CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rocco Annesi, Bob Breault, Tony D’Allessandro, Mike Hanafee, Mike McCarthy, Terry Moran, and Commissioner Charles Salerno

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Hession, Mike McCluskey, and Bill Prodgers

**Meeting called to Order at 9:00 A.M. by Commissioner Salerno**

**Approval of Minutes:** A correction to the minutes of the 2-16-2015 Board Meeting is as follows: Under “New Business” section c) after the work, “bats” add , “and the use of courtesy runners from home plate in Division 3 would not be approved.” **Motion** to approve the minutes of the meeting as corrected. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

**Treasurer’s Report – Hession (given by Commissioner Salerno)**

**Motion by Annesi** to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Travel Team Policy – Tabled

**Old Business:**

**League assignments – Committees** – Commissioner Salerno

Umpire Coordinator – Bob Warde

Player Conduct – Bill Prodgers added; Brian Hastings removed (Board Member Required)

Spirit of Softball –Bernie Powers

**League assignments – PEACs and Managers**

Division 1 PEAC members are Bob Marcella, Frank Pina, Ed Jay, Tony Peralta, and Bob Pfeifer

Division 2 PEAC members are Walt Pollack, Brian Hastings, and John Harper

Division 3 PEAC members are Chris Sweeney, Jim Van Baalen, and John Sullivan

Division 1 Managers are Paul Donnelly, John Danby, Don Saulnier, Bernie Newhart, Mike McCluskey, and TBA

Division 2 Managers are Terry Moran, Dick Churchill, Bob Warde, Bob Hallett, and two others yet to be identified

Division 3 Managers are Mike Hanafee, Rocco Annesi, Rob Robidoux, Clyde Takala, Mike Onnembo, and one to be determined by the team

**b) Cassidy Cup** Report— Brian Hastings for Mike McCluskey Brian indicated that the current proposal is to have four one-pitch tournaments limited to teams in the league around the first of August. Seeding would be by league standing at the time of the tournament. Each member of the winning team would receive a patch and the team name would go on a perpetual plaque to be placed in a place where it would be seen by the public. Committee needs to finalize dates, possibility of donations from the players, adjustments for people who do not want to play, and final trophies/plaques. Final report to be submitted and next meeting

**c) Application update** – Moran

We appear to have reached our goal of having 6 teams in each division. Currently, there are 238 applications broken down: 78 (54 paid) in Division 1; 79 (56 paid) in Division 2; 81 (74 paid) in Division 3; 10 (all paid) in the Masters Division, 8 pool player applicants, and 24 New Players (14 in Division 1; 9 in Division 2; and 1 in Division 3). Teams may have as many as 14 players

**d) Yarmouth request for Donation** – Salerno

Discussions are still ongoing and discretion will continue to be delegated to the Commissioner

**New Business:**

1. **Rules Committee Report** – Warde

Two proposals for rule changes were presented: (1) Protected Batter/Runner. In Division 3 only, teams could designate up to two players at the start of each game who could not be thrown out at first base on a ball that had reached the outfield grass. Such players would wear an identifying arm band and could not be changed during the game. (2) Pitching Screen. At all games, pitching screens would be positioned in accordance with current rules but pitchers would be encouraged but not required to go behind the screen after throwing a pitch. **Motion by** Breault that these two changes be tabled for consideration at the next meeting. Motion seconded by McCarthy Motion passed with two dissenting votes

1. **Reestablishment of Division 4** – Annesi et al.

Proposal was made to establish a Division 4 that would be comparable to the Division 4 that existed until last season. After discussion, a committee was established to explore this possibility. Chaired by Rocco Annesi, its members also include Bob Breault, Mike Hanafee, and Van Khachadoorian

1. **New player evaluations** – Salerno

New player evaluations are scheduled to begin next Saturday

1. **Umpire Scheduler** – Salerno ???

**e) Travel Team Manager Assignments** – Salerno

The travel team managers are as follows: Paul Donnelly—60’s; Bob Marcella—65’s Tom Radziewicz—70’s; Chris Sweeney—75’s; and Bernie Powers—80’s

1. **Chamber Update and Fields** – Moran

ECAC is coming back to Harwich this year. The purchase and sale agreement for the new Sandwich mega-facility has been signed; potential use still several years off. The Barnstable fields will not be in condition for use until next year. The closure of the Harwich Middle School may provide the league with an opportunity to access a new field

**g) Special Olympics** – Brian Hastings

Brian made a general proposal for the league to sponsor some activities such as softball clinics or games incorporating senior players with special athletes. The board was generally in favor of the idea but looks for more specificity.

**Round Table:**

No items of significance raised.

Next meeting: April 27, 2015 Monday at Harwich Community Center

Minutes submitted by: Michael McCarthy for Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary