

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2018 BOARD MEETING**  
**HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, John Hession, Van Khachadorian (via phone) Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Ron Scarborough and Commissioner Terry Moran

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Mike McCarthy

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MORAN AT 10:00 A.M.**

**Meeting Minutes: Motion by Hession** to accept the minutes of the 12/9/2017 Board Meeting. Seconded by Noonan. Motion carried without dissent

**Treasurer's Report – John Hession**

**Motion by Prodgers** to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ron Scarborough. Motion passed without dissent. The Treasurer reported that an Audit was completed by Ed Jay and Dave Noonan. Clean opinion from the Auditors. The new budget process will begin soon Terry, Dave and John hope to have something ready by the March meeting

**Board Business and Reports:**

**1. Division Presidents' Reports**

**Masters – Prodgers:** Will be calling players at the beginning of March. There are rules to accommodate players that are rehabbing, someone had asked about that.

**Division 3 – Khachadorian:** Looking for managers; thus far we have one commitment. We will post a request on the web.

**Division 1 – Ron Scarborough:** Managers are in place. PEAC members in place. Two players are willing to be Pool Coordinators. Email going out to encourage members to get their applications in

**2. Fall and Dome League Report – McCluskey**

Dome, we have 25 slots for M & F (15 to 20 from our league and some from other leagues) charging \$12-\$13 per person.

**3. Other Committee Reports:**

**Rules Committee Report – Charlie Salerno:** What is policy? What is Rule? The committee would like to recommend that whatever the Rule's committee reports to the Board – the Board accepts the Rule Book – that makes it policy.

**The Committee has decided to keep the pitching screens.** There will be no restriction on the screen, i.e., what side to pitch from. However, the screens need to be repaired. Charlie has found a place to purchase netting, etc., cost about \$700.

**Another rule the committee proposed is: the runner on 1<sup>st</sup> base can run by 2<sup>nd</sup> base even is the batter is called out at 1<sup>st</sup>,** but if you want to go to 3<sup>rd</sup> base you have go back and touch 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Ron developed a form that can be filled out if someone wants to challenge a rule. The form would be submitted to the Chair of the Rules Committee and then a dialogue can ensue.

Also the **committee voted 4 to 3 to eliminate the courtesy catcher; so you get a pool player or play short.** Ron suggested we put a 3 year moratorium on rule changes. Lastly, the page numbers of Rule Book are being matched with the Table of Contents and eventually we would like to set up an index.

The question arose: Would it be more cost effective to refresh the pitching screens, i.e. get a couple new ones each year?

Van noted that he will have an update on the feasibility of a Division 4 by mid-February.

**4. League Assignments and Vacancies – Moran** Tabled

**5. 2018 Application Update – Moran** reported that 116 have submitted applications all but 13 have paid. **Remember, after February 15th the cost is \$125.00 to apply**

**6. Proposed Bylaw Amendments: Moran**

Proposed Bylaw amendments have been presented by several Board members. After consideration on each it was decided to put forth the following for an electronic vote: |

#### **ARTICLE II Purpose**

The Cape Cod Senior Softball League is a competitive slow-pitch softball league **offering multiple playing opportunities** for individuals aged **fifty (50) years** and older. It is organized into multiple divisions based on players' ages and skill levels, and its overall purpose is to promote healthy competition and camaraderie in a safe and friendly environment.

#### **Rationale:**

- 1. This reflects the actual variety of playing opportunities**
- 2. Dropping the age to 50 will allow for increased membership, aligns with senior softball organizations and allows for increased flexibility when creating divisions**

#### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

A. Membership shall be open to any person age **fifty-(50) years** and older. All entering members shall be assigned to an appropriate division, depending upon age and ability. The Board of Directors may change the League structure as deemed necessary.

**Rationale: Aligns with Article II**

**ARTICLE IV  
MEETINGS**

B. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, ~~April through November~~, and at any other time deemed necessary by the Commissioner. A quorum shall be seven (7) Board members.

**Rationale: The business of running the League is a year-round endeavor and monthly meetings are a necessity to accomplish all of the tasks that are required.**

**ARTICLE V  
ELECTIONS**

A. A nominating committee, appointed by the ~~Board of Directors~~ Commissioner, shall make the general membership aware of impending vacancies on the Board of Directors and solicit the membership for nominations. Notice of said vacancies shall be posted ~~in the league newsletter and~~ on the league's web-site on or before August 1 of each year.

