

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2018

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, John Hession, Van Khachadoorian, Mike McCarthy, Mick McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Ron Scarborough, Gary Simmons and Commissioner Terry Moran

Attendance: 47 league members

1. Meeting Called to Order at 11:17 AM by Commissioner Moran

The on-line vote for a By-law change regarding the date of the Annual Meeting, was passed 107 – 0.

2. Introduction of Board of Directors – Terry Moran

3. Secretary's Report of 2017 General Meeting – posted and Available

4. Treasurer's Report – John Hession

5. Commissioner's Report – Terry Moran

Division 4 has been brought back (many thanks to Van for all his work on making this happen). This is something that I have wanted since I became Commissioner.

The other divisions had their ups and downs but all in all it was a good season. The number of teams and the commitment of players is something that the Board will look at this upcoming year.

I am in the last year of my second term and we are looking for someone to step up and run for the Commissioner's position.

Wayne Dreager gave a breakdown of the upcoming **Classic Tournament**: Start date is September 4th. We have 64 teams this year (7 more than last year) = 180 games. Next week we will have meetings with the host and umpires and we will emphasize the need to keep the games moving. We have enough volunteers for hosting, parking and water. The critical need is for umpires. Out of 50 people who initially signed up to umpire at the beginning of the season only about 27 actually did games.

Van Khachadoorian broached the subject of umpires. It has been said that umpires from RI will be brought in (to umpire the AAA games). The League will pay for housing, mileage and umpiring. Doing this will have a major impact on the bottom line. Why can't our guys cover the games?

Wayne stated that the information is correct and the reason for this is that we have 20 more games. Last year we had 39 umpires. It was our judgement that the 27 umpires could not cover all the games, it would mean doing at least 6 games a day. If you guys think you can handle the games, please step forward and let Dennis Redding know. Ron Scarborough coordinating the umpires, said that we need umpires for 47 games. Dennis Reading sent a very clear email to all of the league umpires regarding the situation. No one stepped up to umpire any of the 47 games. Thus, there is a need for reaching out to bring in umps from elsewhere. Some of the members attending the meeting voiced strong disapproval. Wayne said that this Monday there is a meeting with the umpires so maybe this issue can be resolved if more umpires show up or others are willing to ump more games.

6. Nominating Committee Report – Dave Noonan

First of all, let us thanks the people who are retiring form the Board: Ron Scarborough – Division 1 President, Mike McCarthy – Division 2 President and last but not lease, Van Khachadoorian – Division 4 President.

Slate presented today is as follows:

- Don Saulnier – Division 1 President
- Brian Hastings – Division 2 President,
- Charlie Salerno – Division 4 President
- Bill Prodgers – Masters Division President
- At-Large is incumbent Mike McCluskey

Are there any nominations from the floor?

As a point of clarification, Van Khachadoorian pointed out that he was originally the President of D-3, but when D-4 became a reality he became the President of that Division. Peter Cutler moved into that position (which expires this year, 2018) when Van moved to Div. 4. This position needs to be brought forth to the membership and needs to be officially elected by the Board.

Commissioner Moran shed some light on this: When Van was appointed to Div.4, Peter Cutler, who was an At-Large Board member, was asked by the Commissioner to fill the Div. 3 presidency position. At that point, the At- Large position opened up and Gary Simmons was appointed to fill the remainder of the term (2019). Commissioner Moran asked Peter if he was willing to serve as Division 3 President. Peter responded with a YES. So we will officially include Peter on the slate as Division -3 President. According to our By-laws, since no one is being opposed, the Secretary cast one vote to approve the slate; Secretary, Judy Kennedy cast the vote approving the slate.

7. General Announcements:

Banquet is at the Riverway restaurant Sept. 26th. Van needs numbers by 9-10.

There was a question regarding our application for CPC funds to have the town build bathrooms at Memorial/Potter fields. We will apply again, must be in by 10-1. It seems that our request is not a high priority given all the open space work that has and is being done at Brooks park area.

8. Open Forum:

Guy Brigida ask that maybe Div. Champs could receive T-shirts instead of plaques. This will be brought before the Board for next year.

Ron Scarborough pointed out that we should wait as long as possible to set the age cut off. For example, we see now the issues that lowering the age to 50 brought to Div.1. It was pure turmoil for the first month. These guys are still dealing with kids, they also can opt to play in other leagues, so we see how their commitment in not totally to CCSSL. They also hit the ball harder and farther – we need to limit them to 3 HR's.

Van Khatchadoorian is retiring from the Board after 28 years of service. He said he is most proud of 2 events: The building of Memorial Field which was a huge volunteer effort, both financially and labor wise. There was also a lot of community support from contractors. The second event that I am most proud of is the re-establishment of Division 4 this year. Thank you managers and players that opted to hang in there and play the game, even though we only had three teams. I can see next year being better.

We all thank Van for his tireless commitment and effort to make CCSSL the success that it is.

As pointed out by Mike Hanafee, attendance at these Annual meetings still seems to be an issue. Ben Cawell suggested that perhaps each division/team could appoint player representatives, people who would have to become invested in the league, e.g. attending the Annual meeting.

9. Adjournment: Bill Prodgers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 PM

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary