

NYSSA

Board Meeting

October 20, 2023

Attendees: All were present except for Jack Battaglia, Alan Finchley and Gene Hennigan. Mike Rossi attended for the Dodgers.

Minutes: Were accepted as presented.

Financials: C. Schafer briefed attendees on financial conditions as of October 20th. Numbers are tracking 2023 Plan.

Post Season Tournament: Tournament is proceeding; we are down to 4 teams in the Semi-Finals -- Red Sox, Orioles, Yankees and Brewers. There will be 2 Umpires for the Semi-Finals at Wantagh Fields B & C.

Awards Luncheon: There are 115 attendees who paid; invited guests will number 5 – 7. The Season Champion Jackets will be awarded to the Brewers. Given the year-end Tournament will not be concluded by the Luncheon, the Tournament winning shirts will be distributed separately.

The shirts will be identical to that of last year which is a collared shirt, personalized with player and team names.

Players' gifts will be distributed by team after lunch. It's the Managers' responsibility to ensure that each member of their Team gets a gift, including those not at the Luncheon.

Cash required for the event will be \$700 for gratuities and \$500 for the raffle. Stewart Manor Country Club will receive a check based on the final number attending.

2023 Player Evaluation Forms: Jules will distribute to each Manager a list of the players on each team's roster, and a blank form which will contain the rating criteria for the Managers to rate these players' skill level.

Discussion was held on changing the player evaluation criteria and potentially adding other criteria. After discussion we agreed to stay with our current rating categories.

All Star Game: Comments were positive on the event. Only negative was the lighting at Burn's Park. Players were having trouble seeing the fly balls.

For next year we will have discussions on alternative Field possibilities (Allen Park was mentioned as a possible alternate), and also starting the game earlier in the evening.

2024 Season: Our goal is to have 10 teams with 16-17 players per team. We will need an additional field and another Manager (we have identified a potential candidate who is willing and able). Maybe we'll have 2 divisions, maybe split season. Those details will be discussed over the winter.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2023 at 10 AM at Cantiague Park.

