

## CLEAN AND SOBER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

### Winter All Members Meeting November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Fremont Baptist Church

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. CD Director, Anthony VD, Kim S PI, Country Secretary, Marc Clean-ups, Mike M Godshots, Shelly C Aftershock, Kirk Grandpa Aftershock, Damian A NMW, Cody B Sasquatches, Todd H Fracas, Jason K Fracas, Alex D FIRR, Fred J South NEW, Chuck N Godshots, Larry Puma, Adam A Attitudes, Doc Don Rebels, Sammie Z, Tony D Stepping Stones, Michael K, Brad G Godshots, Tom w Not sure, Bob L Bootleggers, James S Offensive Behavior, Michelle S Offensive Behavior, Jim S Rebels (approx 25 sign-in)  
Attendance: North 6 (25%) Cascade 3 (8%) East 6 (25%) West 3 (13%) Central South 3 (13%) Tacoma 4 (16%)
2. Season wrap-up – CD
  - a. Tournaments
    - i. Had to turn some teams away
  - b. Hotels
    - i. Heard they don't like the service. Spider: Best Western \$104 / night Continental breakfast LA Quinta by Southridge \$97 / night Tony The Inn at Richland \$60 / night
    - ii. Broadcast earlier what level teams are playing at what fields earlier
  - c. Umpires
    - i. This was our last year under contract w/ NSA
    - ii. They are going to drop the price for the upper games to make it even across the board.
    - iii. Price is not going to go up
    - iv. USSSA out of the question.
  - d. Fields
    - i. Need to find additional fields because we lost tournaments this year ex: Tibbits
    - ii. New places looking into Dacca Fife, RAC Lacey, GameFarm Auburn, SeaTac
  - e. Balls
    - i. The new balls at State when they gpt warm were like ;pillows
      1. They went from \$30 / doz to \$40 a doz
3. Welcome the New person & <http://www.leaguelineup.com/cleanandsobersoftball> -
4. Road to Tri Cities – CD
  - a. Points
5. Treasurers report – Brent not here
  - a. Participation went up for 2015 which helped us this year
6. Eligibility Chair – Kirk
  - a. One issue we had was hardships. You can only transfer one of each gender.
  - b. If after Memorial Day it needs to be submitted to Eligibility Chair
  - c. After July 31<sup>st</sup> you cannot transfer
  - d. Have to be legitimate reasons
    - i. Ex: Person living in Carnation WA and plays in South Central and can no longer afford to drive south
    - ii. Was locked up ½ of the season and getting out
  - e. You cannot be a pick-up in another division. No cross divisional play.
    - i. Can't go play in the Cascade if you are on the South and you have a by-weekend
7. Classification Chair –Spider
  - a. Going to get people together to rewrite how we classify teams
8. Motions to be voted on in Winter 2015

#### NEW BUSINESS

9. New Balls
  - a. I can get better balls from Dudley Baden 52 / 275 ball harder longer Approved by NSA
  - b. \$40 / doz plus tax
10. Bats
  - a. Not changing and still have to have the NSA 2012 stamp
11. New Division
  - a. Tony and Spider **South Sound** 6 teams
  - b. We want to make sure that we follow the guidelines of what we need to have a BOD
  - c. Damian: Keep in mind this is taking away from other Divisions
12. Banquet
  - a. CD wants to get it going again.
  - b. Do teams want to sit down and have dinner again like we use to \$150 / table approx..
  - c. Take it back to teams and get ideas
  - d. It was like the academy awards of the CSSA
13. Slide Show/Event Committee
  - a. For those that were not represented Mike apologize, but we worked with the pictures we got from others
  - b. Mikes wife loved doing it and would like to do it for 2016
  - c. We have newer software and will keep it to 30 minutes
14. Nominate new Board of Directors / Duties
  - a. Each elected official must have two (2) or more consecutive years of drug and alcohol abstinence to be nominated for an officer position.
  - b. Each elected official must have been a member in good standing the previous year and have previously held a service position for at least one year.
  - c. The duties of the Board of Directors shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:
  - d. Consider and make the final determination on Council appointments, Committee Chairs, Executive Director Emeritus, Director Emeritus, Commissioner Emeritus and other elected or appointed officials;
  - e. Review and take action on any unethical behavior of CSSA Council members;
  - f. Attend to all matters concerning future directions and goals of the CSSA;
  - g. Attend to all matters concerning the bi- annual meeting of the CSSA;
  - h. Review and take such action as the Board of Directors deems necessary or appropriate with respect to any redistricting issues;
  - i. Attend to all matters concerning the CSSA's insurance program;
  - j. Attend to all matters concerning the annual budget;
  - k. Attend to all business of the CSSA between bi-annual meetings.
  - l. 2016-2018 Positions available: Vice Director, Secretary & Rules & Ethics
    - i. Rules and Ethics
      1. Cody Buck Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry
      2. Cody accept the nomination
      3. Spider Kirk Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee
      4. Spider withdraws
    - ii. Secretary:
      1. Country nominated 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cody B
    - iii. Vice Director
      1. Antony Cody Buck Spider 2<sup>nd</sup>
      2. Anthony accepts
  - m. The Board can appoint a position after the close of the meeting today if needed. Please let us know if you are aware of someone who is interested in occupying an open position.
15. Committee Chair positions available: Article IX Section I Classifications & Eligibility
  - a. Eligibility: Jason declines Tom Ward accept

- b. Classification: Jason Bragg Accepts    Accept Spider    Accept Bob L Accept
  - c. The Committee Chair will be appointed by the Board of Directors.
  - d. The Committee Members will be comprised of one Division member from each Division and one Division alternate from each Division. The representatives will be appointed by their own leagues' Council (3) Members.
16. Oregon Teams
- a. They want to come play more, but it is a lot more to travel for them
  - b. It was nice for them to have Twelve Steps To Home a qualifier for CSSA
  - c. Damian maybe we make a State at Last Call vs Tri Cities being Regional event
    - i. Miss the TRUE state event
  - d. Larry: Why was there last teams 2015 was it because our qualifiers went up from 3-4?
    - i. No, everyone got in that wanted to get in
17. Sponsorship: Tony Dayton Pierce County/National Alliance to End Veteran Suicide President
- a. Tony has been successful facilitating funds for the Veterans, so he wants to share the foundation with the CSSA to help build tournaments as a whole
  - b. He would create a letter to give CSSA individuals to reach out to the community
  - c. The CSSA cannot collect funds for individual Divisions and teams, but as the association as a whole
18. Coaches Workshop in Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- a. Rules, rosters & more!

NEW BUSINESS: to be voted on at winter Council meeting All motions presented must be in written form (3-27-11) – form provided on website

Motions available on-line under “forms”

19. New Motions from Members
- a. The CSSA playing rules and governing code need a majority vote of the Council. Minimum of 51% member attendance of that minimum to approve changes to the rules and code.
20. #1 Don Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Shields
- a. The Classification restructures the Divisions as follows: Rec; Rec+ & E, E+ & D, D+ & C
  - b. Moving the “+” teams up, they would then receive 2 runs instead of giving 2 runs.
  - c. Implement in 2016 season
  - d. Intent: To keep the Divisions truly equal to their classification
21. #2 Don Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Shields
- a. The CSSA change the equalizer rule to “lower” team receives 4 runs per divisional difference (2 runs if opponent is a plus team.) At this point both teams are equal and then there would be a coin flip to determine who is home team
  - b. Implement in 2016 season
  - c. Intent: To take away any and all advantage from the upper tagged teams making it as equal as it can be before the first pitch is thrown
22. #3 Don Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Shields
- a. The CSSA modify the 6” float rule to a 10” float rule. Pitcher may release the pitch up to 10” behind the runner
  - b. Implement in 2016 season
  - c. Intent: Pitcher Safety
23. #4 Don Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Shields
- a. The 200” foot rule changed to add: when a female is up to bat the infielder must keep both feet in the dirt.
  - b. Intent: To give female players a better opportunity for success. Keep it consistent because of the size differentials at the fields we play on
24. #5 CD 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony McDermont
- a. We make the requirement for all teams qualification to three (3) tournaments instead of four (4)

b. Implement in 2016 season

c. Intent: To draw more all teams to State especially ones who cannot afford to travel multiple times in a year

Memorial Tournament Buy Now button will be available the beginning of January 2016

25. NSA Team Insurance – covers any NSA event.

26. Council Meeting, Winter December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 1pm in Lounge room

27. Spring 2016 Meeting Dates Fremont Baptist Church 717 36<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle, WA 98103

a. All Managers / Coaches Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 1 pm – 4 pm Basement

b. Council Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 1 pm – 4 pm Lounge

22. Open Discussion

Closed 5:10 pm