

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rocco Annesi, Tony D'Allesandro, Mike Hanafee, John Hession, Steve Marini, Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Bill Prodgers, Van Khachadorian, Charles Salerno (Ex-Commissioner) and Commissioner Terry Moran

Meeting Called To Order By Commissioner Moran at 1:05 PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the August 6, 2016

Khachadorian moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded.
So moved

Treasurer's Report – John Hession

Prodgers moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded.
Treasurer's report accepted.

Board Business and Reports:

1. Division Presidents Reports:

a) Masters – Prodgers: It's been a good year & Dick Carroll is doing a great job. They will keep playing until weather permits.

b) Division 3 – Hanafee: End of year evaluation are not all in but will be by Wed. Having a wrap up meeting with Managers this upcoming Wednesday. Asking for all the balls & keys

c) Division 2 – Moran reporting

Five out of six evaluations have been received. The division was competitive.

d) Division 1 – D'Allesandro: Once the teams were reorganized we had a very competitive division. Four out of five evaluations received.

2. Field Report –Salerno:

Baker- There have been problems with the water pump. We've been in touch with the D-Y School system going over alternatives of how to fix it. They have decided that they want to connect to the Town water supply. The only downside to this is that we will probably have to contribute to the payment of the water bill. Nothing will happen until they hold a meeting. Charlie will try to influence them to lay a pipe that will be below the frost line and will accommodate our pump heads. If we have to help pay for the installation, well that's another story. We would have to let the field go in that case. Van said to remind them that we have put substantial money into that field. However, if all works out in our favor, McNamara will do the fall work on the field with the target date of Columbus Day Weekend.

Commissioner Moran reported that he and Charlie had a meeting with Todd Sterling who represents Total Athletics, who are building new indoor & outdoor facilities in

Barnstable. Their indoor facility would be available to us in 2017. They got a lot of information from us about our needs. There is a possibility that we would have use of the outdoor field.

3. Other Field Issues: Van, Charlie and Terry have been working with the Harwich Rec. Dept. regarding Bassett Field. We've developed a letter purposing to them that we would fix up Bassett (with the \$4700 we were going to use for Wixon) so that the Little League and the Crush could play there and we could use Potter morning and evening. We would consult with the Crush and Little League so that we could develop Bassett field to their specifications.

Van also noted that players participating in the Classic were very impressed with the area around Memorial/Potter. Mulch was donated by McNamara Bros., and trees were trimmed by a friend of Van's.

There is a request for a storage box for Kelley 1 and some new bang boards

4. Classic Report – Wayne Draeger (not present)

Wayne will have a full report ready for the General Meeting in October.

Just an FYI: Over 500 volunteer slots were filled. Following is a breakdown of volunteer hours: Merchandise- 186 hrs; Water & ice – 290 hrs; Parking -108 hrs.; Umpires- 486 hrs.; Game Hosts – 210 hrs.

Three Dunkin Donuts shops donated coffee & donuts every day of the Classic. Must send them a plaque of recognition & thanks.

Teams liked the 44 core ball.

Rocco questioned the amount of Field maintenance during the Classic, was it enough do we need more in between games?

5. Manager's Evaluations – already discussed

6. Commissioner's Priorities for the 2016-2017 off season were presented to the Board.

7. Columbus Weekend Tournament – McCuskey

There will be a sign-up on our website (sign-up date will be announced in advance.)

The first 52 to register will play, there will be a \$20 fee.

This will make up 4 teams (13 players), if we get more and can make up more teams we'll do it.

It is a Round Robin Tournament. It is just for fun i.e. no prizes!

8. ASA Affiliation for Rules – Bob Warde

Our Rule Book says that anything not covered in our book is covered by ASA Rules.

However; we are not members of ASA. We are members of SSUSA (this is how we get our insurance).

Tony found that we can buy an ASA official Rule Book for \$15 on line or we can even find the rules on line. Terry will work with Bob on this.

9. Other Committee Reports:

Van expressed concerns regarding the lack of confidentiality which occurred within the "Spirit of Softball" committee.

Charlie asked that we table the Pool Player policies report for another meeting.

Rocco reported that at this time we have 107 signed up for the banquet.

Steve Marini – Election Committee Slate

- Division 1: No current candidate
- Division 2: Mike McCarthy
- Division 3: Hank Baldassarri and Jim Devoe
- Masters: Bill Prodgers
- Director at Large: Mike McCuskey

10. Fall League – Dick Halla

82 players registered all is going well.

11. 2017 Applications: Moran

27 Regular, 1 for the Masters and 1 pool player for 2017

12. Discussion for the Fall General Meeting: Agenda will be coming

13. Open Session for all Players

Nothing

14. Suggestion Box:

- Split the Season into 2 halves 14 games & 14 games, with a winner in each half. Players could sign up for 1 or both seasons.
Response: it doesn't seem practical. We have a hard enough time registering players for one season.
- Assign a pool player to every game. PP would player for the team with fewer players. If each team had equal number of player he would play for the home team.
Response: There are so many reasons that it cannot be done. Terry will respond.
- Isn't it time to eliminate the courtesy catcher?
Response: This is an idea that has a lot of merit and will be referred to the rules committee.

15. Round Table:

McCarthy will there be some kind of recap regarding the umpiring during the Classic.

Bob Warde will write a summary

VAN- Thanks to Mike Hanafee for his service on the Board

VFW will be contributing money to assist a player with dental work

We need to relook at Job Description which were written for Presidents and

Commissioner, the descriptions spell out what the authorities are for each position.

Praise to Don Nolin and Bob Marcella for their great work on the fields

Hanafee – PEAC has had its day

Motion by Prodgers to adjourn at 3:20 PM

Board went into Executive Session to discuss a player issue.

Next Board Meeting – November 12,2016 at 1:00 PM

General Meeting – October 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary