

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2017

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rocco Annesi, John Hession, Steve Marini, Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Jim McNamara, Dave Noonan, Charlie Salerno (Ex-Commissioner) Van Khachadorian, and Commissioner Terry Moran

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Bill Prodgers

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

Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the July 8th Mid-Season meeting. **Motion to approve** – Khachadorian. **Seconded** – Marini. Motion to approve, accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Hession: **Motion** by Khachadorian to accept report. Seconded by McCluskey. **Motion passed.**

Board Business and Reports:

1. Division Presidents' Reports:

Masters – No report

Division 3 – Van: there is a good race between the 1st two teams. Each team is getting ready for the playoffs. Meeting with the managers after the game Monday, to go over the seasons' positives and negatives. Just want to get their input. What is the role and responsibilities of the Division President, and how far into the season, regarding "tweaking" a team's roster? The Commissioner said that this will all be up for discussion after the season.

Division 2 – Mike McCarthy: The managers want the "Catcher Rule" to be the same during the playoffs as it is during the regular season. Just a reminder that if any team knows that they will be short a player(s) the manager must go before the board, no later than August 15 to request a player (s)

Motion by McCarthy – if there are 10 or fewer players on a team they will receive a catcher from the other team. The catcher will put forth his/her "best effort"; it's the umpires' judgement that will determine "best effort" the consequence for poor effort is that the runner will be out. **Seconded by** Hession.

Motion passed with one (1) abstention. The policy extends to all divisions. This is a recommendation only to the rules committee. Charlie will take care of contacting the Rules Committee and if approved, then the board will be contacted to ratify their vote by email.

Division 1 – McNamara: Div. 1 is happy, no issues. Are there more balls for the playoff?

2. Fields – Salerno

Baker looks amazing.

Van added that Potter/Memorial will get more stone dust for the Classic. He is also going to talk with Dustin to see if Brooks Park can be used for the Classic. Also, have the guys slow down when coming into Memorial/Potter.

3. Pool Player Report – McNamara: Nothing to report

4. Fall League Report – McCluskey: The Fall League is not doing well. Too many players sign-up and then don't show up. I would like to run it like the Spring League and will talk with George Albert how to best go about this.

5. Other Committee Reports

Nominating Committee consist of Mike McCarthy, Jim McNamara. Open Board positions will be placed on our website.

Spirit of Softball Committee – Van: Committee met today and choose the recipient.

Terry reports that John Whalen resigned from the HOF Committee, Bill Producers is resigning from the Player Conduct Committee and Jim McNamara is resigning from the Pool Player Committee. The Commissioner asked Board member to look over the By-laws as some changes need to be made.

6. Playoff Report - Terry. Playoff schedule is on the website. Looking for one more field.

7. Recommendation from the Commissioner for a By-Law change to be sent out to players, via email, for a vote due to lack of a quorum at the mid-season meeting.

8. Review survey results and begin preliminary discussion for the 2018 season – Moran: 176 responded and there was a good cross section from each division. The results will be posted on the website.

Mike McCluskey suggested that the Board look at maybe cutting down on season games and have other choices for play for those players that want more variety.

9. 2018 Applications – Moran: Terry is working on this.

He stressed how important it is to have accurate player ratings (performance) that are honest and objective.

10. Rocco Annesi said that the banquet flyers are ready and will be given to the managers. Also, please get playoff results into Rocco ASAP so that he can get trophies etc.

11. Open Session – all attending players: Brian Hastings suggested buying hats on-line, good prices and good quality. Perhaps get 3 different colors or just 1 color for the league. Have players keep their hats and use again for a few seasons. This would save a substantial amount of money.

12. Suggestion Box – Nothing

13. Round Table – McCluskey asked if there was any change to the Travel Team Policy. Van said "no".

14. Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM

Next Board Meeting Friday Sept. 22nd at 5:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary