



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting August 31, 2019

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Alex Brunet at 12:12 pm at The Hideaway in Odenton, MD.

Roll call

The following persons were present:

Alex Brunet, President
Jason Tores, Co-Vice President
Mike Largent, Secretary
Mike Maloney, Co-Vice President

1. All Star Game - Will be held 9/28 at Joe Cannon for local games and Shirley Povich Field on 10/5 for the DC vs Chesapeake MSBL Games.
 - a. T shirts - will cost \$4-5 per shirt with the league planning on ordering 200 shirts. Cage jackets for Hall of Famers were also ordered. Players will be required to make a \$10 donation or \$20 to purchase a shirt in order to play.
 - b. Managers would be needed: For the 45+, either Gary Shay or Steve Hoffman would manage. Other divisions TBA.
 - c. An email would be sent to the managers calling for player nominations and volunteers to help manage the game
 - d. Andy Bowie, a former player for the 35+ Mariners, recently diagnosed with cancer. Alex Brunet nominated him for the Hall of Fame as an executive action given his condition. This was approved unanimously by all members. Andy has been a league member since 1996 and participated in 40 tournaments with having won 10 rings. His number #7 would be retired by the league for all star play.
2. Umpire ratings - The number of ratings submitted were down this year as we transitioned to a new site. There were frequent complaints on the quality of umpires, so it would be stressed by the league at the next all hands meeting, that managers must submit a rating after each game. This helps with grading and prevents below average umpires from being used in gameplay. The league would also clarify with Larry Hackely on how to best critique umpires and possibly request more higher rated umpires.
3. Field Maintenance - It was also noted that at the next all hands meeting, field maintenance would be covered with the managers. Greg with Rec and Parks could also be contacted to get a crew to go out and turnover fields (Generals Highway, Annapolis). It was proposed that the league allow the Rawlings

A's to use the lighted field and assist with maintenance. The 45+ Fire was also mentioned as a team to help with upkeep. League Secretary Mike Largent is going to be donating a riding mower to the league for use at Annapolis/Generals Highway.

4. Championship T-Shirts - Shirts are provided by the county so the league would request that they put the year and "Division Champions" on the shirts.
5. Tournaments - Due to lack of interest the league would be cancelling the Columbus Day tournament and issuing teams refunds on their deposits. The lack of destination fields, and costs were cited as possible issues. Other suggestions were to have a possible fall league on weekends, or find cheaper umpires in order to bring down costs. It was also mentioned that teams might have more interest in a Spring Tournament before the season, which would be explored.
6. Miscellaneous - The board also discussed a few items regarding the league operations:
 - a. 22+ Cubs - numerous times during the season players wore mismatched uniforms, sometimes lacking jersey numbers. For 2020 they will be required to adhere to league rules regarding uniforms.
 - b. A number of teams had forfeits this season, with a few having over 4 forfeits, which is in violation of league rule 9a. This would need to be addressed with those teams
 - c. The league would also announce to the 45+ managers a proposal for their vote and approval, of dropping the age division from 45+ to 42+ as a trial. The goal would be to increase the number of players in order to possibly form a 6th team. This would be presented to the managers for feedback.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Prepared by Mike Largent, Secretary

Approved by Alex Brunet, President