

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 6, 2016**  
**HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Hanafee, Mike McCarthy, Ron Scarborough, Bill Prodgers, Charles Salerno (Ex-Commissioner), Van Khachadoorian, Rocco Annesi and Commissioner Terry Moran.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Marini, John Hession and Tony D'Allessandro

**Call to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:05 AM**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion by Van Khachadoorian** to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2016 General Meeting.

Seconded by Annesi.

Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: John Hession absent**

**Motion by Prodgers** to table the Treasurer's report to the next meeting. Seconded by Prodgers.

Motion carried.

**Division President's Report:**

**Division #1** No Report

**Division #2** Wish to add players to one team due to excessive injuries which has reduced them to 9 or 10 players before the playoffs begin. Yes, providing the action is complete prior to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Division #3** A sign criticizing the division make-up was anonymously posted in dugouts and on sheds in Harwich last week. Van asked the Board to give the Commissioner the power to discipline the individuals(s) involved as he sees fit. Commissioner Moran expressed his disgust with the perpetrator and actions of some players and vowed to institute severe punishment to those involved.

**Masters Division** Everything Fine.

**Decorum on Fields** the Commissioner will send out a reminder regarding the prohibition of the use of alcohol on all our fields.

**Field Report** Charlie reported that the pump on Baker field continues to get clogged with debris leading to a loss of prime and therefore no sprinkling. He contacted the town regarding the problem and they will have a well expert look into the situation and report what can be done to alleviate the problem. Charlie stated that there is a water junction near the shed and perhaps water from that junction could be brought to the pump thereby eliminating the need for the

well altogether. In the meantime our sprinkler man will replace the backflow valve to see if that helps but the pump need to be checked daily to be sure the pump hasn't lost its prime. If it has, a couple of gallons of water should be kept on hand to restart it. Van will work with Bob Marcella to see that this happens.

Charlie also requested board approval for the remainder of the McNamara Bros. contract funds to do the fall work scheduled for Baker after our season is over.

Van moved to allot the funds, Ron seconded it Motion carried

Charlie also reported the possibility Lombard field in Barnstable being ready for use next season and another one the year after that. More information will be forthcoming after the beginning of next year.

Van reported he was still working with the recreation commissioner in Harwich to see about procuring the use of Potter exclusively for next season by helping with the refurbishing of the Crowell field behind the community center. They are still debating whether to use clay or stone dust on the infield there.

**Classic Report** Wayne Draeger was not present at the meeting but sent in the attached report. Bob Warde stated that umpire sign-up will be available on the web site for the Classic. Van reported the possibility of having coffee donated again for all the fields for the Classic by Dunkin Donuts.

**Umpire Recognition** Bob Warde suggested that umpire recognition take place at the annual banquet. He proposed jacket patch recognizing 5-10-15-20-25 years of service as an umpire at a cost of \$500. With the provision that they stay within the budget, Van motioned to accept the proposal and allot the funds, seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

**Columbus Weekend Tournament** Mike McCluskey proposed a Columbus Weekend Tournament for members of our league. He suggested 4 teams with the first 52 members who sign-up to be admitted. The tournament would span all age divisions and would include seeding and elimination play. Each team would be guaranteed five games. Producers moved approval, Van seconded. Motion Carried.

**Fall League Coordinator:** Mike McCluskey volunteered to assume the responsibilities of Fall League Coordinator. Terry announce that the Fall League applications are already up on the web site and players may sign up now.

**2017 Applications:** Terry reported 2017 application are ready and will be placed on the web site shortly. The new application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. He also states anyone applying for only morning or evening will have to explain why they are only available for that time.

**Banquet:** Rocco distributed the Banquet notices to all Division Presidents or representative and the Pool Administrator.

**Selection of Players:** Mike McCarthy reported his committee considering how players are chosen for teams is still active. Terry stated it would be put on the fall meeting agenda.

**Commissioner Authority:** Van raised an issue to allow the Commissioner broader powers to deal with problems which come up during the season. He proposed either a policy or by-law change to allow something like the following: The Commissioner of the Cape Cod Senior Softball League shall be granted authority and power to take whatever action he/she deems appropriate to resolve league related matters which may occur throughout the season. Such action to be made in a timely and responsible fashion with impartiality, deliberateness and considered to be in the best interest of the League. Said authority to be unilateral and apply to all League matters without prejudice.

**Pool Player Committee:** Charlie stated that the committee had met and have some suggestions for consideration. A draft of what they came up with is attached to these minutes.

**Suggestion Box:** A suggestion was made that the new bats and balls may be a safety hazard. Discussion ensued. No changes were recommended.

**Resignation:** Ron Scarborough resigned from his Director-at-Large position and his resignation was accepted by the board. Motion made by Van to appoint Mike McCluskey for the remainder of Ron's term of office. Seconded by Prodgers. Motion carried.

**Roundtable:** Van suggested a limit on unexcused absences by board members.

**Executive Session:** Motion made by Rocco to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personality issue. Seconded by Mike McCarthy. Motion carried.  
Issue reviewed and discussed.

Motion made to conclude executive session made by Van and seconded by Prodgers. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting by Van seconded by Prodgers. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting – September 17, 2016**

**Meeting adjourned 12:35 PM**

**Minutes submitted by:** Charlie Salerno, Acting Recording Secretary

## 2016 Classic Update

The Cape Classic tournament will start play on Friday, September 9 and conclude on Wednesday, September 14. The 60s and 65s will play on the week-end with the 70s, 75s and 80s starting play on Monday, September 12. We expect to use our normal fields in Harwich, Dennis, and Yarmouth for the games. Each town has confirmed that these fields are reserved for our use.

We are still receiving applications but based on preliminary responses from the teams we have invited, I anticipate the following:

60s Division – 17 – 19 teams with 3 brackets

65s Division – 15 – 16 teams with 3 brackets

70s Division – 13 – 14 teams with 2 or 3 brackets

75s Division – 8 – 10 teams with 2 brackets

80s Division – 3 teams with 1 bracket

If this holds we will have 56 – 62 teams this year. Last year we had 55.

It's my sense that we have become the end of summer tournament for leagues across New England, upstate New York and a league in New Jersey.

We have leaders in place for each of the major tournament work tasks – umpiring, parking, water, and merchandise. We also have hosts assigned for the games at each of our fields. We will brief these leaders on the tournament and their duties during the week of August 22.

In summary, I believe we're set for another Cape Classic, weather permitting!

Wayne Draeger

### **Pool Player Rules and Recommendations**

1. Pool Players are individuals who are used to bring a team to a total of eleven (11) players when roster players are not available.
2. Pool Players must play every inning and must bat last in the line-up. Pool players may only play catcher, right and right center field positions except as noted below.
3. PEAC members should attend tryouts in spring to rate players Low, Medium and High by division. The players who are not selected for a team will be reverted to the pool in their appropriate age category. These players should be encouraged participate in Saturday morning scrimmages to allow them an opportunity to develop their skills and provide additional evaluation time.
4. Any new player (i.e. one who has not played on a regular team in at least three (3) consecutive years and was not present for the tryouts may be designated as a Temporary Pool Player and may play up to three preseason or regular season games in any defensive position and in any position in the batting order. A temporary pool player may be added if a team has eleven (11) regular players but not more than twelve (12) for evaluative purposes. The Temporary Pool Player must, however play every inning and the manager is responsible to report the playing of this player to the chairperson of the PEAC's which he/she may be considered for. Special note: a player may be considered Low for one division team but High for another division. After three (3) games the Pool Administrator will designate the placement and rating of the player to the applicable Division pool coordinator(s).
5. Any player who has played in the league previously but did not play the immediate previous season may be designated as a Temporary Pool player but only for two (2) games in that status.
6. Opposing managers and PEAC members will be notified that an individual playing that day is designated as a Temporary Pool Player for evaluation purposes and both must submit their evaluation to the chairperson of the PEAC within 48 hours after the end of the game.
7. No player can be designated as a Temporary Pool Player after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
8. The PEAC must designate every player in the division as either High, Medium or Low so the replacement player, whether permanent or Pool, may allow for "like for like" assignments.
9. Permanent Pool Players who have played in the league before will be evaluated by the PEAC as to their "impact" status before assignment to a division's pool.
10. Regular season players who may wish to join the pool will be evaluated by their PEAC and given a Low, Medium, High status for any division that they are eligible for.
11. A Pool Player may play in one division higher or lower than their designated age division.
12. A Permanent Pool Player may play in their appropriate age division as well as one division higher (older) or lower (younger) provided that they are not considered an impact player by the PEAC for the higher (older) division. They cannot be considered an impact player for the division in which they are age appropriate.
13. Opposing managers will be notified that an individual playing that game is a pool player.

14. If a pool player is requested for a game and the player for whom the pool player is replacing arrives at the game, the pool player will play and the roster player will not be allowed to play nor sit on the bench with the team.