

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2015
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony D’Allesandro, Mike Hanafee, John Hession, Mike McCarthy, Mike MaCluskey, Steve Marini, Bill Prodgers, Charles Salerno (Ex-Commissioner), Van Khachadoorian (via remote access) and Commissioner Terry Moran.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Rocco Annesi

Call to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:00 AM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Hession to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2015 Board Meeting.

Seconded by Steve Marini.

Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: John Hession

Motion by Prodgers to accept the Treasurer’s report. Seconded by D’Allesandro.

Motion carried.

Open Session: No comments or issues raised

Suggestion Box Review – Suggestions were categorized

1) Fields:

The question was asked if we have “estimated the economic impact on Harwich with regards to the Classic and then leveraged that with the town Chamber or Selectmen to have the ‘new’ field partially subsidized.”

In response the Board feels we just can’t do it given the number of players, finances of both the league and the town.

2) Ages:

Suggestion to lower to 50, This would require a by-law change. But it is on the table and it will be brought up at the next General Meeting.

3) Umpires:

Suggested that each player ump one game.

No Motion made on this.

4) Budgeted Money for Travel Teams:

Suggested that a committee be formed that would look at sponsorship...

Mike McCuskey volunteered to chair a sponsorship committee. The committee will look at the need for sponsorship for the league and the travel teams.

5) Saturday Meetings:

No change.

6) Game Times:

Suggestion that Division 2 games start at 5PM.

The Board would consider a 5:30 start time.

Motion by Prodgers to start Division 2 games at 5:30 PM, based on field availability. Seconded by McCarthy.

Steve Marini suggested we get feedback from Division 2 players before we make a decision.

Bill Prodgers **withdrew his motion**. The Board will entertain this in a month based on player's feedback.

7) Including Spouses/partners on Contact Lists (voluntarily)

Since the league member doesn't always answer the phone, it would help to know the spouse/partner name when calling for a player. Also, spouses/partners may wish to call other spouses to see if they are attending a game, an event or volunteering for some event.

Board is OK with this.

8) Number of Teams per Division:

This item is on the table but until we know the numbers not much can be done. This also is a pool player issue and that is a whole other topic...

9) Fall League:

"Too much stacking" going on. Fill-in/pool players should bat at the bottom of the order.

It appears that the Fall League Rules were not enforced.

10) Division 4:

92 were contacted regarding their interest in re-establishing a Division 4. 21 responded.

There was not a sufficient response at this time. We will revisit this once we know the number of players and ages.

11) Player Selection Work Group:

Does the work group have representation across all divisions? The answer is yes.

12) Cape Cod Championship:

Between Falmouth and us. Not at this time

13) Cassidy Cup:

Brian Hastings is considering having the as pre-season games as the tournament

14) Public Relations:

Use the Back Office as a recruiting tool, Ben Caswell is working on this as well as other ideas for recruiting.

Board Business and Reports:

1. Division Presidents' Report:

Division 1- Tony D'Allessandro: No report

Division 2 – Mike McCarthy – No report

Division 3 - Mike Hanafee

Motion by Hanafee to approve Division 3 PEAC members: Sam Simonis, Bob Breault, Chas Crawford, Peter Strand and Dave Badger. **Motion seconded by Prodgers.**

Motion carried without dissent.

Masters Division – Bill Prodgers

Masters is off to a slow start, but we will be contacting those who played last year.

2. Player Selection Process – Mike McCarthy

Mike handed out an Agenda of Major Issues that the group will be focusing on. This is a Preliminary Report. Mike met with John Harper who chairs the Division Difference Work Group and they agreed that their committees should work jointly, because they are so intertwined.

3. Fields – Charlie Salerno

Sandy Pond:

Terry Moran, Chris Myland and Charlie met with Mary Franklin regarding Yarmouth's request for funds, from us, to help offset the price increase for Sand Pond improvements which will benefit us during the season and the Classic.

In return for our contribution, Mary said she could guarantee us certain dates for Yarmouth field usage (i.e. 1st priority).

Motion made by McCarthy to contribute \$2500 to Yarmouth for Sandy Pond Field improvements contingent on our guaranteed use of the fields. **Seconded by Marini.**

Motion passed without dissent.

Baker Field:

Sean Fernandez had DHT Golf Services come to Baker Field and estimate the cost to improve the field: Aeration + \$1171, Slice & Seed + \$2732, Top Dress + \$5887 for a total of \$9790.

Whitten Landscaping will be sending a proposal.

McNamara's proposal was presented at the last meeting.

Wixon Field:

There is a new Youth Baseball Commissioner; he is willing to meet, hopefully, next month.

His Board has agreed, in principle, to work with us.

4. League Assignments:

Assignments will be emailed by Terry to the Board.

5. Application update – Terry

As to date: 160 have applied, 72% have paid.

6. Request of the Board to post information about the fee increases.

This will be done.

7. Report on the Audit and the FY16 Budget Process – John Hession

Audit was done by Ed Jay and Mike Hanafee and they rendered a clean opinion.

Taxes will be filed, when completed; we will concentrate on 2016 budget.

Round Table:

Bill Prodgers – when will the notice re: league be in the paper? It will not be put in until closer to the end of Feb or early March. However; with spring softball maybe we can get that put in earlier.

Mike Hanafee – should managers be required to enter stats on the web site?

Terry would like to teach the manager or someone on each team to do this. This would help with evaluations also.

Mike, how about teaching players how to properly keep score in the book? Maybe, Diane James could give a clinic.

Terry – received an email suggesting that we do away with “just pool players” and use only team members to be pool players. Something to think about.

Next Meeting – January 9, 2016

Meeting adjourned 12:35 PM

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary