

# CLEAN AND SOBER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## All Members' Meeting February 22, 2015 2pm – 5 pm Fremont Baptist Church

### *Notes*

**Meeting brought to order by Chris Davidson. Everyone present introduced themselves.**

#### **Old Business**

- For the Council meeting 03.08.15 - A quorum shall consist of the president or one or more regional director(s) and at least 50 percent plus one of the Council members. 51% of the Council must be present in order to conduct voting.
  - Review this meetings notes with your teams and supply your teams vote to your division Council Members no later than 03.7.15
- Introduction of 2015 Board Members
  - Chris Davidson "CD"; Executive Director, Anthony McDermott; Vice-Director (not present), Brent LaFond; Treasurer, Kim Scott; Public Information, Country Honchen; Secretary (not present)
  - Absent directors spot: Rules & Ethics
- All Directors are responsible for collecting forms and turning them into BOD no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of league
  - <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=cleanandsobersoftball>
  - All forms, contact information, and tournament schedule is posted to our website
- Tournament 2014
  - Did players like the schedule? No one had complaints about the schedule. Brainstorming what might be the cause of lower participation in tournaments.
  - Did players like the fields? No complaint about the fields. If there is no league at Gig Harbor it would cost \$1,000 to get the light turned on. There will be no lights at Gig Harbor.
  - Tournament point system – A question was asked about why higher classifications get more points for their placement in tournaments. Brent explained this was to prevent a lower team from moving up and then going straight to the top seeding in that classification. It helps to keep the overall fairness.
- Code & By-Laws available on the CSSA website
  - Coaches responsibility to know rules on eligibility, player types (regular, exemption, grandfather, hardships, permanent transfers, etc.), necessary forms, deadlines, & general playing rules. CD asked the coaches to please share this information with all their players as well. (Especially game day rules)

#### **New Business**

- Budget re-cap for 2014 – Brent said nothing had change from the November meeting.
- Budget 2015 - None
- Tournaments
  - Review list for 2015
  - Memorial Day BUY NOW button will be up Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> before Noon.
  - Tournament Volunteer Opportunities
    - We need tournament directors for each tournament except Memorial weekend & State
      - a. Reloaded volunteered for Twisted
      - b. #1 Offenders volunteered for Not Forgotten
      - c. #1 Offenders & Aftershock volunteered to co-direct Last Call (Gig Harbor)
  - Cost per tournament: 4 game guarantee \$300 & 5 game guarantee \$350

3 deposits on tournaments at a time. Can pay for as many as you like, and as one is played and rolls off, another will be added.

Discussion about what is a traveling tournament vs. an in town tournament and whether or not Last Call Russell Road should be a 4 game or 5 game tournament and the costs. No conclusion.

- Team sponsorship
  - CSSA does not share 503(c) non-profit status for teams to get sponsor write-offs
- Tri – Cities Host Hotel
  - Red Lion - \$92 + tax per night
  - Information will be posted up on our website after the Council Meeting 03.08.15
- T-shirts
  - Vendor John Knox
  - Current Inventory is adequate for the year. Will be selling previous year's shirts at tournaments. Will only need to buy shirts for Last Call.
- Trophies
  - Vendor NW Trophy
- Committee(s) recaps of 2014
  - Rules and Ethics Chair: None
  - Classification Chair: James Spivey – no report
  - Eligibility Chair: Kirk Carlson – no report – Reminder that clean time requirement is 30 days (not 60)
- Association Dues
  - \$40 / team
  - Additional \$60 for Independent teams
- Balls
  - \$30 / dozen – handed out to divisions before the meeting & money collected.
- Sanctions
  - NSA WA State UIC name: Paul Langdon
  - Expectation: Coaches register their team on-line and report the team's sanction number to Chris Davidson not later than 03.23.15
  - <https://www.playnsa.com/>
  - "interact with NSA" middle right of screen
  - Click on NSA Team Sanctions
  - Click on "click here to register an ADULT softball team"
  - Fill out form
  - Select – "WA Adult State Director – D Gellner [Washington]"
  - In the comment section please write "CSSA TEAM"
  - Receive your team's sanction number & electronically register your team
- Review from NSA Rulebook
  - Rulebooks and scorebooks have not been received from NSA and will be handed out at Council Meeting 03.08.15
- Insurance
  - Base cost \$285 / Division unless NSA has events at that particular Division's location. As of agenda printing – BOD had not received final number by Division from NSA.
- Team Insurance
  - Supplemental insurance for teams
  - "Quick Link" middle left side of screen >>> Insurance
  - 2015-2016 NSA Team & League General Liability & Excess Accident Medical Insurance Plans

- <http://orders.westpointinsurance.com/apps/details.php?type=tm&ac=NSA>
- Banquet
  - Does the teams want to continue with the format we currently have
- Jennifer Kingsland volunteered to get something set up on Facebook to take the place of the old Facebook page “cleanandsobersoftball pickups page”. This will be used to facilitate finding newcomers teams, players wanting to get picked up for tournaments, and coaches needing to find players for tournaments.
- Turn in any NEW Motions – see motion below
  - Motions to be voted on at the Council meeting 03.08.15
- Meeting adjourned – closed with the serenity prayer.

