

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING JULY 23, 2021
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Barry, Bob Callahan, Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, Jim Gresis, Brian Hastings, John Hession, Bill Prodgers, Peter Strand and Commissioner Van Khachadoorian

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Jay Hauser

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Khachadoorian at 9:30 A.M.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hession to accept the minutes of the 04/30/2021 minutes. Seconded by Strand. **Motion passes**

Treasurer's Report – Hession

Motion by Prodgers to accept report. Seconded by Callahan. **Motion passes.**

The Commissioner stated that the money that was donated to the League from the Seigal estate is still not earmarked for any project. A sub-committee will be appointed by the commissioner to determine possible projects for the Board to vote on.

LEAGUE MATTERS/REPORTS

1. Revisit Policy #3 – Hastings

Motion by Hastings to take the issue of player placement off the table. Seconded by Caswell. **Motion passes.**

The main difference with my recommendation is that players be judged on their ability 1st and age 2nd. This policy is to supersede all parts (unless noted) of the policy listed under "Recommendation #3" as previously submitted to the Board.

Motion by Hastings that we replace Player Placement policy #3 with the recommendations that I have submitted. Seconded Caswell.

Motion passes with 1 dissent.

2. Report: 2021 Nominations – Powers

Bernie's committee members Barber, Bowen, Buck, and Kennedy.

The terms of Commissioner, Treasurer (Hession) and 3 Directors (Callahan, Caswell and Cutler) are due to expire this year. We used our website to notify league members that they could submit their names to be put on the slate. Hank Bowen submitted his name for one of the Directors.

The three Directors named above and the Treasurer have decided to run for a second term. The person that the committee chose to place on the slate for Commissioner is Wayne Draeger. This comes after meeting with Wayne and his agreement to accept the nomination.

3. Report: 2021 League Banquet – Conroy

Gary's committee members: Forte and Vaughan. The Riverway Restaurant is no longer available as it has been sold. Committee members visited 10 or more places looking at seating availability, cost per serving and convenience of location. Swan River Seafood Restaurant in Dennis Port met the criteria. Date 9/29. Cost per person would be about \$50.

Motion by Prodders to have the league subsidize the cost so that the ticket price can be no more than \$35 per person. Seconded by Strand. **Motion passes**

4. Report: 2021 Cape Cod Classic – Draeger

Dates: 9/10 through 9/15

Leadership Team: Bob Kemple and Ben Tantillo working with Wayne.

Number of teams: 30 Teams have paid. 14 more teams have made a commitment.

Best guess 45/50 teams in the tournament. (Because of the pandemic, many travel teams have either merged or disbanded). Also, I do not expect AAA teams to play this year.

Umpires: **Charlie Salerno** is working to provide umpires. We don't think we have enough league umpires to cover all the games. We are making arrangements with both our Cassidy Div. umpire team and the Rhode Island crew to cover some of the games.

Applications: we have received only 2 league teams' applications (Hastings and Sweeney). Please encourage your division to enter teams, early August will be the cut off to do so.

5. Webmaster Stipend – Van

Motion by Hastings to give the webmaster, Jim Gunning, \$1000 stipend for this year. Seconded by Prodders.

Discussion followed.

Vote taken and **Motion passes**

Also, Bob Hardy has a generator that he wants to sell to the league. The league has been using it, a lot, to run our pitching machine. Its new, he paid over \$600 for it and want to sell it to the league for \$525.

Motion by Cutler to purchase the generator. Seconded by Caswell.

Motion passes with 1 dissent.

6. Report: Bylaw Committee – Salerno

Charlie's committee were Draeger and Callahan.

The Bylaws are the structure by which the organization runs.

Each Article of the Bylaws that had proposed changes was read by Charlie and given the rationale behind the proposed change(s) the Board then discussed each of the proposed changes. Charlie will take the Board's recommendations and incorporate them into each Article that was discussed. He will also include a justification or rationale for each change and will send out the document to the Board for further review.

7. Play-Off Format/Schedule – Salerno

The league is playing till the last week in August. This causes a time/scheduling problem for the double elimination format. Divisions 3 & 4 don't present too much of a problem. However, Divisions 1 & 2 each have 6 teams. I am going to approach Yarmouth to see if Sandy Pond is available or maybe Kelley or we might have to go into Saturday. Brian came up with a 5 day schedule for 6 games. Charlie will work on getting this worked out...with help from others. Stay tuned!

Regarding the General/Annual Meeting – Van

Will be scheduled for the 1st or 2nd Saturday of October. We could have a breakfast meeting at Swan River Restaurant or at the Harwich Community Center which might draw more people.

Hasting suggested that, in the future, we hold the meeting in the summer when everybody is here. Stipulate that the elected officials will not take office until October or whenever the Board chooses.

After the Classic the new fencing/backstop will be put up at Memorial – so the Fall league will not be able to use the field until work is completed.

Fall league will be established once again according to Peter Cutler.

Email out to see if there is interest in Tues. Thurs Sat. fall league.

Brian would like to see some of our surplus money go toward larger scoreboard in the out fields. Maybe the schools would join in. Just a thought!

Jim Gersis: Div. 3 is running well. We are down to 12 man rosters. Used 17 pool players in total.

Motion by Strand to adjourn at 12:40 P.M

Next meeting August TBD

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary