

Monday December 11, 2023

9am @ Kuebler Bldg. 'Upstairs' Room

Attending: (8)

Jim Fisher, PSS Board Pres. and Acting Sec.
Bill Bandi, PSS Treasurer
Doug Randall, Competition Director
Mark Cossey, Promotions Director
Tom Mandik, Sponsors Director
Steve Smith, Rules & Umpires Director
Mark Adams, Membership Director
Janet Jones, Events/Activities Director*

ABSENT: (2)

Sean Petersen, PSS Secretary
Randy Kern, Fields & Equip. Director
Jeff Stillman, PSS Webmaster

*Events & Activities Committee

Sharon Carlin
Penny Thomas

*ABSENT:

June Cord
Heidi Burke
Marylee Mendel

PSS Member GUESTS:

Marty Dyer, Majors
Pete Pugliese, AAA

AGENDA

Pres. Jim Fisher opened meeting @ 0904 Member/Guests were recognized
Nov. 30, 2023 Financials were Approved & 2nd
Nov. 13, 2023 PSS Board Minutes were Approved & Seconded.

An 'altered' BAT, safety concern was discussed as AAA Div. had a player 'inappropriately' use a bat, he put wine cork pieces inside, and taped bat together. Doug Randall, Competition Director, interviewed the individual, and determined 'No Malice', but, the individual involved was asked to 'call into' the PSS Board meeting to offer 'his' formal apology, which he DID !

Issues related to Bat use, misuse and player safety was discussed, due to another recent event at a SSUSA 'Phx' Tournament, where a pitcher was seriously injured by a batted ball and sent to a Hospital. 'By Rule' in SSUSA, the batter was suspended for 5 years, and batter's Manager for (1) year* (later, Investigation reversed* the Mgr. penalty). SSUSA provides PSS's with our 'Overall' Rules of play guidance, and PSS researched 'our' incident, taking the action above.

Our PSS Player Survey Results were reviewed and lengthy Board discussions follows:

#1) PSS survey of current softball specifications, did NOT indicate any change at this time.

#2) PSS Survey question to return the entry age of PSS players, from 45, back to 50 years old. This issue is NOT a PSS By-Law, so the PSS Board will schedule a Vote to return entry age to 50. NOTE: the 'next' regular PSS Board of Directors meeting, is on Mon. Jan. 8, 2024 @ time TBA.

#3) New Season 'hot stove' meetings are scheduled on Saturday January 6 with AA at 8:30m, then followed by AAA Division at 9:30am, and finally the Majors Division set for 10:30am. Thank you !

PSS Board Minutes, Mon. Dec. 11 submitted by PSS President Jim Fisher, as 'acting' Secretary.

Next 'regular' PSS Board of Director's meeting; Monday, January 8, 2024, time & location TBA