

NJSSA Meeting Minutes for December 11th 2010

The meeting began with a moment of silence and prayer for all deceased Senior Softball players and for all our troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world.

Held on 12/11/2010 at Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ

The following items were discussed:

1. **NJSSA DUES** - Carl Nocera raised the question of whether a player who plays in 2 or 3 leagues has to pay NJSSA dues of \$5 to each league he plays in. After a discussion, it was voted on and agreed that NJSSA dues of \$5 must be paid for each league that a player participates in. The NJSSA dues are used to cover the cost of the State Tournaments, the Newsletter, Board meetings, website maintenance and other administrative expenses. Bob Lorincz donates a lot of his time and effort to maintaining the NJSSA website. If we had to pay someone to do it, we would incur a large expense. We thank Bob for all his efforts. The NJSSA dues of \$5 have been **THE SAME FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS OR MORE AND NOW THAT THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED, MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR AN INCREASE.**
2. **TREASURY** - There is a surplus in the NJSSA treasury of approximately \$9,000 and that is due to the 2009 cancellation of the 50+ and 60+ State Tournaments because of inclement weather. Since 2009, rain dates have been instituted for both tournaments. In looking at the figures for 2010, the expenses exceeded the revenues by a little more than \$500 and if that happens each year combined with unexpected expenses, such as an increase in the cost of fields for tournaments, it will not take long for the surplus to disappear. My background is Accounting and Taxes and I keep a watchful eye on the NJSSA Treasury, which Howie Marlin has maintained for the past 20 years or more and we thank him for that. Howie is 81 years old and will be 82 in April, so he has requested that Art Kopacz assist him in maintaining the Treasury. As an accountant, I believe there should be a surplus in the Treasury. In looking at the 2010 figures, the 4 Morris County Leagues paid \$3,880 of the total revenue of \$11,420 or 34% and does not send any teams to the State Tournaments, for one reason or another, and does not complain at all about NJSSA dues.
3. **SOFTBALLS** – Route 18 Sports has advised that a price for Dudley softballs for 2011 will not be available until after 1/1/11. Some leagues use the Trump softballs and purchase them on their own. The price of the Dudley softballs should be available for the January meeting.
4. **COMPUTERIZED ROSTERS** - The NJSSA is again requesting that all rosters be computerized so that the mailing list for the Newsletter can be updated. Rosters can be accessed on the NJSSA website at njseniorsoftball.com or njssa.us. We expect to have a laptop computer at the January meeting to demonstrate how to access rosters for completion.
5. **NEWSLETTER** - The NJSSA is always looking for articles about interesting events that occur in your league or about players who have or had interesting backgrounds. We do not need league standings for the Newsletter as they can be accessed on the NJSSA website; so we want articles of interest.
6. **INSURANCE** - Most leagues get liability insurance through the SSUSA. I spoke to Steve Simmons on 12/13 and he said that as far as he knows, the fee will again be \$30 per team for 2011. A list of the team names, a list of the insurance certificates needed and a check should be sent to SSUSA, 2701 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. It is recommended that you apply for the insurance certificates as soon after 1/1/11 as possible.
7. **STATE TOURNAMENTS** - The dates have not been set for the 50+ and 60+ State Tournaments because the list of national tournaments has not been published. Hopefully, we

can set the tournament dates at the January meeting. Dan Fishbane made a presentation in regard to the possibility of holding the 50+ and 60+ State Tournaments in Wayne, NJ. There is a 4 field complex and two of the fields are artificial turf, which drain very well in the event of rain. Once the State Tournament dates are set, Dan will check with the Wayne Rec Dept. to see if the fields are available and then we will have to see if the tournament teams will be willing to travel to Wayne.

8. **LEAGUE IN NEW EGYPT** - Nelson Tobolsky, Barry Leonard and Nick Massi from South Jersey attended the meeting and made a presentation in regard to a Sunday 70+ league in New Egypt. They are trying to get 4 teams and possibly 6 teams to participate in the league. Dick Raymond runs the Middlesex County 70+ League and he will check with the league members to see what players are interested. Just wondering if the New Egypt fields are available on weekday mornings or afternoons and if that might not get better participation. I wish the New Egypt league was closer to North Jersey, as we tried to get a 68+ league going in West Orange and we just did not have enough players, but we will try again in 2011. Nelson Tobolsky can be reached at 1-609-509-8360, so please call him if you or any players in your league are interested.

NEXT MEETING: The room at the Omega Diner is not available on January 22, 2011, so the next meeting will be as follows:

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2011 (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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