

Cape Cod Senior Softball Annual Meeting  
October 8, 2022

Board Members present: Wayne Draeger, John Hession, Peter Cutler, Peter Strand, Jim Gunning, Ben Caswell, Bob Callahan, Jim Gresis, William Eagan, Van Khachadoorian, Bill Prodgers and Debbie Connors. Absent: Michael Barry. Guests: Charlie Salerno, Gary Conroy, and Dave Noonan

Quorum was declared and meeting called to order by Wayne Draeger at 9am.

**Approval of October 2, 2021, Annual Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Paul Dortich, seconded by John Krause, and passed unanimously.

**CCSSL Board Nominations:**

Dave Noonan presented his committee's nominations for the Candidates for Board of Directors. Dave asked for any nominations from the floor, none.

**Candidates for Board of Directors:**

Division 1 President: Jim Gunning

Division 2 President: Bill Eagan

Division 3 President: Brian Hastings and Jim Gresis

Division 4 President: Peter Strand

Masters Division: Bill Prodgers

Director At Large: Bob Potter

According to bylaws, any uncontested candidates need approval of the Secretary, and Secretary approved all uncontested candidates. Both candidates for Division 3 President introduced themselves, and paper ballots were distributed. Jim Gresis was elected as Division 3 President.

**Treasurer's Report- John Hession**

John Hession reviewed the current treasurer's report in detail. 2022 was an excellent year, and he will be closing the books at the end of this month. Final net income can't be determined until all the expenses and bills are received and accounted for. Final financial reporting will be uploaded to the website after audit is completed, although Treasurer anticipates a small surplus at the end of the year.

The board made several changes this year to improve the player and coaches league experience:

- Payments to Division 1 umpires
- Official photographer
- Online payments to our website

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Peter Strand and seconded by Jim Devoe and approved unanimously.**

**Banquet Update:** Gary Conroy

Gary Conroy reported success of Banquet. (September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Swan River Restaurant 5 Lower County Road in Dennis)

- Thanks to Bill Eagan for setting up the 50/50 Raffle, \$1,400 raised with donation of \$700 to the Harwich Family Food Pantry.
- 190 people coming to banquet, an increase from last year.
- League contributed \$3,700 to keep the player ticket price at \$35.
- Thanks to the Board and the Committee for their Support and hard work.
- Please let Gary know of any ideas for the 2023 Banquet and if anyone wants to join the committee for next year.

**Capital Projects Report:** Van Khachadoorian

New field behind the Harwich Community center will be converted from a baseball field into a softball field (ASA dimensions) with a \$15,000 budget for the Highway department work. Harwich Rec has approved this "Bassett Field" project and the \$5,000 grant from the Allen Seagal Trust will be put towards this budget. Also, a \$4,000 anonymous donation is funding most of a new 8 x 12 equipment shed for the new field.

- Harwich highway department would begin working on the Bassett Field project sometime in mid-October. The new shed arrived in mid-September, and all is progressing according to plan. Right field will have foul pole, but left field can't have foul pole because of walkway. Infield – 3 inches of stone dust, and then early spring another 3 inches of stone dust, final coating in spring. Field will be ready in May.

Second major project would be a bathroom at the Potter/Memorial fields. Harwich Rec has approved project, and the league would donate \$20,000 from the rainy-day fund towards the cost of the bathrooms. Waiting for consideration from the Community Preservation committee for the remainder of the funding.

New fencing and backstop at Memorial field has town approval but waiting on RFP and bidding process.

Potter field – left field foul pole, right below there is a pipe above the fencing. Town will purchase 1000 feet of yellow safety cap but needs help to install.

Capital Projects committee considering idea for outdoor pavilion for picnic tables in shade.

**Vision Committee:** Charlie Salerno

Charlie Salerno is chairing a Vision committee to discuss the long-term direction of our league. The league is growing, and we anticipate new players in the coming years. The committee will

discuss topics such as improving the flexibility of the divisions, especially with the challenges with finding enough pool players. He plans to meet this fall to shape a long-term plan or range of options for our league

Looking for volunteers to join Vision committee, specifically from Division 2 and 3. Also welcome to any ideas for the committee to evaluate, please contact Charlie Salerno.

**Other topics:**

Discussion about challenges with the league funding field improvements and then losing access to the fields. Also concerns with 2<sup>nd</sup> base rules and how to improve Division 4.

**Motion to adjourn made by Ben Caswell at 9:45am, seconded by Bob Potter and passed unanimously.**

Respectively Submitted,  
Debbie Connors, Secretary