

# Sooner State Softball Association

## Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2022

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

### Board Members

Present: Nick, Brittany, Jeff, Jane, Matt, G, Tim, Shayne, Taylor, Krista

Attendees: Anna, Jake Sadlin, Stacie, Wendy Darnell, Kendal Hallman, Raymon, Lance, Kayla

Next meeting: March 27, 2022, after league games, Route 66 Ballpark

Upcoming Dates: March 1, 2022 – Draft Schedule  
March 6, 2022 – Ratings Clinic  
March 20, 2022 – League Start Date

### 1. Announcements

New Board Members/sub-committee members: Krista - Secretary; Shayne and Tim – Fundraising; G – Webmaster

Ratings clinic on March 6; players encouraged to attend; required for coach or team representative to be present

### 2. Discussion

#### Nick:

Clarification of who needs to attend ratings clinic to assure players are rated properly and on appropriate teams.

Cut-off for free agents is fourth week of league when rosters get locked

Importance of coaches and players to check messages being sent out because of important information and important dates.

Players will not be required to have matching jerseys until after the cut-off for free agents/rosters locked.

This is an informational meeting and will take questions after each topic.

**Brittany:**

The stamp for softballs is in.

When season starts, we are going to give 1 new ball and 1 old ball to each team per week.

We are buying 1 case of balls for this season and may have the option for teams to buy the balls we are retiring.

We will meet to begin creating the schedule on March 1, 2022 and will have it out approximately 2 weeks before league starts.

**Nick:**

No games Easter Weekend April 17, or Mother's Day May 8

Last day of season is May 22 with tentative make-up days for any rainout/cancelled games will be: May 29, June 5, June 12 and June 19

The fields we use would like Fall season to start the end of August

**Jeff:**

If any teams are planning on going to tournaments, please let us know if you will miss any games before schedule is released.

**Jane:**

**Treasury:**

Sent off Insurance check to Executive Board: \$550.00

Insurance renewal is on or around March 4

Will be sending USA registration this week: 12 teams at \$35/team \$420.00

There will only be 1 rule book sent to the league and will either be held by the Umpire in Charge or a Board Member. Rule books can be purchased online or at Hall of Fame Stadium.

USA will still send a list of tournaments and 1 score book to coaches.

The City of Edmond and Red Dirt Athletics are listed as co-insured

Winter NAGAA Meeting we spent \$726.00 on rooms which was split into 2 payments.

Will pay the deposit for the fields on March 6, 2022

**Fundraising: Tim**

Has a sponsorship with Krispy Kreme selling "virtual" donuts. Information will be sent out to coaches and players.

League gets money for every 25 dozen sold.

**Matt:**

No new business.

Will send message clarifying information on rating clinics.

**Taylor:**

Ratings Clinic March 6. Have been getting emails regarding people not able to make it, making sure they have a coach or team representative there to rate players.

**Jeff:**

Discussed number of protests at last year's world series and the importance of rating players correctly.

Location for 2022 World Series is Dallas, August 29 – September 3

Location for 2023 World Series is Twin Cities

Location for 2024 World Series is Las Vegas

**Player Rep:**

Have sent e-mails and text to people who signed up or showed interest at 2021 Pride. We have heard back from a few that are joining the league or are interested in joining.

**3. Roundtable**

General discussion about fees when paying online and trying to find a solution to compensate for those fees. Free agents will still pay online but returning players should pay coaches.

Monsta is sponsor for the world series and they have more/new bats coming out. If you purchase through NAGAA website, they will get a percentage of that purchase. Link will be posted on our website.

**4. Questions**

Wendy: Question about two (2) players that had registered as free agents but should have been on her team.

Taylor/G: Will get them assigned to Mad Batters. (Tiffany Clark and Ashley Boren)

Wendy: Question about schedule: Will E teams only play E teams and will C & D teams play each other?

Nick: This is how it is usually set up in the Spring season for teams hoping to qualify for the World Series.

Raymon: Question about division games: How many division games are needed to qualify for the World Series?

Nick/Taylor: 1/2 of your season must be played against divisional teams.

Tim: Question about insurance claims: How do players put information in about an injury?

Jane/Nick: Need to talk to a Board Member and the claim will be sent through our rep.

Wendy: Question about Treasurer's Report with statement that she hasn't seen one in a while.

Jane: Last one was in January but there was a technical issue, and it didn't get sent. There will be a new one sent out shortly.

Wendy: Question about Bi-Law changes not being applied from last year.

Jane: These were on the same e-mail as the Treasurer's Report, and it will get re-sent and updated on the website.

Wendy: Question about not being able to find rating's spreadsheet.

Taylor: It is on the website under forms and waivers. The ratings questions are on there as well.

Jane: Can you explain how the decision is made on what teams get sent to the World Series?

Nick: Based on the size of our league we can send 2 "C", 2 "D" and 1 "E" classed teams. As the league grows, we will be able to send more teams.

Motion to adjourn by Nick, seconded by Krista, third by Brittany

Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm Route 66 Softball Complex