

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2018

BOARD MEETING

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, John Hession, Van Khachadorian (via phone), Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Ron Scarborough, Commissioner Terry Moran

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Hession to accept the minutes of the 1/13/2018 Board Meeting. Seconded by Prodgers. Motion passes unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Hession

Motion by Scarborough to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Prodgers. **Motion** passes without dissent.

John reviewed the draft of the proposed Budget for 2018. Discussion and suggestions ensued. No action to be taken until next month, when hopefully the Board can approve said Budget.

Board Business and Reports:

- **Division Presidents' Reports**

Division 1 – Ron Scarborough: All managers plus 5 assistants are in place. 3 new managers are paired up with a seasoned manager. Contact has been made with those "returning" players who have not applied and paid.

Division 2 – Mike McCarthy: 8 Managers are in place. PEAC members all set. In process of contacting those "returning" players that have not yet applied.

Division 3 – Van Khachadorian: PEAC members are in place. We have a couple of managers, but looking for more. Contacting those players from last year that have not signed up yet.

Potential for a Division 4: Sent letters out in Jan. to former players. Twenty responded & said they are interested. Email sent in Feb to some Div. 3 players to see if they would like to play in a Div. 4. 8 players expressed interest. An update will be forthcoming in March.

Masters – Bill Prodgers – April 17 will be the start date, Tuesday and Thursdays. Players will be contacted next month. Historically, we have 28-30 players sign up. Not all show up, consistently, to pl

- **Fall & Dome League Report – Mike McCluskey**

Year-round extra play. I've be organizing spring ball, fall ball and dome play; He has decided to add summer, Saturday ball. We didn't have enough of our players for the dome, so he reached out to South Shore and Eastern Mass Leagues and now we have enough players. Some of these off-Cape guys played in our fall-ball games. So there is interest. I am **suggesting another level of membership for off Cape players:** Fee of \$50. This a way of expanding our league. Essentially, they will be pool playing members of our league. Next year we could create a new category for these players. They must sign the player conduct and wavier forms. This category of players could be a great way to recruit. Basically, these Saturday games will be "pick-up" games, no uniforms, no ump's and we already have the fields reserved. Terry will contact Dan Harrington regarding wording on the waiver and he will also talk with Dan James regarding insurance.

Motion made by McCluskey to expand the pool membership to include Saturday ball for this year. Seconded by Scarborough. **Motion passes without dissent**

- **Baker Update – Charlie Salerno**

Final refurbishment of Baker will take place this spring. Over-seeding, aerating and rolling - Cost \$2865, along with that, they (McNamara Bros.) open the sprinkler system, check for issues and repair.

Note of interest: Barnstable Lombard Field is being completely renovated. Cost to use field (ready in July) \$50 per game with a \$500 cap. Lights \$25 per game. Rent 10 times and it's essentially free after that. They have already a maintenance person. Might be a good idea to get our foot in the door regarding usage of this field. We could play 1 game a week there.

- **Other Committee Reports:**

Ben Caswell reports that there will be a Marketing meeting on Tuesday, 2-13, at Dunkin Donuts on Station Ave at 5:00. Now that by-law is changed regarding age change, I can get information out to the media.

Flyers to distribute – if each of us could take fliers to 4 or 5 places in our area, think of the exposure we could get: fliers ready next month.

Van Khachadoorian reports that the Banquet is sent Wednesday for September 26th at the Riverway.

- **League Assignments and Vacancies – Terry Moran**

Overall Pool Player Coordinator - do we need one? Or could we put it under the charge of the Presidents'? It was agreed that the each Division President could handle this. There are no other vacancies.

- **2018 Application Update – Terry** As of this meeting we have 200 players who applied, this includes, pool players and Masters.
- **Proposed Policy Change Discussion – Ron Scarborough** Code of Conduct form and Policy recommendation have been approved by the Player Conduct Committee.

Motion by Caswell to approve the Code of Conduct policy and form. Seconded by Ron.
Motion passes without dissent

- **St Patrick's Day Parade Information – Caswell**

Takes place in Yarmouth. 4 marched last year and we did get 3 recruits. We are going to ramp up our presence this year. We'll have a truck with a banner on it + music. We need volunteers, minimum 6 to 8 guys. Date 3-10 at 11 A.M. Staging area is the Bass River Sports World, meet at 10:30 (route is less than 2 miles). Let Ben or Terry know if you will be participating.

- **NCAA D3 Regional Tournament at Whitehouse Field – *Volunteers needed (May)***

- **Open Session:**

One of the players asked if entering the stats and average, after every game, is necessary. I know it is used as a tool for rating player and I will have it for you at the end of the year. However, I think it is embarrassing to players who have low averages. Terry said, we'll talk about it. Along that line. Could the score be entered inning by inning, instead of just the final score?

Do Travel teams have to use the net while practicing? Terry stated that, according to our policy any league activity we are required to use the net. However, we could change that to make it optional for the Travel teams. We don't use it in the classic.

- **Round Table:**

Peter Cutler – Should we talk about raising the sponsorship fee this year? It was suggested that we raise it for next year, mention it in the thank you letter we send out at the end of the season.

Ron Scarborough – Proposes that pitching mask be mandatory for all pitchers. A softball pitcher in Florida just got killed by being hit by a ball. Since a lot of the pictures don't get behind the screen I think that the face mask should be used.

Motion by Scarborough to mandate that all CCSSL Pitchers wear face mask.

Seconded by Caswell. **Motion passed without dissent.** No mask, you cannot pitch.

Motion by Moran to move the meeting to Executive Session. Seconded by McCluskey. Motion passes. For the record the Executive session was called to order at 12:10 P.M. The session dealt with a personnel issue. Executive session concluded at 12:26 P.M.

Motion by Moran to move out of Executive session back to Regular session. Seconded by Cutler. Motion passes without dissent.

Motion to adjourn by Prodgers

Next Meeting – March 17, 2018 at 10 A.M.

Minutes Submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary