**NEW YORK SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

 **January 23, 2020**

 **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Joe Ditaranto. Team manager Sam Quaglierini was absent. His assistant manager, Vinny Troiano was present.

The minutes from the November 21st Board meeting were approved and accepted to be entered onto the NYSSA website.

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

**Sponsor Contributions;** the Commissioner and all Board members are committed to retain all current sponsors, and try to develop other sponsorships. The Board discussed the possibility of raising the application fee for the 2021 season.

**2020 Player Registrations**; to date, we have received 104 player registrations. We are on pace to field 8 teams for the 2020 season.

**2020 Schedule**: opening day will be Monday, May 18th and end on Monday, August 31st. There will be 3 dates after the regular schedule, designated as make up dates. The schedule will be posted on our Website.

**2020 Draft Day:** will take place on Thursday, April 23rd, in the meeting room, at Cantiaque Park.

**Rule Changes**; changes that have been implemented since **2019 Rules of** **Play** were published, or changes made during winter Board Meetings.

 1 - Rule 1.2e ; no player trades can be made after **July 31st.**

 2 - Rule 5.2 ; **remove** - the limit of 3 walks in any inning.

 3 - **Not Allowed** - Pitch Hitters

 4 - **Not Allowed** - Player re-entry

**DH** ; a discussion regarding a Designated Hitter was discussed, and turned down by the Board

**Restructuring NYSSA into 2 Divisions**; Bernie Rosen will prepare a questionnaire to be given to every NYSSA member to consider, and make comments.

**Managerial Replacements;** the Board voted to ask Al Cappelli, Dave Goldstein and any other NYSSA member, who has made it known, that they wish to manage, to come before the Board and apply for a managerial position.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020