SWBA Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Director Joy de Beyer at 10:05 am. Board members in attendance: Kris Shelly, Aurora Brown, Nancy Bruce, Diane Koczur, Denise Clark and Lynn Bloom. Also present: Carol Whaley and Di Meredith. Not present: Evette Callahan, Marge Carl.

1. Minutes: Denise moved to approve the June 6, 2021 Minutes. Unanimously approved.
2. Celebration of Susanne: Following discussion, the SWBA Holiday Party date is moved to December 4, 2021 to coincide with a one-year memorial celebration of life for Susanne. Carol and Di will form a planning committee. Di plans to contact Susanne’s sons for input. Joy will solicit additional committee members and celebration ideas from the membership. Carol will work with Di and report back at the October 17 Board meeting.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Joy reported on the SWBA Treasurer’s Report, attached and incorporated herein. Following discussion of the report, Joy noted the small amount of interest returned on savings of approximately $35,000, and will investigate the possible purchase of accessible CDs for a higher rate of return. Joy moved to retroactively approve the cost of electronic whistles, a ball pump, increased cost of SWBA ballcaps, and the future cost of two NCAA approved game balls. Unanimously approved. Aurora noted that the Wilson website offers personalized balls. Kris moved / Diane seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Unanimously approved.
4. Board Vacancies: Joy suggested recruitment of new Board members. SWBA bylaws allow for filling of vacant positions by majority vote of the Board. Positions to be filled: Membership and Treasurer. Diane will assume responsibility for the website. Joy will send out an email request for applicants, including a synopsis of the position requirements. Members may submit their name and background if interested.
5. Mask policy for non-players: Non-player spectators: anyone over the age of 12 must be vaccinated or must leave; children under 12 must be masked. Unanimously approved.
6. Covid Advisory Group / Safety protocols: Purpose: advise the Board on Covid related policies. Membership: Mary, Sherry Vandeventer, Joy, Denise, Aurora, Di, Cindy Simonian. The group will meet as needed via Zoom. The SWBA Board approves the Covid Advisory Group to act on behalf of the SWBA Board, and delegates the responsibility for all Covid decisions to the Covid Advisory Group. Unanimously approved. On game days a Covid Safety sign will be posted at the entrance to the gym. Diane will have the sign made. Joy will continue to include Covid safety information in emails to the membership. Following CDC guidelines, no masks will be required for play. Diane will look at outdoor options for play. Gym doors may be opened during play. Di will provide four door stops.
7. Financial assistance to SWBA members to travel to compete: Following discussion of Marie Ramirez’s suggestion to establish a financial assistance fund for SWBA members, a small working group including Marie will be formed to review tax regulations, set guidelines, and approve an application and qualification process. Joy will contact Mary for her participation. The fund may possibly be named the Susanne Carvalho Fund in her honor. Unanimously approved in principle.
8. 40’s League: Following discussion of the lack of any 40’s league member willing to take on management of their league, the Board is unwilling to take over management and control. However, considering the desire to see the league continue as a feeder for the 50’s league, the Board is willing to provide support and instruction as needed, and would agree that a 40’s member may participate in Board meetings. Diane will reach out to Kira and to Kirsten to see how the 50’s league can assist and will report back.
9. Other business: Jason has not yet initiated a contract for vaccinated refs. Joy will contact Jason re status of refs, start date, and will also discuss a financial accommodation for next season. Play will resume on Sunday, August 15.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bloom

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 17, 2021, and Holiday Party on December 4, 2021.