

NYSSA

Board Meeting

July 21, 2023

- **Attendance:** All members in attendance except for Bernie Rosen.
- **Minutes:** Were accepted as presented.
- **Financials:** Financial statement as of 7/20/2023 was presented. Everything is tracking our 2023 Plan.

Discussion then started over our cash balance and what might be appropriate expenditures at this time. M. Scotto tabled the idea maybe we should have unique team shirts (2 per player per team). We would be talking about 150 players x 2 or 300 shirts at maybe \$20 each or \$6,000. M. Scotto took the action to validate price and delivery schedule, given our draft is in April and we start games in May.

Further discussion occurred on perhaps buying player shorts. Nothing was decided. We'll wait for Mike Scotto's report at the next meeting and then decide next steps.

A few Board members were concerned about NYSSA being a not-for-profit group and that we had a large cash balance. C. Schafer took the action to discuss this issue with a Tax Attorney for his interpretation of Tax Law and Not-For-Profit Organizations.

- **Bristol Banner:** A. Cappelli volunteered to hang the banner at each game where appropriate (either the dugout or backstop).
- **Media Day:** Good reviews received and we got excellent media coverage with TV and Newspaper reporting. Only negative was that starting at 11:00 AM in July (hot) limits numbers of innings that can be played. Maybe start at 10 AM next year.

There was also a comment about making it a night game. Further discussion will be held before next year's event.

- **Bristol Box Lunches:** Because we play at two locations (Wantagh and Cantiague) Bristol will be asked to bring seven team's worth of lunches to Wantagh and two team's worth of lunches to Cantiague Park. The team that has a bye that week will have lunch at the Wantagh Fields.

- **Senior Charity Tournament:** Tournament deemed a success, raising over \$6,000 for 3 Charities. Only negative comments were about parking so far from fields, and lack of water at the Mitchell Field Complex, and lack of dugout roof (very hot on the bench).

NYSSA reaffirmed its support with making fields available for the Tournament during the NYSSA 4th of July break.

- **Fall All Star Game:** Games will be a night game at Burn's Park in Massapequa. Target date is September 26th or September 28th a Tuesday and Thursday. Charlie has the action to coordinate with Ernie Weber the logistics of the event.

C. Schafer was to schedule a face-to-face meeting with Ernie to work out the details. We would also ask Ernie about the use of that field next year for games on Monday and Wednesday from April to October.

- **2024 Registration:** Charlie and Alan took the action to review the player application and make some changes (like bold highlighting of significant questions that applicant must complete) while maintaining its length to one page.

It was proposed, voted on, and agreed by an 11-2 vote that the age for new applicants to NYSSA must be 70 years of age by 12/31/2024. All prior members of NYSSA are grandfathered if under 70.

- **2024 Expansion:** A. Finchley to email NYSSA members on their interest in being a Manager for 2024 if we have enough players to field a 10th team.

- **2023 Awards Luncheon:** Brief discussion, target date is 10/26 from 11 AM-3 PM at Stewart Manor. Charge from Stewart Manor would be \$59 (NYSSA pays \$29). This year it would be a players only event. More to follow as we get closer to the date.

- **Player Safety:** Harvey was tasked to get First Aid Kits for all teams and reorder more ice packs (many teams have exhausted their supply).
- **Next Meeting:** August 18th, 2023 at 10 AM in Cantiague Park.



