

## **Northern Ct. Girls Softball League**

### **March 20, 2018 Meeting**

A meeting of NCGSL was held 7 p.m., at the Rocky Hill Community Center.

**Note:** The RHCC address is **761 Old Main St., Rocky Hill, 06067**. However, while the building fronts on Old Main St. it is **better to approach it from Church St** in the rear where parking is available.

Present: Jack Miller, President,, Elena Beebe, Ellington, Tyler Catlin, Rocky Hill, Brian Dillon, Rocky Hill, Duane Douglas, Windsor, Mike Dudas, Rocky Hill, Chris King, Northwest Dauntless, and Kevin Mason, Newington.

### **Tournament Aug. 11/12**

There was some confusion over our tournament dates. After the meeting Dave Rocha confirmed ours will be Aug. 11/12.

Based on our conversation, those present seemed to favor a 12 game schedule for H.S. and M.S. teams and 10 games for 12U. This enables us to have the week of Aug. 6-9 available for makeup games.

**It should be noted the 4th of July occurs on a Wednesday, so that date will be replaced with a game on Monday, Aug.6 for the H.S. Division.**

**Also due to so many snow makeup dates for schools, there was support for tentatively starting the first week of play on June 25. WE SHOULD RE-VISIT THIS ISSUE AT OUR APRIL MEETING.**

### **All Star Games:**

Date will be the Saturday, August 19, after our weekend tournament.

### **Financial Report:**

Due to a schedule conflict and internet problems, the written report was unavailable.

Orally, we have learned, the League had a 2017 operating deficit of approximately \$200. This is not a problem, as we have approximately \$4,000 in "accumulated net income" from previous years.

Accordingly it was agreed that the League's fee to cover the cost of trophies, MVP plaques, and All Star medals, will remain at \$25 per team.

See 2018 Overview for remaining team costs.

### **Saturday Pool Play:**

Where there is an odd number of teams, one team must play an extra game so all the other H.S. or M.S. teams can play 3 games.

It was agreed that if more than one team volunteers to play the extra game, the lower seeded team will do so.

If there are no volunteers, than a team will be picked "from a hat".

### **Forfeit Rules:**

Rule: 9e is amended to provide that teams must make up a rainout if they have any remaining available dates versus each other.

Altho we are concerned about some teams unable to participate in the season ending tournament, due to past abuse of our eligibility rules, present policies remain in place.

**Again, it is extremely important, that as players sign up, coaches compile a list of game dates they are unavailable for. Called an Availability Chart.**

### **Double Header Time Limits:**

The umpires maintain it is not their responsibility to track the time limit for each game (altho many do so).

Thus it is incumbent on the coaches before the start of each game to meet with the umpire and agree on the end time.

### **Coaches Bring Rules To Every Game:**

In that umpires are working other softball conferences as well ours, coaches need to have our rules at every game to remind them of differences.

### **Younger Players Playing Up:**

Altho teams would like the option of players from younger divisions playing up on

occasion to avoid forfeits, this is not allowed.

1. USSSA does not permit double rostering
2. It dilutes the quality of competition
3. In the past it has lead to controversies over tournament eligibility.

**At Large Player Deadline:**

This rule #6 d.) is amended so that the deadline for At Large nomination is one week before team sign-ups.

Rationale: particularly in the case of "Lottery Pick Pitchers", teams need adequate opportunity to review and participate in the lottery.

**Future Meeting Dates: (all at 7 p.m.)**

Wednesday, April 18 at RHCC

Tuesday, May 15 at RHCC

Team Sign Ups: to be determined (at Fastpitch Nation)

**Projected Teams:**

	H.S.	M.S.	12U	
Cromwell	x			Brandon McFarlin
Dauntless	x			Chris King
Ellington	x			Elana Beebe
Enfield	x	X	X	Paul Higgins
Hebron				looking for a Town Co-ordinator
Newington	x	x	x	Kevin Mason
Rocky Hill	x	x		Brina Dillon, Tyler Catlin, Mike Duda
Simsbury				looking for a coach
Windsor		x		Steve Romero, Duane Douglas
Xtreme		x		Deanna Adams

Meeting Adjourned at 8 p.m., Jack Miller, Secretary Pro Tem