**New York Senior Softball Association**

**October 17, 2019**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Joe Ditaranto. Board member Jack Battaglia was absent.**

**The minutes from September 19, Board Meeting were approved and accepted to be entered in NYSSA website.**

**The Finance Report was presented by Joe Ditaranto and accepted by the Board.**

**Annual Awards Luncheon - to date 75 NYSSA members have paid to attend the luncheon. The Board expects additional players to attend and pay at the door. The Commissioner has extended invitations to NYSSA sponsors and political dignitaries. A list of prepaid attendees was provided to every Board Member.**

**Fall All Star Game - the outcome of the game wasn’t decided until the 9th inning. The visiting All Stars had the tying and go-ahead runners on base with 2 outs. The next batter grounded out to the pitcher (players name not mentioned here) to end the game.**

**St. Jude Tournament - donations by the participants in the tournament exceeded last year’s donations. A player safety issue was discussed. Our Board will form a committee to meet with representatives from the St. Jude Tournament, to discuss player safety and other issues.**

**Snowflake Games - the Commissioner asked the team managers to encourage their players to come out and participate in these friendly games.**

**Special Committee Meeting Report - the committee suggested, and the Board agreed, that each player fill out   Emergency Contact Information card. The card will be held by his/her team manager.**

**The Board voted to keep using the Tattoo Ball for the 2020 season. The Board voted against changing to the F12 Clincher Softball.**

**The subject of running through bases (2nd and 3rd) was discussed. The Board chose NOT to change the current rule.**

**The possibility of NYSSA structure change to 2 divisions in 2021 was discussed. The Board decided that the entire league, all players, should have a voice in this matter. The Board will prepare a questionnaire, next spring, for ALL players to voice their choice.**

**2020 Rule Changes**

1. **Roster changes can be made anytime during the season. Changes must be made in accordance to player rating guidelines.**
2. **The three walks per inning rule is removed. This also includes the 7th and extra innings.**
3. **Base runners cannot slide into bases or slide back after over running a base. Base runners can DIVE back to bases.**
4. **Board voted to keep “Rules of Play” Rule 2.3 in force. Players must be dedicated to their NYSSA team, above any other softball team.**

**The next Board meeting will be held on November 21.**