

BSSA Manager Meeting Minutes – 2/28/22

Roger Weigel began meeting with a tribute and a moment of silence for Walt Stack, Mike Ahneman, and Jim Janusz, members of the North Dakota and Bismarck softball community that passed away in 2021.

League trophies were presented to 2021 League top placing teams. (Trophy recipients attached)

State Tournament dates and locations for 2022 were listed:

Class C	August 6-7, 2022	Bismarck
Class D	August 6-7, 2022	Bismarck
Rec 1	August 13-14, 2022	Mandan
Rec 2 East	August 6-7, 2022	Wahpeton
Rec 2 West	August 6-7, 2022	Dickinson
Rec 3 East	August 13-14, 2022	Grand Forks
Rec 3 West	August 13-14, 2022	Bismarck
Rec 4 East	August 20-21, 2022	Fargo
Rec 4 West	August 20-21, 2022	Minot
Masters 35	July 23-24, 2022	Mandan
Masters 40	August 20-21, 2022	Jamestown
Masters 50 Metal Bat	July 16, 2022	Mandan
Masters 50 Wood Bat	July 30, 2022	Mandan
Masters 60 Wood Bat	August 14, 2022	Mandan

Changes made at the State Spring Meeting:

Rec 1 and above State tournaments will all be Double Elimination/3 game guarantee.

State Tournament entry fees: Open/C & D - \$260, Rec 1 - \$200, all others \$180.

Roster check will be done for all final 4 teams in all State Tournaments.

Lineup cards will be used in all State Tournaments.

Rule books will now be available online only.

Scorebooks will now be printed locally by Two Rivers Printing in Jamestown. The scorebooks will include local information.

Baden softballs will now be used by all Associations in North Dakota. Previously we were using AD Starr.

State pickup player rule – changed to 3 players with a max of 12 players. Pickup form MUST be signed by league rep and turned in before first game of tournament. There will be a \$20 fee if form is not signed.

State tournament registration deadline is the Day after McQuade Tournament. Entry forms can be mailed to Roger Weigel, turned in at Bismarck Parks & Rec, or brought to the Classification meeting on June 28, 2022.

If teams drop out of a State Tournament before 14 days before the scheduled Tournament, 1/2 of the entry fee will be returned. If after 14 days before scheduled Tournament, entire entry fee is forfeited, unless a team takes your place, in which case, 1/2 of the entry fee will be refunded.

Bismarck teams that must move up this year:

From Rec 2 to Rec 1:

Haward Electric/Sizzlin S Construction

Roughneck Coffee/Burnett Consulting

WTP (What's The Play)

From Rec 3 to Rec 2:

Bismarck Motor Hotel

O'Brian's/Coors

O'Brian's/Whole 9 yards

The Field Bar (New Salem)

From Rec 4 to Rec 3:

Tappen Farm Supply/Lazy H Ranch

Gateway Pharmacy

Tournament Serries will be continued for the 2022 season.

Rosters:

Max of 3 players one class higher.

Player's Classification is highest class of highest classed team currently rostered and the Player Data Base

Classification Appeal deadline is June 1, 2022.

Ejection rule change: If a player is ejected, he is ejected for that night, PLUS the following week.

BSSA Treasurer's Report was presented by Keith Ulmer.

**BISMARCK MEN'S SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
2021 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance 1-1-21 \$232,999.81 Total Funds Available

INCOME

Sponsor Fees	\$ 26,740.00	
Player Fees	113,935.00	
Interest Earned	11.31	
State Tourney Qualifiers & Regional	12,767.50	
Sale of Softballs	1,404.00	
Tourney/ Fall League Receipts	0	
Sale of Beer Permits	3,330.00	
Misc Income	<u>0</u>	
		+ \$ 158,187.81

EXPENSES

Beer Permits to Parks Dept.	3,330.00	
Umpires and Coordinators	53,704.50	
NDASA Team Registrations	9,295.00	
Softballs	8,190.00	
Player Fees to Park Dept.	22,308.00	
NDASA State Tourney Entries	12,927.50	
Printing, Supplies, Postage	1,464.62	
Salaries for League Officers	3,500.00	
Misc. Expenses	1,607.88	
League Trophies	1,979.18	
Insurance Expense	744.00	
Diamond Improvements	40,000.00	
Tourney Fees to Parks	<u>1,588.00</u>	
		- \$160,638.68
Difference between Income & Expenses for 2021		<u>- 2,450.87</u>
Account Balances as of 12-31-21		\$230,548.94
		Total Funds Available

Mike Wolf spoke about umpire issues and rule changes.

Players will no longer need to tape flare cones on bats.

ADA rule change: if a player has a ADA health issue during the game, team can sub without having to use a substitution. Player can re-enter game if issue is resolved, again, without having to use a substitution.

Pitchers will now only have 5 seconds to release the pitch after umpire calls for "play ball".

Again, the Bismarck Association is short umpires. Anyone interested, please contact Mike Wolf.

McQuade Tournament registration forms were made available for Bismarck teams. Also, online registration is open.

Bismarck Leagues:

4 homeruns per game

Pickup player rule will remain the same. Teams can only pick up players the same class as team, or if in a mixed league, the class of the team playing against that night. League only rostered players cannot be picked up for league.

Each night we will try to have an Upper, Middle, and Lower League, rotating complexes each year.

LEAGUE ONLY TEAMS – try not to "stack" you team.

Again, Bismarck does not force teams to play certain nights based on Classification.

Roster – 12 players minimum, 20 players maximum. All players must be 17 years old before the end of the calendar year.

*****REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR GARBAGE BEFORE LEAVING THE PARKING LOTS*****

Umpire shortage was brought up.

Umpire treatment from players and managers was discussed. Managers are asked to police their players and fans.

No consumption of alcohol is allowed by players during games. Umpires will issue a pregame warning, and ejections afterwards.

Umpire pay was discussed. Increasing umpire pay to \$50/ game would cost BSSA \$38,000/year. The Mandan Association increased umpire pay to \$50/game. A couple options were discussed to cover the additional costs.

1. Increasing player fees from \$60 to \$75.
2. Raise Sponsor fee next year. Sponsor fees were raised in 1983 to \$150, and in 2007 to \$200.

There was a motion and second to raise umpire pay to \$50/game. Voted on and passed.

There was a motion and second to raise player fees to \$80/player. Voted on and passed.

Election of Officers:

Roger Wiegel, Bernie Becker, Gordy Smith, and Scott Kinnischtzke terms were up for reelection.

There was a motion and second to nominate the four Board members up for re-election. Voted on and passed.

Nomination and second to nominate Ryan Stiefel.

Nominated persons were asked to leave the room so vote can be taken.

Members elected to a two year term: Roger Weigel, Bernie Becker, Scott Kinnischtzke, and Ryan Stiefel

Team registration and fees were collected.

2021 LEAGUE TROPHY RECIPIENTS

MONDAY LEWIS & CLARK LEAGUE

- 1ST Hayward Electric/Sizzlin S Construction
- 2ND Deeter Dental/Superior Cleaning/TEK

MONDAY FLICKERTAIL LEAGUE

- 1ST Elite Ag Solutions
- 2ND Kramer Agency

MONDAY PRAIRIE LEAGUE

- 1ST Applewood Homes
- 2ND J & R Vacuum & Sewing/The Moose 302

TUESDAY MEADOWLARK LEAGUE

- 1ST Veracity Motors, Inc
- 2ND Zuger, Kirmis & Smith Law/Bismarck Heating & Air
- 3RD Active Nutrition/Buffalo Concrete

TUESDAY MISSOURI LEAGUE

- 1ST New Nest Realty
- 2ND Redline Motorsports
- 3RD Borrowed Bucks/Naturedays

TUESDAY CAPITAL LEAGUE

- 1ST Farm Supply/Lazy H Ranch/RM Construction
- 2ND 701 Softball
- 3RD Gateway Pharmacy/Ben's Electric

WEDNESDAY DAKOTA LEAGUE

- 1ST Inge's Pub
- 2ND The Sports Page
- 2ND Jones Physical Therapy

WEDNESDAY ROOSEVELT LEAGUE

- 1ST Elbow Room/Coors Light/Pure Country
- 2ND Keystone/Bank of Glen Ullin
- 3RD Mann Energy Services

WEDNESDAY VETERAN LEAGUE

- 1ST Terry M Richter State Farm
- 2ND Pink it Forward
- 3RD Bismarck BioSteel

THURSDAY ROUGHRIDER LEAGUE

- 1ST The Sweat Co/The Lodge
- 2ND Eide

THURSDAY BADLANDS LEAGUE

- 1ST Jeepers Sweepers

2ND BNC National Bank
3RD Carpet World

THURSDAY BISMARCK LEAGUE

1ST Bismarck Motor Motel
2ND Glen Ullin Merchants
3RD Blink Eyewear

FRIDAY EAGLES LEAGUE

1ST W.T.P.
2ND Diamond Kings/LTD Electric