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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Gladstone Inn, Jamestown, ND, Saturday, April 19, 2008

President Dick Gulmon called the morning meeting to order.

We wish to thank the following firms for contributing door prizes: Jamestown Gladstone Inn and Suites, Midwest Trophy Company, Jamestown "Orr"iginals, Steve Granberg, Mary Hager, NDASA, Valley City Dacotah Bank, Drake United Community Bank, Minot Park & Rec Department, Casselton Dusty's Tavern, BKG Motor Sports, and Revolution Power Sports.

This year's inductees to the North Dakota Amateur Softball Hall of Fame are Harvey "Skeeter" Blaskowski, Valley City; Ron Geffre, Mandan; EuGene Hayes, Emerado; Steve "Rev" Revland, Moorhead, MN; and Timothy Allen Tweiten, West Fargo.

Dick Gulmon reported on code and equipment changes and Mike Wolf on rules changes. .

Tharaldson Enterprises will again sponsor all adult trophies and banners for state tournaments.

All leagues are urged to register all J. O. teams with the State at no cost.

NDASA will again hold state tournaments for Girls Fast Pitch 18 and under, 16 and Under, 14 and Under, and 12 and Under in West Fargo and Bismarck.

League Reps are encouraged to register all teams, adult, junior Olympic, coed, and church. All registrations are needed to keep our total above 2000 to enable NDASA to have an At-Large Player Rep to the National.

Team registrations must be in to Greg Kaeding by May 15. From May 15 to June 1 a \$10 fee per team will be assessed. June 1 to June 7 a \$25 fee per team will be assessed. After June 8, the team will be sanctioned for invitational tournaments but ineligible for State ASA championship play. Rosters are due after the first night of league play and **must be in the State Office by June 1.** After June 1 a \$25 late fee per roster will be assessed. **Teams whose rosters are received after June 7 cannot play in state tournaments.** Roster changes must be in the State Office or postmarked **on or before June 12.** Exceptions to these rules can only be made by Kathy Stefonek, Shirley Schafer, or Jim Hanley.

Rosters remain in effect through December 31, 2008. Rosters must have classification and team names of any player who is on more than one roster.

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MEN'S SLOW PITCH reported by Reinhold Fleck

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- *Discussion on Division 1, 2, and 3 state tournament. No change recommended.
- *In Masters Division, all teams 35 and over can have made-up teams. Rosters are due by July 1.
- *Teams that challenged up for state tournaments must remain in that classification for the next year if they won or two or more games in the state tournament.
- *MSC to change roster maximum to 20 players for all Men's Slow Pitch.
- *MSC to add a space for the manager's Email to the roster.
- *The highest finishing North Dakota team in Classes B, C, and D in the McQuade tournament will qualify for the national tournament.

MSC to change the state tournament format for Rec I to double elimination.

MSC to review and revise financial forms to eliminate useless information on forms.

MSC to continue to allow purchase of additional homerun for the McQuade tournament and that this be allowed for the life of the tournament.

The following officers were re-elected: President – Reinhold Fleck, 2516 Country Club Parkway N., Moorhead, MN 56560, phone (218) 233-0441 (H); Vice President – Craig Good, P. O. Box 566, LaMoure, ND 58438, phone (701) 883-5079 (H) or (701) 432-5541 (W); Secretary – Roger Weigel, 610 W. Wachter Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504 phone (701) 258-0011 (H) (701) 328-4403.

WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH reported by Sue Lachenmeier

ROSTER CHANGE DEADLINE IS JUNE 12.

Team registrations are due May 15; Roster Deadline is June 1, Roster change deadline is June 12.

Classification Meeting is July 11.

- *Travel permits are no longer required.
- *The correct dates for the Women's Masters are July 26-27.
- *At state tournaments, the top six teams qualify for Nationals. Request this information be sent out with state tournament pairings.
- *Discussed eligibility - no stripping of rosters; players can play in any association in the state.
- *ASA website has a color list of banned bats.
- *All bats need to restickered.
- *On homeruns, the batter does not need to run the bases.
- *Stealing is allowed in C and D state tournaments.
- *Run ahead rule: 20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5.
- *MSC that only state champion be moved up in all divisions.
- *State tournament locations were discussed at length. There is concern about availability of hotel rooms at some places. It was recommended that more central locations be chosen.
- *Caution was advised when buying new balls. A change in core could be coming. Don't buy a huge amount.
- *If a state tournament rains out, 50 per cent of the entry fee will be returned if the team plays one game; no refund if two or more games are played.
- *Discussed the Coed State Tournament. We are fine with either Fargo or Grand Forks locations.

The following officers were reelected: President – Sue Lachenmeier, 950 Summit Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58504, phone (701) 222-3627 (H)701-223-1949 – 11 pm to 7 am) work; Vice President - Amy Pederson, 140 – 4th Street SW, P O Box 422, Valley City, ND 58072, (701) 845-3294 (work), (701) 840-1328 (cell), (701) 845-2067 (FAX), e-mail , amyp@vcparks.com; Secretary – Barb Schmidt, 9225 71st Street SE, Berlin, ND 58415, (701) 883-5695 (home), (701) 320-9170 (cell), e-mail bschmidt@drtel.net; Commissioner – Mary Hager, 2838 – 18th Street NE, Harvey, ND 58341, (701) 324-5272 (H); (701) 341-0565 (Cell); E-mail mhager@srt.com.

MEN’S FAST PITCH reported by Rip Collins

ROSTER CHANGE DEADLINE is June 12.

Proposed to have two state tournaments. One would be the Developmental teams from Fargo and the weaker Minot and Devils Lake teams. Propose to call this the “C” tournament on July 26-27 in Fargo.

The other would be the tournament as we had it last year with the better Class “C” teams. We would call this the “B” Tournament for our purpose, but the teams would be “C” teams for national purposes. This tournament will be in Fargo August 2-3.

Also discussed umpires being available and thought tournament fees should be raised to \$200 or \$225 to cover paying umpires more at state tournaments.,

We would go back to the teams in Minot and Fargo and give them until May 15 registration deadline to decide if two tournaments would be worth it.

UMPIRES read by James Hanley

MSC to submit a proposal to the Executive Board to pay the \$75 registration fee for those umpires attending the National Umpire School in Moorhead, MN. The umpires appreciate the financial support the state association has provided in the past

JUNIOR OLYMPIC read by James Hanley

In 2008 , a 10 and Under tournament will be played in Bismarck in conjunction with the 14 & Under event on July 20. Individual registration is required for all Girls Fast Pitch teams and players.

MASTERS COMMITTEE reported by Jack Jones

*State tournament make up team rosters must be sent to the State Office by July 1. All players must be rostered players from a sanctioned NDASA roster. Make-up teams must pay a \$70 sanction fee along with the state tournament entry fee.

*Masters 50 make-up teams will pay a \$20 sanction fee and the tournament entry fee.

*Masters 50 teams are allowed up to three pick-up players for all tournaments including state tournaments. Pick-up players must be NDASA rostered players. Teams may not have more than 20 players, including pick-ups.

*The run-ahead rule is 10 after 5, 15 after 4, and 20 after 3. Do not run bases on homeruns.

*Single-wall bats will be used in Masters 50

*Masters 50 – Pitching box was adopted. This pitching box is formed by extending two lines from the ends of the rubber backwards 6 feet towards 2nd base. The pitcher may release the ball from any distance as long as at least one foot is on the rubber **OR** inside the pitchers box.

*Strike mat was approved for National Tournament play. Strike mat will not be used in North Dakota.

*The host city for any NDASA Masters 50 state tournament **MUST** have an AED (automated electronic defibrillator) at the softball complex.

*East/West format was approved for ASA Senior Nationals in 2008. West National will be in Spokane, WA.

*Master 35 and 40 teams will be surveyed at 2008 Masters Tournaments regarding the possibility of playing 35 and 40 tournaments on two different weekends. Masters 50 teams will be surveyed on 55/60 age group.

*Committee will mail a copy of playing rules to all 50+ teams at least one week prior to state tournaments.

Following individual group reports, numerous door prizes were awarded.

Dick Gulmon was re-elected president to a three-year term.

Meeting was adjourned.

Greg Kaeding, NDASA Secretary-Treasurer

NDASA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 18-19, 2008

MSC that NDASA pay clinic fees for North Dakota umpires that attended the National Umpire School held in Moorhead in April.

MSC Girls Fast Pitch JO to include 10 and under teams the same date as the 14 and under in Bismarck.

MSC Women's Rec II state tournament in Williston may be moved because of motel room problems. Cathy Corbett will contact the Williston Convention and Visitors Bureau and advise the State Office.

MSC to reject limiting state tournament sites at the present time.

MSC Men's Fast Pitch may have two tournaments. Class C would be from developmental league and Class B with regular fast pitch teams. For national tournament, teams would be Class C.

MSC in home run rule in Masters Divisions 35-40 is four over the fence; in Masters 50 three over the fence.

MSC all slow pitch and fast pitch rosters can have 20 players. Email address for team managers will be requested on rosters in 2009. We encourage managers to add their own Email address to rosters in 2008.

MSC in the McQuade tournament the North Dakota team that places highest qualifies for a national berth in Men's and Women's Classes B, C, and D.

MSC Men's Rec I state tournament in 2008 will be a double elimination format.

MSC to contract with RC Courtright to set up and maintain the website for NDASA at a cost of \$500 setup fee and \$200 a month thereafter.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Kaeding, Secretary-Treasurer