



Minutes of 2018 Annual Board of Directors Meeting

February 12, 2018

I. Call to order

Alex Brunet and Jason Tores, Interim Chesapeake MSBL President, called to order the 2017 Chesapeake Men's Senior Baseball League annual board of directors meeting at 6:40 PM on February 12, 2017, in the conference room of Spring Hill Suites in Hanover, MD.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Alex Brunet, Special Advisor
Jason Tores, Interim President
Mike Maloney, Interim Vice President
Mike Largent, Secretary/22+ American Division Director
Jason Sisler, Royals/35+ Division Director
James Powers, Blue Wave
Danny Tyler, Red Sox
Lee Nelson, 35+ Mariners
EJ Nadolny, Brew Crew
Eric Brooks, Angels/22+ National Division Director
Brian Bauer, 35+ Tigers
Eric Tharrington, 35+ Indians
Mike Bishop, 35+ Bull Sharks
DeSean Chainey, Yankees/ 22+ National Division Director
Alan Keitz, Giants
Steve Moulton, 45+ Fire
Doug Darnell, 45+ Cardinals
Mike Dorsey, Carroll Park Baseball
Michael Wiley, 45+ Tigers
Chris Vanderbosch, Annapolis Mariners
John Canterna, Linticum Expos
Victoria Friend, Annapolis Braves
Ivan Mitchell, Maryland Hawks
Stephen Lee, Maryland Cubs
Tom Finch, 45+ A's

Jeff Wolf, 35+ Braves/35+ Division Director
Alex Marks, Brewers/Director of Field Maintenance
Tim Biggs, Hooks

III. **Trophy Presentations**

Trophies for the 2017 season were presented to the following teams:

25+ American Division

Annapolis Pirates – Postseason Champions, Chesapeake Brewers - Regular Season Champions

Chesapeake Orioles - Postseason runner up

25+ National Division

Patuxent Blue Wave – Regular season and postseason champions

Maryland Hawks - Postseason runner up

35+ Division

Chesapeake Braves – Regular season and postseason champions

Chesapeake Mariners - Postseason runner up

45+ Division

Chesapeake White Sox – Regular season and postseason champions

Chesapeake A's - Postseason runner up

IV. **Changes to Board of Directors**

Alex Brunet announced that for the summer he was being deployed for work, thus missing the 2018 season. The board met and named Jason Tores, Interim President. Additional changes were that Mike Maloney would be promoted to Vice President. Mike Largent, League Secretary would also become the 22+ American Division Director after Alex Marks stepped down to become the Director of Field Maintenance. Eric Brooks of the Angels would become a division director in the 22+ National Division with Billy Sansing (Hawks) moving to the 22+ American. Jason Sisler (Royals) and Jeff Wolf (Braves) would be the division directors for the 35+ Division

V. **League Awards**

League Awards were announced for 2017 as follows:

Hall of Fame - No elections

25+ American MVP - Brad Brainer, Chesapeake Hooks; 25+ American PoY - Jon Tapper, Chesapeake Brewers; 25+ American Service Award - Mike Largent, Chesapeake Hooks; 25+ American Sportsmanship Award - Brian Kellner, Chesapeake Brewers

25+ National MVP - Joe Landi, Chesapeake Angels; 25+ National PoY - Chris Barger, Maryland Hawks; 25+ National Service Award - DeSean Chainey, Maryland Yankees; 25+ National Sportsmanship Award - Billy Sansing, Maryland Hawks

35+ MVP - Andy Welling, Chesapeake Braves; 35+ PoY - Dave Greeley, Chesapeake Braves; 35+ Service Award - Mike Maloney, Chesapeake Royals; 35+ Sportsmanship Award - Dave Greeley, Chesapeake Braves

45+ MVP - Mark Robey, Chesapeake White Sox; 45+ PoY - Steve Hoffman, Chesapeake White Sox; 45+ Service Award - Bill Ratford, Chesapeake White Sox; 45+ Sportsmanship Award - Frank Raska, Chesapeake White Sox

