

JSA Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2015

9:30am

Attendees

Board Members Present: Myria Newport Shakespeare, Kyle Scholl, Dave Hays, Pete Christensen, Katie Damian, Garry Remsberg, Amanda Ryder, Jane Sebens, Danielle Larson

Board Members Absent: Brodie Anderson, Mike Lopez

Players: Bob Kuhn (Executive Director of JSA) and Brian Prellwitz

Agenda

- **Old Business**
 - Minutes approval
 - Rules Committee Recommendations
- **New Business**
 - Traci Gilmour: Report from state ASA meeting
 - 2015 Registration announcement
 - Liability Insurance
 - Anti-discrimination/harassment Policy
 - Advertising Flyers
 - Railing Installation at Office

Old Business

- **Minutes approved with the following changes:**
 - Page 2, 1st bullet: Change \$36/doz to \$37 dozen
 - Page 3, last line under “Committee Assignments” Remove duplicate name (Amanda) from the Finance Committee approval.
- **Rules Committee Recommendations:**
 - The Rule Committee submitted recommendations on each of the 15 suggestions from JDOA.
 - Tracy cautioned JSA about changing too many rules, then mentioned that, other than strictly enforcing the types of bats and balls JSA should use, ASA doesn’t have problems with JSA revising rules to fit the communities needs.
 - Amanda asked the board to consider revising the 10 run rule that limits the number or runs in an inning to 10 runs (regardless of what the score is). The

revision would allow a team to score more than 10 runs if, at the beginning of the inning, that team's score is more than ten runs behind the other teams.

BOARD ACTION:

- Adopt the Rules Committee recommendations included in the “2015 Suggestions for JSA” document

ACTION ITEM: Have the Rules Committee take up the 10-run rule suggested by Amanda and bring a recommendation to the March 14th meeting.

New Business

1. Traci Gilmour: **Report from State ASA Meeting:**

- Per ASA, it is ok to force teams to move up if JSA believes it creates more competitive divisions. Items to consider when making these decisions:
 - Umpires input can be helpful
 - Examining the structure of the teams is necessary (Have the core players changed?)
- All umpires are required to have a background check.
 - Tracy wanted to know if JSA would be willing to pay for this or a portion of the costs.
- Tracy goes to the ASA meetings annually and would be happy to ask them any questions we may have.

BOARD ACTION: Find out more about the cost of the background checks prior to making decisions about whether to pay for the background checks (or a portion of the checks).

2. **2015 Registration Announcement:**

Bob will be posting registration materials on-line on March 16th. Bob will be meeting with Hayden on Sunday to receive some training to facilitate the online registration process.

3. **Real Estate Tax Exemption Denial by CBJ.** Brian Prellwitz said that CBJ isn't allowing the property tax exemption for JSA.

ACTION ITEM: Brian will work to ensure that JSA receive this exemption and give the board a report at the March meeting.

4. **Board Liability Insurance.** Board liability is \$1,264/year for the entire board.

BOARD ACTION: Prior to purchasing the insurance the board asked Bob to find out if the ASA dues cover board liability.

5. **Anti-Discrimination Harassment Policy:** Bob presented a draft of a “Non-discrimination policy” and an anti-harassment policy.

BOARD ACTION: The board adopted the policies.

6. **JSA Building stairs.** Bob was concerned about the safety of the stairs outside the JSA building. There is no barrier and he is concerned that someone may not pay attention and may fall down the stairs.

BOARD ACTION: The Board asked Bob to pursue putting plywood over the stairs.

7. **Remembrance Plaques:** Kyle would like to purchase plaques in honor of several softball players who recently passed away. There was some discussion about the following:

1. Who would receive the plaques?
2. Where would the plaques be displayed? On JSA’s wall? Perhaps set up a wall of remembrance at the ball field? If so, where? and would weather proof plaques be available?
 - **ACTION ITEMS:** Kyle will work with Michelle to get prices and see if weather-proof plaques are available.
 - Work with Hayden to set up a “Wall of Remembrance” on JSA’s web page.

8. **Rent a JSA Room to Coppa.** Bob mentioned that Coppa wanted to rent a room to house some of his supplies. Some board members were concerned about the liability that may be associated with employees having access to the JSA building.

BOARD ACTION: The Board asked Bob to pursue renting a room to Coppa but to make sure the rental agreement ensures that the owner of Coppa is responsible for damages that may happen to his supplies and that he limit access to the JSA building.

9. **Future Agendas.** The Board asked Bob to add “Public Comment” section to future agendas.

Next Meeting

March 14, 2015