

# *Wausau Area Softball Association*

## *2016 Annual Meeting Minutes*

President **Chuck Berens** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Elks Lodge on Wednesday March 2nd, 2016.

### **Attendance**

36 people signed in representing approximately 22 teams.  
The present officers and the other board members were introduced.

### **Elections**

President **Berens** read the names on the ballot and asked for names from the floor. It was announced Church Fast pitch will be combined with Men's and Women's Fast Pitch.

*There was a motion made by **Paul Dykstra** and seconded by **Gary Gadke** to cast a unanimous vote for all names listed on the ballot. Motion Carried.*

The following were elected for two year terms.

FAST PITCH MEN'S & WOMEN'S – **Nate Helke**

CHURCH FAST PITCH – **John Gut**

SLOW PITCH MEN'S & WOMEN'S – **Brian Pensinger** and **Kristin Janis**

GRANDMASTERS – No Nominees

### **Financial Report**

Secretary Treasurer **Roger Nowitzke** reviewed the financial report handed out at the door to all in attendance. Roger noted the Associations league revenue pretty much equals its expenses. Concession net profit came in favorable and will be depended on to cover Park user fees in 2016.

President **Berens** noted the need from the membership for continued support of the concession stand which helps keep the player fees down.

### **President's Report**

President **Chuck Berens** asked that every one please use the player add sheets if you are adding someone to your team and that everyone has to pay to play. If someone plays without paying it cheats everyone in the league.

A detailed review of Park user fees was given. The 2016 per game fee will be \$23. Past years that remain unpaid are hoped to be negotiated at a fair amount as the Association only has a limited amount to cover such fees. There will be no increase in player fees for 2016.

The one night player rule which has changed slightly was also reviewed and explained.

Game protest procedures were discussed.

### **President's Report Continued**

President **Chuck Berens** reported on the Associations affiliation with ASA. We initially joined ASA due to the low cost of field liability insurance. This low cost insurance has been discontinued and it was asked how important the ASA affiliation is to our membership. We may only affiliate some of our teams but would remain using ASA rules. Non affiliation in may mean we may lose some ASA tournaments. **Rick Kummerow** stated if the County purchased Bollinger insurance for \$400 it would cover Offers, directors and field liability.

The Associations phone and internet was brought up and a majority of the membership felt the internet was not needed.

**Chuck Berens** mentioned the Park Department thought our player fees were too low and possibly they should be raised to \$60 per player.

We are open to anyone wanting to start a 4 team Kickball or Volleyball league.

### **Membership General Concerns / Questions / Discussion**

- The concession area could use more lighting and a non light beer should be offered.
- Stagger games times possibly not needed but everyone arriving at the same time may cause problems.
- Rain games need to be scheduled and made up quicker.
- The Concession stand not operating efficiently 3 people and only one window open.
- What is the Association doing to promote softball?
- Wiggly field will no longer be offering softball.
- Do we have an umpire shortage? **Paul Dykstra** stated he was unsure at this time.
- Maybe use one umpire?
- Reduction of player fee as season moves along. **Chuck Berens** stated there are some drawbacks to pro rating the fee.
- Illegal players are a concern but hard to police.
- The ability to play the same night but in different divisions. **Chuck Berens** stated teams may load up if it was allowed.

**Rule Changes**

No rule changes this year. If you have a question about the bats you can go to ASA.org they show all the bats in the charts.

**Social Media**

**President Berens** explained that the WASA website and Facebook will be used extensively to keep the membership informed this year.

WASA Website – <http://www.wausauareasoftball.com>

Facebook – Wausau Area Softball Association



**2016 Pending Tournaments:**

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – June Bug Girls Classic (Anticipated entries 40)

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – ASA State Girls (Anticipated entries 95)

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – ASA Modified Fast Pitch (Anticipated entries 25)

**Team Fees – Due March 15th**

\$125 - Men’s & Women’s Slow Pitch - Men’s Fast Pitch - Church Fast Pitch – COED Modified Pitch

\$75 - Women’s Fast Pitch (10 game season)

\$150 - Grandmasters

Note: Late entries may be charged a penalty fee per Association rules.

**Individual Player Fees – Due in May at The Supply Pickup – Please Use One Check!**

\$40 - Men’s & Women’s Slow Pitch - Grandmasters - COED

\$45 - Men’s & Women’s Fast Pitch – Church Fast Pitch - Modified Pitch

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Roger Nowitzke  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Wausau Area Softball Association

Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_