

# CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## MINUTES OF THE April 8, 2017 BOARD MEETING

### HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Steve Marini, Dave Noonan, Jim McNamara, Bill Prodgers, Charlie Salerno, Van Khachadorian and Commissioner Terry Moran.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rocco Annesi and John Hession

**Meeting Called To Order by Commissioner Moran at 12:57 P.M.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes and seconded. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

Van noted that he had questions regarding the approved budget. That will be revisited when John Hession is at the next meeting.

#### **Board Business and Reports:**

##### **1. Division Presidents' Reports**

**Masters:** Bill Prodgers Division President reported that the Masters will start April 18<sup>th</sup> at Kelley Field.

**Division 3:** Van Khachadorian Division President reports that there are 70 players, but it is a fluid situation, we are looking at 5 teams with 14 on a team. The PEAC members are Dan James, Jim Van Baalan and Mike Hanafee will be used as a resource. Managers are Gary Simmons, Rob Robidoux, Peter Cutler, Dave Brunell and one more to be named. After the pre-season games the PEAC will reconvene to re-look at each team. And after a few games, they will meet again to check parity of each team. PEAC's should remain in place until the end of the season.

**Division 2:** Mike McCarthy, Division president, reported that he is not sure of the number of teams yet.

**Division 1:** President Jim McNamara reported that the members of the PEAC are Ben Caswell, Frank Pina, Ron Scarborough and one more individual to be added. The managers are Marcella, Maruca, Saulnier and Cholakis. It was noted that Bob Marcella cannot serve on the PEAC and also manage. Bernie Newhard is the Division 2 Pool Coordinator.

Just an FYI: Van Khachadorian and Steve Marini are co-liaisons to the travel teams.

Back Office will financially support the 75's & 80's Travel Team with a donation of \$10,000.

Bill Prodgers noted that the Conduct Committee will meet today after the Board Meeting.

2. **Fields** – Charlie Salerno: Charlie noted that McNamara Brothers will continue the work on Baker Field starting April school vacation. They will also open the sprinkler system.

3. **Other Committee Reports:**

**Pool Player Policy** – Charlie Salerno. One of the main changes to the policy is that Permanent Pool Players will be rated by the (PEAC) and be given a Low, Medium, High status for any division that they are eligible to play for. New Pool Players can play multiple positions for 3 games and it is both manager’s responsibility evaluate and to report the playing of this player to the chairperson of the PEAC’s which he/she may be considered for.

**Motion by McCarthy** to accept the Pool Player Rules and Recommendations. Seconded by Marini. Motion passed without dissent. The new policy will be placed on our website in our policy section.

**Fields:** Van stated that the Bassett Field project is on hold until the fall. He suggested that the \$3000 earmarked for that field be set aside in escrow. Also, the Little League did not have a big response to their recruiting. So Potter field may be available to us 3 or 4 nights a week. Van will keep us updated on this.

**Donnie Nolin** will not be back from AZ until the end of May. Van will talk to some of the players to see if he can get someone to maintain the fields in the meantime.

**CPC proposal:** right now the \$250,000 figure not very favorable. \$550,000 set aside for the town so that will limit the amount of monies available for other CPC proposals.

**The Shed at Kelley 3** needs to be moved to Kelley 1, Van will talk to Dustin regarding this.

**Tournaments** – McCluskey

Tournaments are scheduled for May, June, July and October. These are Teamless games, i.e. players sign up – first come first served. There is a lot of interest in these tournaments. No travel, yet more chances to play. Announce will be forthcoming, keep your eye on the web site.

**Sponsorship Committee** – Moran

Thus far no sponsor has declined to support us.

We have a new kind of sponsor: Reds Pizza of Harwich is offering to be one of CCSSL “official watering hole”. We will have a banner made and Reds will pay us \$500. He wants the mid-week business and we don’t want players drinking on the town premises (the Fields). There may be more to follow this type of sponsorship.

4. **Playing Time Policy**

Everyone is paying to play in our league. However, some players only play 3 innings per game. This is discouraging and not fair. After much discussion on how to remedy this

problem. A **Motion was made by** Khachadorian that every player play at least 5 innings in the field per game. McCluskey seconded the motion.

**McCarthy made an amendment to the motion:** No one sits out more than 2 non-consecutive innings.

**Policy reads:** No player may sit out more than 2 (non-consecutive) innings defensively in a game unless that player has been designated prior to the game as the Non-Fielder (NF).

**Vote taken on the amendment:** 6 ayes 1 opposed

**Amended motion passes**

#### **5. 2017 Applications to date:**

231 regular players (plus 3 new today), 6 or 7 holdouts.

27 new players under the age of 65

total of 39 new players

April 22 new player Orientation at Noon. 1:00 P.M. player evaluation.

**Open Session** – No questions or comments

**Round Table** – Van shared an idea regarding uniforms. In FL the play gets 2 shirts, 1 blue and 1 cream. Blue is home, the other is away. All the sponsors are listed on the back of the shirt. No new shirts until there is a real need. Saves a lot of money. Just an Idea.

**Motion to adjourn at 2:10 P.M.**

**Board convened an Executive Session to hear player appeals of ARC decisions.**

**Next Meeting May 13, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.**

Minutes Submitted by Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary