

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2016 BOARD MEETING
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Hession, Jim McNamara, Mike McCluskey, Steve Marini, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Charles Salerno (Ex-Commissioner), Van Khachadorian and Commissioner Terry Moran.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rocco Annesi and Mike McCarthy

Meeting Called To Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:02 A.M.

Approval of meeting minutes for November 12, 2016

So moved by Hession. Seconded

Vote to approve minutes. 1 abstention

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report – John Hession

Very limited activity.

Audit will be completed before next meeting.

Board Business and Reports:

1. Division Presidents' Reports

Nothing to report from Divisions 1, 2, 3 and Masters season has ended.

2. Fields – Salerno

Baker Field – McNamara Bros. took care of “blowing out” the sprinkler system in preparation for winter.

Charlie has asked McNamara to give us an estimate on the work that needs to be done for the spring and the cost.

3. Other Field Issues – Van

Bassett Field – The Highway Department accepted our plan to improve Bassett Field.

It would make sense to let them do the work, since they have the equipment, and we transfer the funds to them. Van is waiting to hear if that is a workable plan for the Highway Dept.

4. Other Committee Reports:

Banquet – Van

A \$300 deposit was made to the Riverway Lobster House for our Sept. 27th Annual Banquet. The layout is excellent. Cost per meal is \$33.

5. 2017 Applications- Moran

Thus far 83 people have applied.

6. Recommendation for 2017 Divisions – Moran

This recommendation would re- establish Division 4 and also change the age brackets to:

Division I	55 to 64
Division II	65 to 71
Division III	72 to 76
Division IV	77 and up

The recommendation by the Commissioner outlined the numbers that show the possibility of having enough players to fill rosters the four divisions. It was acknowledged that the ages may need to be adjusted based on actual applications. The Age Realignment Committee (ARC) will continue to hear any requests to move to a lower division, but any such moves would only be granted if it was in the best interest of a division and ultimately the league.

A letter, written by Hank Bowen opposing the Division 4 “rebirth” was read by Van.

We may need to relook at our Mission statement. Continued discussion will take place at each meeting as applications come in.

Motion by Prodggers to accept and post the framework of the Commissioner’s recommendation with the ability to adjust based on actual applications

Seconded by McCluskey.

Motion approved with 1 dissent and 1 abstention.

7. Recommendation for 2017 Selection of Teams – Moran

This recommendation is based on the process that Division 2 uses for selecting teams.

There was strong opposition from the Division 1 & 3 Presidents.

Commissioner Moran withdrew the recommendation.

8. 2017 League Assignments – Moran

Assignments will be posted on the Web site

9. Open session for all in attendance

No comments

10. Suggestion Box Review

Mel Fulcher suggested that on our Memoriam page a link be connected to each name of the deceased so that the obituary will come up when the name is “clicked” on. Terry has already started working on this.

11. Round Table – All

Van – hope you be using separate fields for try-outs. Younger players on one field, older guys on another.

Also, have you, as a Board given further thought about building a sun shelter/pavilion at Memorial/Potter? Should I go ahead and get a scheme? Marini asked if there could be permanent restrooms along with the pavilion. That brought up the whole conversation about the possibility of applying for CPC Funds which are used for the enhancement of recreational sites.

Chip Hayden and Van will work on getting a blueprint for all that would be needed to make this project a reality. Terry will work with Eric, the Director of the Harwich Rec. Commission, to fill out the application for the CPC Funds.

McCluskey – The Columbus Day Tourney actually made a little money over the cost. It also produced some referrals to Cape Save Weatherization. Cape Save will donate \$100 to the league for every job completed (if referred via the league). I am looking into corporate giving from other of our league sponsors. Also, I am rethinking Sunday Softball for 50 and over. They just might be too young to playing with our guys.

Moran – Player profile will go live in a couple of days. Keep your eye on our web site. Make sure you fill yours in!

Marini – Thanks to Mike McCluskey for a great job with fall ball and the Columbus Day Tournament.

Hanafee- please emphasize that managers should fill in the stats of each player after the games.

Prodgers moves that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM

Next Meeting January 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary