



**Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2021 @ 6pm
Virtual Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Atwood

BOARD MEETING:

Call Meeting to order – 6:04pm

- **Quorum Met: Members in Attendance**
 - Voting/ Non-Voting – 9 total: 8 voting/ 1 non-voting. Two voting members joined later.
- **Vote on October 8th Board Meeting Minutes by Board members –**
 - Motion to approve - Diana; Seconded - Cathy.
 - Approved Unanimously

Opening Comments by HC (5 minutes, 1805 – 1810)

- Over 58 division is continuing on Tuesday; is still very successful and well received (14 – 16 players/ week); and will continue to play through the winter.
- This is FWSA's 45-year anniversary! For 2022, it would be fun to think about having a saying/contest/etc to highlight the 45 "plus" since it is the year after.
- Some original players are still with us! Let's think how we can highlight/recognize these ladies.

Board Updates: (15 minutes, 1810– 1825)

- **Fields:** Suzanne
 - Not able to attend. Winter permits are in place. No additional information.
- **Scheduler:** Lidia and Andrea
 - Information below.
- **Registration:** Lee Ann
 - 2021 Pine Ridge Tournament debrief
 - Overall comments:
 - Two-Legit: team plays almost every year in tournament. Talking about joining FWSA as a team.
 - Most divisions played 7 v 7. Over 40 played 11 v 11. All groups had 4 teams.
 - First time to have over 58 division. They loved it!
 - Lee Ann announced this will be her last tournament to run.
 - Some players complained before tournament – mostly about 7 v 7 – but this worked out for the numbers registered and teams enjoyed the games/tournament.

- Huge thank you want out to Lee Ann and Besty. You both rock!! Awesome tournament!
 - For next year, consider whether Thanksgiving weekend is good versus going back to fall.
 - Other thanks: Brittany for getting enough players for over 30 division. Diana and Maria for their help all weekend with the table. Cathy/Cindy for getting reimbursements out quickly.
 - Pictures – email pictures to Lee Ann. She will put on FB and website.
 - Action: Wanda will send out email reminder to order tournament shirts.
- **Sub Team Coordinator:** Kerry
 - Update on how sub pool invites went since last meeting
 - Less problems happened after the account was cleared out. Seemed to fix the problems that were noted before the last meeting.
 - It is obvious when a team rep reaches out to another player before the invite comes out so specific player can quickly respond. As a board member, we should lead by example. Discourage this and not participate in these practices.
 - Subs can become game changers. Recognize the dynamics of the game and keep it fun.
- **Recruitment:** Andrea W.
 - Placement on the team – New players are sometimes borderline developmental and entering into regular divisions. Andrea can't suggest the correct division when they don't come through her.
 - Seasoned players are welcome to come to developmental games and help work with beginners how to play and where to move. Email Crystal to join and help.
 - Mentors are effective to help new players learn and grow over the season.
- **Treasurer:** Cathy
 - Brief treasury update – all is good. We are in good shape financially.
 - On a quarterly basis, the Treasurer sends an update of financial status.
 - Audit is going on. This occurs every time the Treasurer changes hands. It is almost complete, and going well.
 - Cathy is working with IRS to update past paperwork trails. No problems.
- **Secretary:** Melissa
 - Help for new team reps. Make sure there is a “cheat sheet” for the team reps to be successful.
 - Used to be a packet we put together, but not done anymore. Would be worth still using – and updating – the cheat sheet for team reps.
 - Action: Melissa will work on this and get board members comments/review before spring meeting with team reps.

Discussions by HC (Wanda) (25 minutes, 1825 – 1855)

- Winter Season (5 minutes) – registration is split into two groups - under 50 and over 50.
 - Winter **permits** and **Schedule** – provided by Andrea Feldman
 - We have fields Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. No Refs. All games at Woodson HS.

- Evites will say “if there are not a minimum of 16 players by 4pm of game day (Tuesday/Thursday) and 9pm (Friday night) assume game is cancelled.
 - Under 50 – Tuesday
 - Over 50 – Thursday
 - 1st evite for Saturday went out. Saturdays will rotate over 50 and under 50.
 - FYI: Over 50 players may have overlap with Freeze league around noon.
 - Players must be registered! This is required for insurance and liability reasons.
 - Remember – update the evite if your status changes. This is very important to make sure we have enough people to play.
 - If FCPSs are closed that day, after school activities, including our games, are closed.
 - Are players able to be on both evites – over and under 50? Yes! Email Lidia to get on both lists.
 - **Action: Wanda will send email with reminder that players must be registered to play, minimum number of players statement, and for players to update evite if status changes.**
- Process for forfeiting games (Wanda & Cathy) - review for new board members (5 minutes)
 - This was discussed a little at last meeting as well.
 - Notification of refs is required within certain time constraints.
 - Board gathering in person: At a restaurant or somewhere we can get together. It is not a business meeting, but a way to connect/ get together.
 - **Action: Please let Wanda know if you are interested in an in-person gathering in January.**
 - Sustainability of League: Continuation of discussions from 10082021 Board Meeting on how to integrate new players and developmental players into the very “high-paced” open league or other options. (15 minutes)
 - **Consider idea of setting up bi-weekly games where players and developmental mix together – intent to safety integrate/teach new players. Or round-robin weekend of games for this purpose.**
 - We have very viable over 58, over 50, and over 40 divisions. Over 30 is okay. But open league numbers are lower.
 - Open has always been a problem – people are not settled in their lives yet and/or play co-ed. But many players don’t want to play in coed after about 30-35 years , when they join the women’s league.
 - Sangeeta will think about ways to get our information out there and become more well known.
 - Discussed how to increase our Instagram presence. If we change FB to a professional account, it automatically posts to Instagram. Reach younger players.
 - **Action: Lidia and Sangeeta will work together to figure out getting more social media presence.**

Other business/Miscellaneous from the floor: (5 minutes, 1855 – 1900)

- **Process for getting quick approvals (Melissa) (5 minutes) – move to next meeting.**
- **Meeting Adjourned –**
 - **Motion to adjourn:** Dianna; Second: Cathy. At 7:12pm