

NJSSA Meeting Minutes for December 1th 2012

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.

Held on 12/1/2012 at Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ

The following items were discussed:

1. **SOFTBALLS**---Ron Lesonsky of the 50+ Middlesex County League advised they are using a Tattoo ball (.52Cor 300 Comp), which he said is between an SB-12 (.44Cor 375 Comp) and a Trump Stote (.44 Cor 375 Comp) ball and the players like it. Pete Osborn said that Union County used the Trump ball, which they found to be very active and the league went back to the SB-12 ball. Morris County will continue to use the SB-12 ball.
2. **BATS**---We will check the ASA website in early January to see if there is an updated illegal bat list and if so, it will be provided to all NJSSA league officials.
3. **INSURANCE**---All leagues appear to be getting their insurance through SSUSA and it is advisable to apply for the insurance as soon after 1/1/12 as possible, because as we all know, fields cannot be secured without liability insurance certificates.
4. **ROSTERS AND DUES**---Rosters and dues are due by June 1, 2012. 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 njssa@hotmail.com.
5. **NEWSLETTER**---As always, Howie Marlin is again looking for articles of human interest about players in your league---maybe about the type of work they did (or do), any charitable work such as food banks, or any special interests they may have. If any players from your league have passed away during the past year, please send their names to Howie Marlin so that they may be added to the ever growing "IN MEMORIAM" list. We should not forget any of our deceased Senior Softball Players.
6. **CABLEVISION AD**--- The Morris County Leagues are working with Cablevision to produce a 30 second ad about the 50+, 60+ and 69+ Senior Softball leagues in our area. We are hoping to complete the ad shortly after 1/1/13 and air it on ESPN and/or ESPN2 during January thru March. We also email ads to newspapers in our area and submit ads to the Community Bulletin channel, as we are always looking for new players and new teams.
7. **EARLY SEASON TOURNAMENT**---Gene Stracco said he would like to try to have an early season tournament either in Morris County or maybe at the Linden fields and hopefully we could get some of the Morris County teams to participate, along with teams from the other leagues. If we do the tournament, it will be about camaraderie and fun and NOT ABOUT WIN AT ALL COSTS because we are all getting too old for that.

8. STATE TOURNAMENTS---It was suggested by Charlie Dilkes that we have the 70+ tournament in May or June, when it's not as hot as July or August, as it's difficult for 70+ guys to play 3 games in one day on a very hot day. Having the 70+ tournament on the second Wednesday of July was discussed, but maybe we should give more consideration to Charlie's suggestion.

Dates for the 50+ and 60+ tournaments were not set, but we should establish the dates at the January meeting, so that we can get the dates out to all league Managers and hopefully get a better turnout than in 2012. Please come prepared to set dates for the 50+, 60+, 70+ and possibly 75+ tournaments, at the January meeting.

Bob Thourot of Morris County has advised that he has two 75+ teams that would like to play in a 75+ tournament. We need to find out at the January meeting if other counties would have enough players to form 75+ teams.

NEXT MEETING: The room at the Omega Diner is not available on January 22, 2012, so the next meeting will be as follows:

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012 (SATURDAY)

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: OMEGA DINER, NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ

The above information is for the record and for future reference. Hopefully everyone reads, digests and retains the information.

Thank You,

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