## MOTIONS MADE FEBRUARY 22, 2015

1. **Presented by** - Chris Davidson & Seconded by – Amy Henderson  
**Motion** – To amend the exemption rule to immediate family members (16&up, no max age) and include brothers and sisters, but still must maintain sobriety requirement. Exemption players can only play with their roster team when qualifying person is not present and can only be picked up on another team if qualifying person is also picked up.  
**Intent** – To include all family members in our association
  
2. **Presented by** - Chris Davidson & Seconded by – Larry Fettig  
**Motion** – Teams get participation points towards state for participating in 12 Steps to Home Tournament being put on by TSRL.  
**Intent** – To encourage participation in the TSRL tournament.
  
3. **Presented by** – Kirk Carlson & Seconded by – Shelly Carlson  
**Motion** – League Play: Home team listed remains home team regardless of equalizer rule.  
                   Tournament Play: Always flip for home team regardless of equalizer rule.  
**Intent** – To actually equalize the teams that are playing rather than after invoking the equalizer rule, having the spotting team automatically get home field advantage.
  
4. **Presented by** – Country Honchen & Seconded by – Brent LaFond  
**Motion** – Independent players pay \$60 independent fee (player) and meet tournament eligibility requirements of four (4) league games. Independent players are defined as a regular player with a living address 100 miles outside of league playfields.  
**Intent** – Independent players located throughout WA may have a financial hardship as a result of their locational distance from league playing fields and eligibility. This could increase participation with people outside the Seattle metro area.
  
5. **Presented by** – Chris Davidson & Seconded by – Amy Henderson  
**Motion** – To amend rule requiring independent teams to have 50% of roster living in state of WA. Change- remove requirement for Oregon (TSRL) teams to have 50% of their roster living in Washington to be eligible to play in CSSA tournaments and state championships  
**Intent** -To open up the opportunity for more Oregon teams to play CSSA.
  
6. **Presented by** – James Spivey & Seconded by – Brent LaFond  
**Motion** – Any available member, board, chair, or council person may be allowed to be on the CSSA board, council, or chairperson spot available  
**Intent** – To help CSSA. In a whole to help the board.

7. **Presented by** – James Spivey & Seconded by – Lee Fletcher  
**Motion** Change the classification policy guide to a more updated version. (See proposed classification policy below)  
**Intent** – To balance and help guide classification committee to balance teams.

#### **Proposed Classification Policy**

The CSSA system combined input from a classification committee comprised of two league member's one upper and one lower classification member and an alternate if needed from each league.

The purpose of statewide reps from each league is to maintain balance in team competition in tournament play.

#### END OF SEASON AND START OF NEW SEASON RULES:

1. Teams winning their State Championship and end of year will play "UP" the next year for a minimum of 3 tournaments (must include Memorial Day) this is for C class and below. (see appeals below)
2. Each division will be responsible for classifications at the beginning of their season.

#### Before the 1<sup>ST</sup> tournament:

1. League information; 3 council members from each division will be responsible of classifying their teams in their division as C, D, E, or Rec. This needs to be turned into the classification committee at the first classification meeting, usually held 3 weeks prior to first tournament. This allows the Division's to watch 4+ weeks of play before they decide to reclassify any team. Each Division needs to notify their teams of their classifications so they have time to appeal prior to first tournament. (see appeals below)

#### After the 1<sup>ST</sup> tournament

1. Any roster additions will need to be submitted to the committee for review by classification committee.
2. Classification committee will have the right to reclassify any team after the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament of the year.(see appeals below)

#### After the 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament

1. Teams that were reclassified after 1<sup>st</sup> tournament will now have the right to request to be reclassified. (submit your request to The CSSA Classification Committee Chair Person)
2. After two or more tournaments, the following criteria will be considered for re-classification;
  - A. Number of returning players.
  - B. Ability of new players on the team.
  - C. Points for and Points against.
  - D. Tournament performance.
3. Team's placing in the upper or lower 25% of two tournaments MAY be considered for re-classification.
4. Any team's re-classified from this point on have the right to appeal.(see appeals below)
5. Any team reclassified to a higher or lower division. For example; a team moved from Rec to E should be given time to play at least two tournaments at their new level so that they have games at that higher level or lower level. This is to use

for an appeal if needed, and also this gives the committee a look at that teams games to make sure reclassification was indeed needed. But an appeal will not be accepted if the team reclassified does not play in two tournaments at higher or lower level.

After the 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament (this is only for teams that have won state previous year)

1. Teams winning their State Championship and end of year will play "UP" the next year for a minimum of 3 tournaments (must include Memorial Day) this is for C class and below. (see appeals below)

Appeal Process:

1. Teams that won their State Championship; after the 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament can submit their appeal to The CSSA Classification Committee Chair Person and a decision will be made at the next classification meeting.
2. Teams that have been reclassified after the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament will have a right to appeal. They can submit their request to The CSSA Classification Committee Chair Person and a decision will be made at the next classification meeting.
3. Any team that has been reclassified before 1<sup>st</sup> tournament will submit their appeal to their division board before 1<sup>st</sup> tournament is played. After the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament see appeal process rule 2.

Second Appeal Process:

1. If you appeal to the Reclassification Committee and you still don't agree with decision then you may submit a 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal to The Board of Directors and the CSSA classification chair person, at this point the classification board will submit to the B.O.D their prior reason for reclassification of your team and your appeal information will go in a package to the B.O.D. for a final decision.