VI. **Rule Changes**

It was announced that the 25+ Division would be moving to 22+ for the 2018 season and beyond. Also for all divisions the maximum roster size would increase from 25 to 28 players. The slaughter rule was simplified to 12 runs with 2 innings left to play from the previous rule. Also added was an escalating set of penalties for failure to maintain the fields after games. Teams were told to document the conditions of fields when they arrived and if any teams failed to help in post game field maintenance. The penalties for teams who do not maintain fields are as follows:

- a. 1st Offense: Warning to manager
- b. 2nd Offense: \$100 fine paid to league's charity
- c. 3rd Offense: \$200 fine, suspension of manager for 2 weeks
- d. 4th Offense: \$300 fine, suspension of manager for the remainder of the season

All games will be forfeited until the team pays the required fines. Teams were also reminded at Annapolis not to park near the tennis courts or on the grass. Drop off of equipment was ok.

VII. **Fields**

For the 2018 season it was announced that the league was allotted enough dates at Joe Cannon Stadium and Bachman to allow for 4 games per team. We would also have the use of games on Saturday's at Joe Cannon. With 8 fields at the league's disposal games will be scheduled at 10 am and 1 pm, leaving the 4 pm slot for make up games. If a game during the week was rained out it is the intention of the league to make up that game the upcoming weekend and avoid weeknight doubleheaders if possible. Alex Marks, the Director of Field Maintenance was tasked with developing a Field Maintenance SOP for teams to refer to.

VIII. **Free Agent Draft**

It was also announced that the league would hold two free agent showcases and drafts for the upcoming season. The draft would take place from 7:30 am to 9 am on February 17 and 24 at BASES in Glen Burnie. The league asked that each team participating contribute \$20 to be eligible to select players and cover the cost of the facility. There would be no cost for the players to participate and teams will draft in reverse record order from last year's standings. All players will sign a waiver and a form, in which they agreed to play for the team that selects them for at least one season, or sit out for one year.

IX. **League's Financial Status**

Wayne Vance discussed the league's current financial status and provided everyone in attendance with a sheet showing all revenue and expenses for 2016, as well as our balance as of 2/28/2017. More details are available upon request.

X. **Carroll Park Initiative**

Mike Dorsey, a representative for Carroll Park in Baltimore was introduced. His organization organized a youth baseball league at Carroll Park. He stated that in that area, kids didn't have access to sports and most didn't know the rules when the season began. Mike suggested that his organization and the MSBL form a partnership to assist with their season. Donations in the form of time or money would be welcome, but his organization would like to hold a clinic for the kids and have MSBL players provide instruction. Wayne Vance has his contact info and all interested players who would like to contribute, to contact Wayne.

XI. **Orioles Fundraiser**

Jeff Wolf presented information to the league regarding whether or not we wanted to participate in the Oriole fundraiser for 2018. He stated that there were two different options we could pursue for the fundraiser. One option was tickets for one game only if we wished to get together as a league, and the other was a voucher that could be used toward a number of games. The cost per ticket would be \$15, with teams getting \$4 and the league \$1 per ticket sold. Teams interested in participating should contact Jeff Wolf.

XII. **Spring Tournament**

EJ Nadolny of the Baltimore Brew Crew presented a possible spring tournament to be held on AA County fields. The tournament would be held April 14-15 and that for a 12 team tournament he would need 3 fields. Additional information was provided via a handout and those interested in reviewing it should contact Mike Largent for more information.

XIII. **Miscellaneous**

It was announced by the league that paperwork included in the packets provided to managers would be due by April 15, and to expect a meeting around then to collect it. The remainder of the balance due for the league fee would be due April 1 and unlike last year there would be no grace period. It was also announced that there would be no games on Father's day.

Practices could be held at Bestgate, with a start date yet to be determined. Interested teams should contact Mike Maloney. We would have that field on Sunday's and Saturday's after 2 pm. It was also noted that there was no smoking on county property and players were reminded not to do so.

It was also announced that the 45+ would try to establish interleague play with the Dundalk 40+ league to eliminate crossover games with the 35+.

XIV. **Meeting Adjourned**

Jason Tores, Chesapeake MSBL Interim President, adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Largent, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Jason Tores, Chairman & President
