NJSSA Meeting Minutes for January 23rd 2013

The meeting began with a moment of silence and prayer for all deceased Senior Softball players and for all our troops in Afghanistan and around the world. Please say some prayers for Norm Stumpf, the NJSSA Tournament Director, who recently suffered a broken hip and also for Howie Marlin who will have hip replacement surgery in early April.

Held on 3/23/2013 at Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ

The following items were discussed:

- ROSTERS AND NJSSA DUES: Rosters and dues are due by June 1, 2013. If possible, ask for the rosters to be computerized, as that will facilitate the operation of the State Tournaments and will also be used to update the mailing list for the Newsletter. ONE (1) check for NJSSA dues of \$5 per player should be submitted to Howie Marlin, 222 Castlewall Avenue, Elberon, NJ 07740. ALL ROSTERS should be sent to Bob Lorincz, 13 Brook Drive, Milltown, NJ 08850 or to <u>njssa@hotmail.com</u>.
- 2. NEWSLETTER: Howie Marlin needs articles about players in your league such as articles and pictures of teams that are going to the Senior Olympics in Cleveland, Ohio, or if any players in your league have traveled to a foreign country to play softball. Anything that may be of interest to other players in the NJSSA will be considered.
- 3. IN MEMORIAM: As always, if any players from your league have passed away during the past year, please forward their names to Howie Marlin so that their names can be added to the "In Memoriam" list in the Newsletter. We should never forget any of our deceased League Officials, players or umpires.
- 4. OTHER LEAGUES: Steve Leonardo of the Mercer County League expressed some interest in joining the NJSSA and was invited to attend the meeting but did not show. Charlie Dilkes advised that the Berkeley Township League had also expressed some interest in joing the NJSSA.
- 5. 69+ STATE TOURNAMENT MEETING: There will be a meeting in regard to the 69+ State Tournament on Monday-5/6 at the Omega Diner at 10 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to set up two divisions for the tournament. One division will be for league teams and at this point it looks like the 4 Middlesex County teams will play against the 4 Morris County teams. The other division will be for teams from other counties that do not have a 69+ league. We will allow players who will be 69 or over during 2013, to play in BOTH divisions.

6. STATE TOURNAMENTS - The State Tournaments will be as follows:

50+ Tournament	June 29-30	Rain Dates	August 10-11	Linden
60+ Tournament	August 17-18	Rain Dates	August 24-25	Linden
70+ Tournament	June 12 (Wed)	Rain Dates	June 19	Old Bridge

Please bear in mind that the purpose of the State Tournaments is for all players to meet and play against players from other leagues. The theme should be EXERCISE, FUN AND CAMARADERIE and NOT TO WIN AT ALL COSTS.

- 7. 50+ STATE TOURNAMENT: We have added 4 members to the Tournament Committee: Frank Shapiro, Gene Stracco, Al Cheli and myself, for both the 50+ and 60+ tournaments. We now have 34 teams in our 50+ Weeknight League and we only get two teams at best, to participate. We are going to make an all-out effort to try to get more teams from Morris County to participate in both the 50+ and 60+ State Tournaments.
- 8. SOFTBALLS: A poll was taken for the softballs used by the member leagues and these are the results:

Middlesex County	Tattoo	
Monmouth County	Tattoo	
Ocean County	Trump	
Union County	Dudley SB-12	
Morris County	Dudley SB-12	

NEXT MEETING:

DATE: TBD TIME: 9:00 AM PLACE: OMEGA DINER, NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ

The above information is for the record and for future reference.

Thank You,

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