**New York Senior Softball Association**

**September 19 2019**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Joe Ditaranto. Board members Jack Battaglia and Peter Dill were absent.**

**The minutes from August 15, Board Meeting were accepted.**

**The Financial Report was presented by Joe Ditaranto and accepted by the Board.**

**The upcoming St. Jude Tournament was discussed. The Tournament will take place from October 1-3 at Cantiague Park. NYSSA players will be participating, but the event will not be organized or run by NYSSA.**

**Snow Flake Season will commence after the 2019 Playoff Tournament is completed. Games will be played on Field A at Cantiague on Mondays and Wednesdays, and also on Fridays at Baldwin Park, Orange Field. Weather permitting, games will be played until Wednesday, November 27.**

**The 2019 Playoff Tournament Finals will take place between the Orioles and Cardinals. The Orioles will be the home team in Games 1 and 3. The Cardinals will be the home team in Game 2.**

**The Board agreed to continue employing the current umpire organization.**

**The Player Application committee agreed to meet and finalize the 2020 Player Application form.**

**Fall All Star Game will take place on October 7, at Burns Park. Rain date will be October 14. Cha Cha will manager a team consisting of players from the Yankees, Red Sox, Giants and Angels. Joe O’Shea will manager a team consisting of players from the Orioles, Cardinals, Dodgers and Mets. Opening ceremonies will probably commence at 6:00-6:15pm.**

**NYSSA Structure - the Board discussed restructuring NYSSA into 2 divisions. While there are many PROS and CONS, the Board voted 5-4 to leave the current structure in place for the 2020 season. The Board agreed to discuss this further, with possible changes to the 2021 season.**

**Annual Awards Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 22 at Pompei Restaurant, 401 Hempstead Ave., W. Hempstead, NY 11552, 11am - 3pm. Commissioner, Joe Ditaranto has extended invitations to the League sponsors and political dignitaries. A list of players who prepaid for the Luncheon will be available to those volunteers working the door.**

**Long Range Planning Committee - a new committee formed to analyze and develop long range plans for NYSSA. The committee will consist of Joe Ditaranto, Joe Gavin, Jack Bassey, Bob Gebel, Bernie Rosen, Jack Battaglia and Jules Balistreri. The committee is scheduled to meet on October 3.**

**Player Evaluation Sheets were handed to all team managers. After completing the individual player evaluations, they will return the completed evaluations to the Evaluation Committee, head by Jack Battaglia.**

**New Business - Alan Finchley informed the Board that our website was not functioning up to our needs. Alan is working hard to remedy the problem. The next Board meeting will be held on October 17. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board will attend a Luncheon at Mama Theresa’s around 1:30 pm.**