd, Abbi Lukkasson, Brad Golub, Julie Flolo, Dustin Stone, Mike McKenna, Chris Carden and Shelly Shoemaker

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Founder's Field bleachers.

Motion to approve April meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Allstars – Dustin Stone reported that he has four teams with approximately 13 players on each team. They are registered for all their tournaments (Jerome; Stevensville, MT; Filer; Blackfoot; Nelson and Malad).

Nelson Tournament – Mike/Dustin reported they moved the home tournament to July 15-17. There was discussion about lodging and camping options for participants and visitors. BCSD has communicated to Bart that there is no camping on school grounds this year. It was mentioned by an attendee that if parents have comments regarding BCSD restrictions, they should communicate with BCSD by emailing the school board directly.

Softball – Ashley/Julie reported they have four teams all set up for tournaments and the 10u team set up to play some local league games. The Wood River Mountain Classic home tournament is the week after the Nelson Tournament on July 23-24.

Legion – Bart (on behalf of Keith Potter) reported that the schedules for Legion are set for three teams (Wranglers, Spurs and Gauchos) with maximum of 15 players per team. Due to the extra turnout of players at the evaluations that had not registered, a possible fourth team is under consideration.

All Legion player fees and papers are due by June 1, before any games are played.

Fundraising – Our annual golf fundraiser is tentatively planned for first week of October. Hole sponsorships are already available.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion about the future vision of Wood River Baseball and the goal of increasing numbers through development teams with consistent and proper coaching. BCRD is receptive to coordinating with WRBSA for their kids to continue playing after their BCRD season ends. Bart and Chris are working to organize a new Summer League play for kids ages 9-12 through the summer. More details to come.

Coach Carden talked about his goal is to start with the young players to teach them the basic skills of throwing, catching and batting because it is a process. Baseball is not the easiest sport. In his time here, he has already seen great growth and he will do everything he can to help every coach and player. The game of baseball should teach respect, dignity and grace and every player should be encouraged and

know when they are doing well. Coach Carden has a lot of experience as a coaching counselor and trainer and is available to anyone interested in coaching.

The meeting was turned over to questions from the attendees. There was brief discussion about the visibility of WRBSA and communication methods. It was noted that the WRBSA website has all the schedules and information about all our programs updated almost daily. In addition, we have developed email contact lists for all divisions (Allstar, Softball and Legion) to effectively communicate with parents about WRBSA programs. There is also a Google Calendar with all the scheduled events.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Shoemaker
WRBSA Secretary