

NYSSA

Board Meeting

February 23 , 2024

. **Attendance:** All Board Members were in attendance except for Harry Brittman and Al Cappelli. Jules joined the meeting via Zoom call.

. **Minutes:** December minutes were accepted as prepared and presented.

. **Financials:** C. Schafer briefed the Board on financial activities from December 15th, 2023 to February 23rd, 2024. Financials are tracking plan.

. **Equipment Purchases:** H. Brittman purchased MLB hats (10 teams, 20 per team); 150 shirts and 24 dozen softballs have all been ordered. Additional equipment to be ordered is: (10) Softball Baskets, (3) Magnetic Line-Up Boards, (1) Pitching Screen.

. **2024 Applications:** C. Schafer briefed the Board on applications received to date. Counting Cappelli (whose application has still not been received) we have 171 in hand. 33 are new players,

C. Schafer distributed to all attendees detailed information on the 33 new players.

. **2024 Team Roster:** It was agreed that each team will have the same # of players. If we don't have enough players for 17 per team, we will have 16 per team and extra players will be wait-listed. We agree that wait-list rules and criteria need more discussion.

There was discussion about players who declared they might not be available until July and players who might miss the season ending tournament. It was agreed that all Managers will have the same info and decide individually how to handle players' unavailability in the draft. We reiterated "Buyer Beware" policy.

. **2024 Draft:** J. Battaglia conducted a pre-draft selection process. Random drawings were held; order of draft is as follows:

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| 1) Yankees | 6) Phillies |
| 2) Cubs | 7) Mets |
| 3) Orioles | 8) Dodgers |
| 4) Brewers | 9) Angels |
| 5) Marlins | 10) Red Sox |

Jack also confirmed with each Manager who's their Assistant Manager. All Managers supplied Jack the info needed except for Cha-Cha who's not sure.

Much discussion was held on a variety of potential changes. Only one issue got to a vote, that being a Designated Fielder. The Managers voted that proposal down.

Other rules tabled for discussion but deferred to our next meeting:

- . Pinch Hitters
- . Reentry Rule
- . Pinch Runners (how many times per game)
- . Wait List Rules

Each member was requested to be prepared at the March meeting to discuss potential Rule Changes.

. **2024 Fields:** We plan on using Wantagh A, B, C fields, Cantiague A (except for the month when a Cricket Tournament will be held), Baldwin and Newbridge Road. That would be sufficient for our 10 team structure.

We are still discussing with the Town of Hempstead their proposal to charge us \$333 fee for Field use for the season.

. **Next Meeting:** March 15th, 2024 at 10 AM at Cantiague Park.