**Rationale:**

**1. The nominating committee is a temporary committee and the appointment of temporary committees is at the discretion of the Commissioner according to the by-laws.**

**2. The League does not have a newsletter and all notifications are currently posted on the website.**

**ARTICLE VI  
OFFICERS**

The officers of the league shall be the Commissioner, the President of each division, and the Treasurer/~~Secretary~~, all of whom shall be elected by the league members, and shall have the authority, and perform the duties, prescribed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors. In the absence of the Commissioner, or in the event of an inability to act, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Board Member to perform the duties of Commissioner during the aforesaid absence or inability to act.

**ARTICLE VII  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the league officers (Commissioner, the President of each division, and Treasurer/~~Secretary~~), the most recent Ex-Commissioner, together with four (4) members elected at large. The powers of the League shall be exercised by, its properties managed by, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors. Directors' terms shall be for two (2) years, beginning with the first scheduled meeting of the board following the annual meeting, except as follows:

**Rationale for previous 2 Articles: The Treasurer position strictly deals with the financial aspect of the League.**

**ARTICLE VIII  
COMMITTEES**

- A. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for ~~designating~~ **approving** permanent committees. The Commissioner may, from time to time, designate temporary committees and any member of the League may serve on such committees. The Commissioner shall appoint the Chairman of all committees, and the Chairman shall then select the members of the committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Committees shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman.
  
- B. No members of the aforementioned nominating committee may be nominated for election to the Board except from the floor at the Annual Meeting.
  
- C. No member may serve on more than one (1) permanent committee at the same time. **Exceptions may be permitted depending on the need of members available to serve on multiple committees with the approval of the Board of Directors.**

**Rationale:**

- 1. The Board approves but does not designate**
- 2. The exception would be used when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the CCSL**

**ARTICLE IX  
MANAGERS**

- A. Team Managers shall be appointed by the ~~Commissioner~~ **Division Presidents** and may be removed by the Commissioner whenever in his/her judgment the best interests of the League would be served by such removal.
  
- B. At the conclusion of each season and not later than 15 September, the Team Managers, in their respective divisions, will assess each player's ability at the completion of the regular season and submit evaluations to their ~~respective player evaluation and assignment committee.~~ **Division President, for future inclusion in the formation of team rosters.****

**Rationale: This puts more responsibility in the hands of the Division Presidents and sets a deadline for player evaluations**

**ARTICLE X  
CONTRACTS**

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer ~~or member of the League~~ to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the League, and such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances. Whenever more than one signature is required, the Commissioner shall be authorized to sign along with any other member of the Board of Directors.

**Rationale: Entering into contracts is the responsibility of the Board**

**ARTICLE XVI  
PLAYER EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE**

Each division shall have a Player Evaluation and Assignment Committee (hereinafter PEAC) which shall consist of league members appointed by the ~~Board of Directors~~ **Division President**, exclusive of Board members and team managers, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

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- 7. Proposed Policy Change Discussion – Moran** We especially need to address the Pool Player policy and the Player Conduct policy at the next meeting. Terry will send out all policies for the Board to review. Mike McCluskey would like to see us incorporate the “zero tolerance” concept into our player conduct policy.
- 8. Open Session for All Players -**  
Dick Halla wanted to know if there is a committee to address the Pool Player Policy issues. Terry said that the entire Board will look at this. Any suggestions or preference should be sent to the Board.  
Chip Hayden felt that lowering the age to 50 is a very important move because there will be a positive cascading affect; it may take 3 years or so to build up, but it will be worth it.
- 9. Suggestion Box Review – Nothing**
- 10. Round Table – Board Members**  
**McCluskey** – thinking about Saturday morning softball this summer, opt- in, opt-out format.  
**Moran** – think of ways to promote the age change  
**Ron** – Where does the form requesting a rule change go?  
**Ben** – has ideas for advertising. Let’s think about the St. Pat’s Parade in Yarmouth, hopefully we can get more of a showing this year. **Van** – Don Nolin won’t be back until Mid May, we need to get someone to tend to the fields. Also, Cape Tech is will to build dugouts at Memorial. We would pay of materials, they would do the rest. Need approval of Town Rec. Commission.

**Motion by Prodgers to adjourn** –So moved. Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon.

**Next Meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.**

Minutes submitted by Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary