

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2018 BOARD MEETING
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Charlie Salerno (Ex-Officio), Ron Scarborough, Van Khachadorian and Commissioner Terry Moran.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Hession and Mike McCarthy

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at. 1:15 PM

Commissioner Moran is asking the CCSSL to donate a \$100.00 to the family of fallen police officer Sean Gannon. **Motion by Scarborough** to approve the donation. Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passed without dissent.**

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Khachadorian to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2018 Board Meeting. Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passed without dissent.**

Treasurer's Report and 2018 Budget – John Hession unable to attend. Report and Budget tabled until next meeting.

Board Business and Reports:

- **Division Presidents' Reports**

Masters – Bill Prodgers: Ready to start this Tuesday, April 17th @ 9:00 AM

Div. 3 – Van Khachadorian: All managers are in place as are the PEAC members.

Div. 2 – Mike McCarthy: Absent, no report

Div. 1 – Ron Scarborough: Ready to go!

- **Rules Committee Report – Charlie Salerno: Following are Recommendations Only.**

Recommend that we develop a handbook and everything about the league would be in that handbook. This could be on-line. Subdividing the book into policies, procedures, by-laws, rule etc. and it would be indexed.

Request to change something, send it to the Rules Committee and they will vet it, research it, debate it and send it onto the Board.

Rules committee supports the following: eliminate the courtesy catcher rule.

The Veer Rule: A runner at first base can veer seconded base on a force play even if an out a first is recorded. If he veers and want to go to third, the runner must go back and touch the bag at second.

100% support of the Code of Conduct sign-off sheet.

The committee supports the minimum number innings a player must play from 5 to 4.

If there is a division 4, the committee support moving the special rules of division 3 to division 4. Division 3 would play with the same rules as Div. 1 & 2.

The Rules Committee would meet with division 4 president and seek recommendation as regards to other rule exceptions/changes.

The committee does not support face mask, for all pitchers, to be mandatory, but it strongly supports that pitchers and infielders protective equipment.

The committee strongly supports the rule change request form. The Chair of the Rules Committee would receive the rule change request form, this would give him the chance to talk to the person requesting the change and explain why that rule is in effect. If the requested rule change has merit, it will be discussed with the committee.

The courtesy runner rule will remain as is.

Discussion followed.

Charlie Salerno would like action on the following:

Elimination of the courtesy catcher:

So Moved by Khachadorian eliminate this rule. Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passes without dissent.**

b) A runner running from 1st base to second base, be allowed to veer without jeopardy of being thrown out if there is a force at first. **So Moved by Proddgers.** Seconded by Cutler. **Motion passes:** 5 yes and 2 opposed.

c) Recommendation: a player can not be compelled to sit out more than 3 innings per game rather than 2. **So Moved by Caswell.** Seconded by Scarborough. **Motion passes:** 4 yes, 3 opposed.

d) Board will support movement of “special rules” for division 3 to division 4 if Div. 4 is created. **So Moved by Scarborough.** Seconded Noonan. **Motion passes:** 6 yes 1 abstention

e) Any Rule change request is to be forwarded through the process to the committee chair. **So moved by Khachadorian.** Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passes without dissent.**

f) Make a decision regarding the policy that face masks are required for pitchers.

Cutler makes a Motion to rescind the face mask policy. Seconded by Proddger. **Motion passes.** 5 yes and 2 opposed. Peter Cutler wants to be on record as supporting the use of the pitching screen as it was meant to be used, i.e. get behind the screen after the pitch. The rule committee will re-look at this.

Finally, the Handbook. Shall we go ahead with it? **Motion by Khachadorian** to have the rules committee develop an all-encompassing CCSSL Handbook. Seconded by Noonan. **Motion Passed without dissent.**

- **Other Committee Reports: Fields – Salerno**
- This week, Baker will be re-seeded and rolled and we have the uses of Baker beginning the 3rd week of May from 4-9 PM. And Saturday mornings on the 28th of April the town is invited to see what they have done with the Sandy Pond Recreation area.
- **2018 Applications: Moran** - As of this morning we have 272 applications.
- **Division 4 – Moran**
- It appears that Division 4 is a viable option with 3 teams. I recommend that Division 4 be re-instituted. Div.4 3 teams and Div. 3 -4 teams. **Motion by Caswell** that Division 4 be re-instituted with the proviso that if it is not sustainable that the players who choose will go back to division 3. Seconded Noonan. **Motion passes:** 6 yes 1 abstention

- **Policy Review – Moran**
- Most of the board members got together last Monday, and went over the policies. We need to include the Code of Conduct in the overall policies. Producers mentioned that the “the Code of Player Conduct policy, be renamed simply the CCSSL Conduct Policy, since it included everyone, not just players. All agreed
- **Open Session for all Players**
 Dick Halla, you have pitchers that are not aware of proper screen usage. As an umpire, I tell them before the start of the game how to use the screen for protection.
 Chip, Rule of 78, top 78 go into Div. 1, next 78 Div. 2 etc....based on ability. Terry, says the problem with that is that the PEAC don't know all the players. Over the next 4-5 years player will move into proper division by attrition.
- **Round Table:**
 The Commissioner said that since the new age bracket of 50 – 65, we have 3- 51 year olds, 3-52, 1-53, 1-54 and 4- 55”s.
 Mike McCluskey – We need to look at Div. 1 and the players who cannot handle that level of play and we have players in 2 who can play in Div. 1. Are we going to address this? It is a safety issue.
 David Noonan – sponsor’s checks have been coming in. Land Ho! in Orleans will take over the sponsorship of the Harwich Land Ho!.
 Bill Producers noted that Jim Dennis has died.

Motion by Producers to Go in Executive Session (2:55 PM)

Board returned from Executive Session – Motion by Bill Producers to Adjourn, Second by Van Khachadorian, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2018 – 1:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary