

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2018

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Cutler, Brian Hastings, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Don Saulnier, Charlie Salerno and Commissioner Terry Morin. Ben Caswell present via phone.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Hession and Gary Simmons

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 1:00 pm

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the September 21, 2018 Meeting.

Motion by Salerno to accept minutes. Seconded by Noonan.

Minutes accepted with 1 abstention

Treasurer's Report:

Tabled, our Treasure is unable to attend

Board Business and Reports:

Division Presidents' Reports

- **Masters – Bill Prodgers:** We will be playing for a couple of more weeks, weather permitting. Bill asked that the lawnmower from Baker be switched to Kelley 1. Current lawnmower is junk. Kelley used daily, Baker 1-2 times a week. Van suggested that we look into purchasing a new mower for Kelley. He will talk to Hemeon's.
- **Division 1 – Don Saulnier:** Only concern is how the divisions will be set up for next season.
- **Division 2 – Brian Hastings:** Player ratings have been given to the PEAC. Pitchers are rated on their pitching ability (throwing ability for all other players). Brian also suggested that each team has a representative on the PEAC, once the teams are formed Commissioner Moran will write a policy addressing this). Ben Caswell noted that when making up teams, attendance should be included as a criteria.
- **Division 3 – Peter Cutler:** Before I can do anything I need to know the structure (ages). Some of the players talked to me about various options: have a day & night league. Play 2 - ½ seasons. Play a longer season. Have 14 players on a team and rotate one out each game.
- **Division 4 – Charlie Salerno:** 3 PEAC members chosen (pitcher from each team). Maybe we could have a later start for Division 4 season, as we await players to return from Fla. Etc... The Rules committee have been talking to managers of D-4 regarding some variations.
- **Classic Structure:** Wayne Draeger and Commissioner Moran have been working on an organizational chart for the Classic, which was distributed. **A Motion was made by**

Producers to accept the Organizational Structure as presented. Seconded by Hastings.
Motion passed with 1 dissent.

- **2019 Application Status:** The 2019 Application has been submitted to our Sports engine, our website people. There will be no fee for people who do not play, but want to volunteer as an umpire, scorekeeper etc.
- **Review of League Assignments: Moran** - Umpire Coordinators are our greatest need. Commissioner appointed a committee to address this problem: Committee members are Charlie Salerno, Brian Hastings and Bill Producers. They will meet with Bob Warde who has some ideas on this issue. Other assignments were discussed.
- **Review of the 2018 Season:** Mike McCluskey suggested that we make D -1 a skill/ability division. Take the top 75 guys or so, to eliminate the danger. The speed/violence at which D-1 plays is a whole different game. There are players in D-1 who shouldn't be there, even though they are age appropriate. This must be addressed. We don't have this problem in the other divisions.
- **Thoughts for 2019:** Van asked if the board is satisfied with the General Meeting being held in August. Board will discuss. We should have a meeting before the General Mtg. We should also hold the manager responsible for entering the stats ASAP after a game or appoint someone on the team to do it. Can we eliminate the "Quick Score" from the Stats? All will be taken under advisement
- **Open Session:** Van noted that the Rec. Commission will be shutting down the fields on November 1st.
- **Suggestion Box Review:** Steve Marini: I'm in a Fall League in Maryland this year. It's over 70 for men with women over 40. These women can play. Most can deliver hits and field their position. There are 1-2 weaker players, but most are impressive. It's a morning league. I'd like to see CCSS actively recruit women for Div 4. It could help fill out the Division. Brian Hastings said, perhaps what Steve is thinking, lower the age for women to 40 to enter the League.
- **From the Membership:** Van feels more effort needs to be made by the Presidents & managers to get the players to attend the Banquet. Van also said the Rec Commission is considering raising the fees for special events (if using fields) by \$50. New "fence caps" for Potter field have been ordered by the town and will be installed.
- **Round Table:**
Mike McCluskey as a League there needs to be more "self-awareness". We are no longer just a summer league. We are a 4-season club. Spring, summer, fall and winter we are playing ball. We should be promoting those opportunities
Peter Cutler: Would this be a good time to notify the sponsors? "Thank you" letters will state that a fee increase is forthcoming. **Motion by Producers** when the sponsor letter goes out, this is the time to notify them that the sponsor fee will be \$350.00 and give appropriate explanation as to why. Seconded by Salerno. If a sponsor commits for 3 years, they will be locked into \$350 for that time. **Motion passes without dissent.**

Ben Caswell said we must also look at other avenues to raise funds

Brian Hastings informed the Board that a person willing to make a float for the St. Patrick Day parade. We would need to supply the truck and trailer and money. Board approved moving forward with this idea and will discuss the logistics.

Don Saulnier noted that Wednesday night is a tough day for Div. 1 players to attend the banquet because many players work off Cape.

Bill Prodgers asked if the league application notice will be put in the paper? Terry said yes, when the application is ready.

Motion by Prodgers to adjourn at 2:36 pm

Next meeting will be December 8th at 10:00 am

Minutes submitted by Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary