**NEW YORK SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**February 20, 2020**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Joe Ditaranto. All members of Board were present.

The minutes from the January, 23rd Board meeting were approved and accepted to be entered onto the NYSSA website.

The Finance Report was presented by Joe Ditaranto, and accepted by the Board.

The Board will invite Mike Kucklinka, from the USA Softball of Long Island umpire organization, to the March Board meeting, to discuss rule changes and other matters.

The Commissioner and Executive Board members met with representatives of Bristal Assisted Living. Bristal reconfirmed their sponsorship commitment to our organization. They will sponsor a Media Day, on Wednesday, July 15th, at Cantiaque Park, Field A. Bristal will also sponsor a BBQ for our players at their Massapequa facility on Wednesday, June 3rd.

Peter Dill confirmed that he will continue to manage the Dodger team for the 2020 season. His assistant manager will be Bob Cannata.

The Commissioner invited both Al Cappelli and Dave Goldstein to the meeting. Both NYSSA members indicated that they desire to fill the managerial vacancy. After questions and answer sessions, the Board voted to select Al Cappelli to fill the vacancy.

Player Evaluation sheets were distributed by Jack Battaglia, Evaluation Committee Chairman, to all managers and Board Members. A final evaluation report will be prepared after the NEW PLAYERS are evaluation in April.

Every manager and Executive Board member received a folder containing the following ; 2020 Rules of Play, 2020 Returning Player Fact Sheets, 2020 New Player Fact Sheet and 2020 Wait List. These print outs will be helpful to the managers and their assistants, when preparing for the Player Draft. The Board stipulated that players rated “ 340 “ cannot be selected as an Assistant Manager.

Faced down playing cards, numbered 1 thru 8 were used by managers to decide their picking order in the draft on DRAFT DAY. The results are the following : 1 Sammy - Phillies

2 Cha Cha - Yankees

3 O’Shea - Orioles

4 Alan - Angels

5 Gavin - Cardinals

6 Cappelli - Red Sox

7 Bassey - Mets

8 Peter - Dodgers

Bernie Rosen prepared a questionnaire, for approval, to be presented to ALL NYSSA members during the 2020 season. Topic: Should NYSSA restructure itself into 2 Divisions

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19th, 2020.