

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING February 26, 2021 HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Callahan, Peter Cutler, Jim Gresis, Brian Hastings, Jay Houser, John Hession Terry Moran (Immediate Past Commissioner), Bill Prodgers, and Commissioner Van Khachadoorian

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Barry, Ben Caswell (LOA), and Peter Strand

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hession to approve minutes of 2/5/2021 Board Meeting. Seconded by Prodgers. **Correction requested by Hastings:** On page 3 #2 **Hat Purchases**, should read, one color per division not one color for the entire league. **Motion passed to accept Minutes** with correction.

Treasurer's Report: Hession

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Prodgers. Seconded by Callahan. **Motion passes**

General Comments/Announcements:

Potter/Memorial Fields need a stone dust upgrade. Peter Cutler asked for a price quote and was wondering if the town would take care of it. Van will bring back the answers to both at the next meeting.

Committees, managers, PEACs, umpires etc., if these groups need to schedule meetings, the Harwich Community Center is available Mon. thru Fri. but you must book in advance.

Regarding the question asked at the last meeting about our inventory of softballs. Tony D'Alessandro said that we have 20 dozen and need 40 dozen more for all activities. Cost is \$53 per dozen. We need a place to store the softballs. We'll use the secure shed at memorial.

LEAGUE MATTERS:

1. Report: Policy Committee – Moran

The Policy Committee is responsible for developing policies that inform the way we operate as a league. Policies are reviewed yearly. The Policy Committee presented four recommendations:

(a). **Divisions:** Policy wording discussed, a couple of word changes were added to better align with the approved process of the Board of Directors. **Motion by** Hession to accept this recommendation, with changes. Seconded by Callahan. **Motion approved** without dissent.

(b) **Player Assignments by Division, Player Evaluation and Assignment Committees (PEAC).** The rationale behind this policy provides for manager input into the development of their teams. The Board put this recommendation on-hold because it needed a re-write.

(c) This recommendation deals with **Division Assignments, Division Placement Policy and The Process for Division Placement.** Lengthy discussion ensued. No vote was taken and it was determined that a re-write was in order.

(d) **Membership Levels:** This policy aligns the fees with the established fees as spelled out at the beginning of this document and eliminates the category of recreational player which has not been utilized. **Motion to accept part (d)** made by Callahan and seconded by Cutler. **Motion voted upon and approved.**

2. Structure Committee: Hastings

Brian said that the Structure Committee was established last year to restructure the league, it was a temporary committee and at this point it doesn't exist because it has fulfilled its mission. This committee would only be used when structure needs specific attention.

3. ARC: Noonan

We don't make policy and we don't change the ratings. This is where the appeals process takes place. If someone appeals just because they are not happy were they are placed, (they are placed according to their performance rating) the appeal will not go anywhere. On the other hand, extenuating circumstances that we don't know about, may affect the appeal. The ARC Committee is made up of: Dave Noonan, chairperson, Bob Snow, Bob Marcella, Chris Sweeny, Chuck Hilton, Terry Moran and Don Saulnier.

Nothing is set in stone right now. Terry Moran will meet with the division presidents, and other appropriate people, and they will work on "the list" of where players will be placed as a starting point.

4. Final Action: 2021 League Budget: Hession

Re: uniforms, there was just a question on whether the league would purchase team color caps or 1 color caps per division. **Motion by** Hastings to adopt a single color hat per division, buy additional 100 or so to have on hand. Seconded Hession. **Motion is defeated. Motion by** Hastings to approve the 2021 budget. Seconded by Gresis. **Motion accepted and passed without dissent**

5. Publicity/Recruitment: Jim Gresis (for M. Barry)

during the month of March there will be advertisements in all the local papers. The Chronical ad will run for 6 week. Cape Cod Times will be the large paid ad it will run at the end of March for 3 weeks. Free ads in local "notices" section, Jim will check with Mike regarding those. Flyers are out and we have had some responses from them.

6. Rules Committee: Steve Marlin

Homeruns: should more be allowed? At this time 3 per game is the limit. This mainly affects Division 1. The Committee thought 3 was sufficient, but after discussion by the Board to allow more, Steve said he would take this back to committee and readdress. Another issue discussed by the Rules Committee was the **pitching screen**: should it be optional, removed or left as is? The committee felt that the rule to have the screen should be kept. Placement of the screen is another issue and will be revisited by the committee. The committee had concerns about the **Covid Safety Protocol**. They were wondering if it should be placed in the Rules or could it be signed along with our yearly waiver so that players know that this protocol is not optional. Ultimately, any rule changes will be placed on the website.

7. Umpire Committee: Salerno:

To date I have 17 umpires who reported that they would be returning and will attend umpire training May 1st. Terry and I will get together to look at the applications to see if anyone volunteered to umpire. Also, I will need Steve Marlin to update the Rule Book if there are changes to any rules.

8. By-Laws: Assistant Commissioner Position

No rush on this item.

9. Capital Project (Seigal Funds) Van

We have a few months to figure this out, i.e., will we go with the idea of using this as a donation to CPC Funds for a restroom or something else. Richie Barber suggested that the money could be used as a scholarship fund for the dental program at CCTech.

OTHER LEAGUE MATTERS:

1. Masters Division: Prodgers/Turner

Bruce Turner said that the Masters Division is way down in numbers.

How do we sustain the Masters?

We need to look at the Masters Division as a place where people can play recreational ball, where players of all divisions can play to improve their skills, pool players can come to keep their skills sharp and it is also a place for rehab. We need team managers and divisional presidents to encourage player to see the Masters Division as a tool they can use. Van said he would put something in the newsletter about this

2. Sponsors: Hanafee

Cape Cod Orthopedics agreed to be a sponsor again.

3. Fall League: Callahan

Fall League will begin after the Classic. It will be somewhat structured, but more informal than the summer

- 4.** Van reported that the **Sunday Program** run by Dave Abercrombie has enough players for 4 teams. Fee will be \$75 each that will cover the cost of balls, shirts, maintenance of the field. 10% will go to the league. They will play at Memorial/Potter March or April thru Nov (all weather depended).
Mike McCluskey will have **Saturday ball**, it will be open to all. An Assessment fee has not yet been determined.

Jim Gresis mentioned a book called *Boys of Late Summer* it is about a team that came to the Cape to play in the Classic. Go to our website, look under The Classic tab and click on BOYS

Motion to adjourn made by Callahan. Seconded by Houser.

Meeting adjourned 12:24 P.M.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary