# USA Softball of Connecticut 2022

# Annual Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2022

1. Call to order

Dave Reno (Tournament Director) called to order the regular meeting of the USA Softball of CT at 10:00am on December 3, 2022

**Roll Call**

Bradley Sanchez (Secretary) Conducted roll call: Please see attach sheet for attendance of meeting.

All received and read minutes from last meeting. Dave asked for a motion to accept 2021 minutes, T. Roberto made motion B. Uluski second it, passed unanimously.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Hank Koritkoski
   1. Financial Report was presented by Hank Koritkoski.
   2. Savings Account Balance as of October 31, 2022: $5,014.53
   3. Checking Account Balance as of October 31,2022: $93,443.20
   4. Raymond James Investment Account as of September 30, 2022: $ 53.712.36
2. President’s Report: Pat Patusky – Not in Attendance – No report was given.
3. Commissioner’s Report: Hank Koritkoski
   * 1. Recap of 2022: We lost some good people this year: Moffitt, Hubbard, Joyce, Bergen, Carl Swan, Jessica’s father-in-law, Cliff’s dad, Ma K and others. Be sure to find someone to be your predecessor and mentor them. (Dave ask for a moment of silence for those we have lost this past year)
     2. UIC Cliff Larose has been out with foot and back conditions. He is doing better and I plan on keeping Cliff as UIC. Thank you to Lynne Nemeth and Dan Neuman for their work and work of others for scheduling umpires. We will need a “sub” for him until he returns.
     3. Welcome to Carlo Marotta, who has replaced Begen and Dave Reno who has taken over the Shoreline area for Ed Elimieta.
     4. Production report was emailed to all. Adult team registration is down from 772 to 703, JO teams from 220 to 208, and Umpire registrations from 328 to 299. This is a national trend, but we still need to seek more teams and umpires.
     5. State Champions for 2022: Open – Dirt Dogs; D – Scrubs; E – Willi Boyz; Rec. – Cricket Press; Coed – Swingers; Wood Bat – Hogzalez; JO 18U – Shock; and 16U – Stealth.
     6. Our website is: usasoftballct.com. Jessica and I will be working with Brett Bradanini to make it better and update it. Please be sure to share this with others.
     7. State Hall of Fame dinner went well and was financially in the black for the first time. Date and venue for 2023 will be chosen soon and posted to our website. Rick Wilkerson and Jessica Caro will be organizing it.
     8. Steve Roscia – Reg. One UIC will stay on one more year. Brad Sanchez is interested in the position for 2023.
     9. Jessica Caro was recognized in opening and closing session at the National Council meeting this year for her outstanding work as Tournament Director of the Men’s Modified National tournament in Drifton, PA. She will be TD again for 2023 and 2024. Dave Reno plans to host the 2024 40+ Men’s Masters SP at the CT Sportsplex. It will be the 3rd week in September and help is needed.
     10. Coach John Stratton of the Brakettes and the Sikorsky Aircraft SP team will be inducted into the National Hall of Fame on October 28, 2023 in OKC.
     11. We will have a booth for JO at the Trade Show for the National Baseball/Softball Coaches Convention on January 14, 2023.
     12. We need to work on getting more teams that are playing independently or with other organizations to register. We need to identify and reach out to those teams. Possible JO programs include Wilton, Georgetti Leagues, Southington (USSSA), Chesire, Tigers, Spartans, Monarchs, and others. Adult leagues in Winstead, Torrington, Waterbury, Danbury, Meriden, Norwalk, Sundown Coed and USSSA/Danbury. Dave Reno and will be using Chris Reno and Kim Capella to reach out via Facebook. Jessica Caro will also reach out.
     13. We will need people to help out with programs when Hank is out due to back surgery. We need all to be “all in” to contact and visit our clients to get all in.
     14. Sport Engine Tourney Machine will be used in JO starting Sept 1, 2023. Adult programs will start using in January 2024.
     15. 250 rule books were ordered but are available on line. 900 scorebooks were ordered and are $2 a book.
     16. Looking for sponsors for tournaments and tournament winners. Right now, we are using a 501c and Pat Patusky and Joe Barber are looking to use 501c3 for sponsors to use as a write off at the end of the year.
     17. Problem that coaches/managers/umpires are not all Safe Sport or background checked for the JO program.
     18. Need for more social media posts with newsletter through Facebook/Twitter/Instagram.
     19. Pat Patusky and Hank Koritkoski are looking into using Quickbook for easier management of financials.
     20. Slow pitch umpires will have a pay increase from $38 to $40. The registration will increase from $44 to $45 and JO is increasing team registration by $5 to $40. No projected increase for 2024 in the J.O. program.
     21. National Annual meeting in October, decided to conduct a survey on how to improve the slow pitch program. Results to follow.
4. UIC Report: Cliff LaRose – Absent due to illness – No report was given.
5. JO Commissioner’s Report: Jessica Caro
   * 1. Tournament Site/Schedule concerns for 2023 to be addressed.
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     3. PA announced try-out dates for 12U AAG 12/4 & 1/22, NH and NJ will announce dates soon. Total of 3 try-out locations for Region 1.
     4. Landed Partnership with DSG for 2023 season.
     5. MLB Softball Development Registrations, BG, and SS Certifications.
     6. Reach me if you are I need of Graphics, short video, etc. For Marketing USA Softball of CT.
     7. Will be making a motion to increase umpire fees from $60 to $70 to stay competitive with Fast Pitch Nation.
     8. Did not get a list of umpires who completed Safe sport or background check. Fast Pitch assigners are to help her check for Safe sport and background checks.
     9. She will not sign off on team rosters unless all coaches are Safe Sport and background check completed.
     10. Would like to have more input on JO scheduling.
6. Tournament Director’s Report: David Reno
   * 1. Will be asking for umpire fees to increase from $38 to $40 in 2023.
     2. Will not hold a tournament with less than 6 teams. Not beneficial.
     3. A four-week umpire clinic will be held in February for new umpires. Dates, times and location to be determined.
     4. Increase for using the Sportsplex in Branford to $250 per day. USA will be looking to use a new facility? Sage Park is possible; any suggestion please contact me.
     5. Will try to run a Men’s over 40 and a Women’s slow pitch tournament for 2023.
     6. Will be considering giving out paid bids, trying to keep cost down, all our tournaments we have two umpires and supply balls
     7. Registration in 2022 were down, losing Norwalk to NSA
7. Player Representation: Dave Reno reported
8. Reclassification requests will be taken between January 1 – August 1. We make recommendations as we send to Nationals office. Whatever Nationals says is final. No discussions can occur.
9. Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Greg Post asked if the state will help pay for umpire clinic, clinic is for SP/FP at the same time and agenda will follow as a National Clinic.
2. We are out of Covid-19 protocol, if anyone tests positive you are to be removed for 5 days when you test positive.
3. Held election for increase for of Slow pitch tournament umpires from $38 to $40: All in favor: Passed had election for Fast pitch to increase from $60 to $70: All in favor: Passed
4. Held elections for 2023: President Patricia Patusky; Secretary Bradley Sanchez were uncontested. Commissioner/Treasurer Hank Koritkoski: Umpire in Chief Cliff LaRose; J.O Commissioner Jessica Caro; Tournament Director David Reno were uncontested. David Mohr made a single vote toward each candidate, with Anthony Roberto second the vote.

XIV: Adjournment

Dave Reno (Tournament Director) adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Bradley Sanchez (Secretary)

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