

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Terry Moran, John Hession, Van Khachadoorian, Rocco Annesi, Mike Hanafee, Mike McCarthy, Bill Prodgers, Tony D'Allesandro and Charles Salerno

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Steve Marini, Mike McCluskey

Meeting Called To Order at 1:00 PM by Commissioner Moran

Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes of the September 21st meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Mike Hanafee to accept, seconded by Rocco Annesi and passed with one abstention (Van)

Treasurer's Report: John Hession

John reviewed the income and expenditures to date. He reported that the Back Office Associates account will only be noted on the Balance Sheet and no longer included on the Profit and Loss Sheet. A suggestion was made to rework the field maintenance personnel payments to better represent the amount of work they actually do along with their out-of-pocket expenses.

Motion by Annesi to accept the report, seconded by Prodgers and passed.

Comments by the Commissioner as to his expectations for the coming years:

Terry began by stating that every idea that comes forth to the board will be worthy of discussion bases on the merit of the idea. Once a decision has been made on the subject he expects al member to support he decision. All decisions are to be made at board meetings and not by outside cliques or gatherings. He wants to see more players get involved with the league. He will be establishing "Work Groups" to deal with specific tasks to accomplish such work and to work along with standing committees.

Fields need to be set up for next season to alleviate the pressure on scheduling. Charlie will lead the committee to develop fields. Terry will take advantage of electronic communications to communicate with all members of the league. Decisions that are made will be adhered to for the remainder of that season.

Open Session:

Terry invited any members of the league observing the meeting to bring any suggestions or concerns forward at this time to the board:

Dick Halla suggested reworking the Pool Player Policies for the future. He also said that the equipment at Kelley was not complete for some evening games.

John Harper said that there are variation in the abilities in each division and that we should try to accommodate them by adjusting bats, ball, designated runners, etc. and that player ratings should be division sensitive. Terry appointed John to head this Work Group.

Paul Donnelly said that the Division 1 travel team was greatly appreciative of the leagues help this year and is planning to add one or two more tournaments to their schedule.

Suggestion Box Review:

Terry will post responses as quickly as he can. He will post them at least once per month and that one suggestion for the Fall League has already been dealt with.

Classic Report: John Hession reported for Wayne Draeger that the Classic made a profit if \$11,600. This year. He distributed a breakdown of income and expenses prepared by Wayne along with a list of comments made by participating managers for the board's information.

Fall League:

Terry reporting for Brian Hastings said there were a few shirts left over and were available for \$15.00 each. Money was now all in to the treasurer and reflects 100 players playing on 7 teams. Thanks to all the managers for volunteering their time; Bob Hallet, Mike McCluskey/John Vaughn, Bob Ward, Dick Halla, Bernie Newhard, John Fitzpatrick and George Albert

Umpire Survey:

Bob Ward distributes copies of the umpire survey which is also on-line and urged everyone to fill out their evaluations of last season and asking for recommendations for the future. He reminded everyone that the survey is available on-line at the web site.

Banquet:

Rocco reported that the banquet was very successful with Division 1 having 44 people in attendance; Division 2 had 51, Division 3 had 71 and the Masters had 19 for a total of 175 attendees.

Discussion ensued on where to hold the banquet for next year because finding places available that can accommodate a group such as ours are becoming hard to book unless done early. After some discussion Prodggers made a motion to go back to Yarmouth House again next year, seconded by McCarthy and passed. Rocco will also look at alternatives for 2017.

Player Selection Committee:

Mike McCarthy reported that there was no report at this time from the Player Selection Committee. The committee would like to have two representative from each division represented. It was suggested that John Harper's work group be utilized to help with this task.

Field Report:

Charlie reported that he had met with representatives of Dennis Little League to develop a joint proposal for Wixon School field. He said that the representative had agreed to work with us and that they had funds to contribute to the project. Charlie asked if a meeting could be set up including principles from our league and theirs. The Representative said their board would be meeting in mid-November and he would get back to us. The representative was a landscaper and Charlie asked him to look over Baker to give us an estimate of what it would cost to fix the outfield there. The man did go to Baker but due to a sudden rain storm could not complete an estimate. Charlie is meeting Monday with representatives from McNamara Brothers for another estimate. Mystic River Landscapers have not returned his phone calls.

Marini Suggestions:

Steve Marini sent out suggestions he wanted discussed because he was unable to attend the meeting. He suggested we need to correct some of the problems with the Pool Player Policy and suggested more Public Service Announcements to help with recruiting. He suggested John Whelan who is a player in our league and has a radio show (91.3FM) be used to help in this endeavor.

Applications:

Terry reported he anticipates the application will be on-line at the web site next week.

Fees:

A motion was made by McCarthy to change the Pool Player fees to \$50 and the Master's fees to \$25.00 for next season. Seconded by Hession and passed with one dissention.

Round Table:

Announce the availability of applications in the Cape Cod Times sports section.

Rocco asked when committee assignments-Answer by mid-November.

Question as to when the player selection process will be coming out. Answer-When the committee has finished its work.

Van-said we have to be careful making up next year's budget to be sure we get the "biggest bang for our bucks."

Mike Hanafee want to know when the Division President's duties and responsibilities would be developed. Answer they exist and will be forwarded to him soon.

Next Meeting: November 11, 2015 at 1 PM

Meeting Adjourned 3:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles A. Salerno
Acting Secretary