

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2016

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rocco Annesi, Mike Hanafee, Van Khachadoorian, Steve Marini, Mike McCluskey, Bill Prodggers, Charles Salerno (Ex-Commisioner) and Commisioner Terry Moran

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony D'Allessandro, John Hession and Mike McCarthy

43 League members attended the meeting

1. Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:05 AM

2. Introduction of the Board Members

3. Secretary's Report – Posted and copies available.

Minutes of last general meeting (Mid-season) 07/09/2016

Moved to accept the minutes. Seconded and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report –

No Treasurer's report given as John Hession was absent

5. Commissioner's Report – Terry Moran

Priorities for this off-season:

- a) Player Conduct – policy needs to be tightened up with strict deadlines when things need to be done.
- b) we will be establishing divisions sooner rather than later; everything is on the table; including reestablishing Division 4
- c) Setting up a fair process of player selection which will be used by all divisions. Mike McCarthy is the chairman of this committee.
- d) Secure access to good fields
- e) Limit the term of the Commissioner to 4 years.
- f) Explore creative ways to bring more sponsorship dollars into the league, which will help offset the cost of running the league.
- g) Enhance volunteer involvement

It has been a pleasure serving this year, but we have a lot to do. This league is a model for other leagues, let's keep it that way and let us respect one another.

6. Nominating Committee Report – Steve Marini

Candidates are the following:

Division 1 President – Jim McNamara. There were no nominations from the floor.

Division 2 President – Mike McCarthy. No Nominations from the floor

Division 2 President – Hank Baldassari, Jim DeVoe.

Master's Division – Bill Prodggers. No nominations from the floor (Bill Thanked Bruce Turner for all his help with the fields and thanks to Dick Carroll who really runs the Masters.

Director-at-large – Mike McCluskey. No nominations from the floor

In accordance with the by-laws, Marini moved that the Commissioner cast one vote for the uncontested candidates: Jim McNamara, Mike McCarthy, Bill Prodggers and Mike McCluskey. Motion was seconded in each vote, with no discussion.

Motion for each candidate was approved without dissent.

Division 3: One nomination from the floor, Guy Brigida nominated Van Khachadoorian for Division 3 President.

7. Result of the election for Division 3 President is Van Khachadoorian.

Van thanked Mike Hanafee for his work with Division 3 as past president.

Report on the Umpires: (Bob Warde, Terry reporting in his place.)

51 umpires this year.

41 were available for the Classic; this means that each averaged umping 8 games for the Classic

Each umpire will learn how to use the computer

Mentoring will continue, i.e., vet will help new guys

Goal to recruit 9 to 10 new umpires per year

Recognition of the umpires will be a staple at our annual banquet

Thanks to all. Great job.

8. Committee Reports:

a) Classic – Wayne Draeger

This year 58 teams participated. This equaled 162 games over a 6 day period.

7 states were represented: MA, NH, CT, FL, RI, NY and NJ

500 volunteer slots were filled equaling 1300 hours of volunteer time

There were 900 players, added to that there were spouse and friend attending

As a result, the league gained \$14000 in revenue.

The Classic has become the end of the season tournament that teams from the Northeast want to play in.

Most of the teams that played this year have already indicated that they would be Back for next year (the weekend after Labor Day 2017).

Terry extended his thanks to Wayne for doing such a great job

b) Pool Player Report – Charlie Salerno

initially there was a need for pool players, but when we dropped a team from Div. 1 and Div. 3, pool play need was just about nil. Toward the end of the season, the need picked again. Almost every request was filled.

There is a committee of the Board making some adjustments to the policy.

We are looking to determine the abilities of pool players, so that, when you get a Pool player he has about the same ability as the player you are subbing for; the PEAC will help with this.

C) Fields – Charlie Salerno

Yarmouth is redoing some of its Parks.

Flax field will no longer exist. Sandy Pond and Homer will remain

Barnstable is committed to do major renovation on Lombard Field. We will not know

Until January if it will be ready for play in the spring. The cost to play on Lombard will

Be \$50 per game, but they will cap it at \$500. Charlie has tentatively requested the field for 2 nights (if it will be ready)

Barnstable is also looking to build a new softball field in Centerville in 2018.

Wixon Field in Dennis - the project fell through because it was discovered that the Backstop would have to be moved back, thus creating a major sprinkler problem which would be very costly to re-configure.

Harwich fields – We presented a proposal to the Harwich Rec. Commission; stating that, since Potter is often not in use in the evening, even though a team has reserved the field, we would take the \$4700 earmarked for Wixon and refurbish Bassett Field. Let the Little League and the Crush play there and we would get exclusive use of Potter. The Rec. Commission meeting is 10-25, we shall see if they accept our proposal.

Baker Field – the field was re-seeded, aerated, etc. but then the water pump broke and we are responsible for fixing it or doing something other to get water to the outfield.

Total Athletics – is planning on building a sports complex in Hyannis, which would include an indoor dome and outdoor fields. They want to work with us. So we shall see how this work out.

d) Banquet Report – Rocco Annesi

168 attended

Div. 1 =29, Div. 2 = 46, Div. 3 = 70 and the Masters had 20 attend.

Open Forum:

Q. If Division 4 is re-established, will it wipe out the Masters?

A. NO. Rocco mentioned that 92 letters were sent out last year asking if there was an interest in Div. 4, only 8 responded.

Don Nolan said that we need our own storage area for Kelley 1.

Q. Is Yarmouth going to replace Flax Pond Field?

A. NO

Terry reminded the group that applications must be in by March 15th.

Q. The infields were very dusty during the Classic, especially at Kelley1, can we get a hose to water down the infield.

A. Yes, for Kelley. Potter and Memorial – no, not at this time. Perhaps the water Department would be amenable to doing something about this.

Q. Were our numbers down again this year?

A. Actually, we had a good recruiting year – 292 total number of players, including the Pool and Masters.

Comment: Have we as a league, ever thought of having fall try-out (weather is better) as well as holding them in the spring?

A. Great suggestion, let's look at this for the future

Comment: We could put blurbs in the newspapers stating that we our accepting new players now.

Next season we will get the standings and scores in the paper.

Every three years we will replace 1 division's uniforms. That way the cost will not be so prohibitive

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary