

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING JUNE 10, 2020
ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Bob Callahan, Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, Jim DeVoe, Brian Hastings, Terry Moran (Ex-Commissioner), Bill Prodgers , Charlie Salerno, Don Saulnier, Bob Snow and Commissioner Van Khachadoorian

ABSENT: John Hession

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Khachadoorian at 6:30 PM

Be it noted that Ben Caswell recused himself from any specific discussion regarding Cape Save or McCluskey.

Commissioner Khachadoorian: We have called this meeting to reconsider our decision regarding the cancellation of the 2020 CCSSL season. Here is what has transpired:

- Mike McCluskey has started a Cape Save Softball Club, play is on Saturdays' in Yarmouth
- Bill Eagan has been working with Division 2 to set up something, but he will back off is we re-open. D-2 is pretty well set as far as teams and managers.
- Gary Simmons –has developed a 4 team division and is ready to start around 7/3. He has Kelley field set for 2 days a week. He will not discontinue his efforts if CCSSI reopens. But, he does state that this is 4-team league is for this year only.
- Regarding Division 4, Charlie Salerno states that he is not sure if he has enough players to form that division.
- Should we decide to reopen we do have exclusive use of Potter/Memorial Field
- Understand, that if we choose to reopen, we must present to the state our plan of comprehensive guidelines for reopening and keeping players safe
- To date, John Hession, Treasurer, reports that he has refunded money to 8 players totaling \$750

Opinions of Board Members:

Jim DeVoe: Before we do anything, what is the State asking of us? What guidelines do we put forth? We could use guidelines from SSUSA coupled with what the State of MA recommending.

Peter Cutler: Forget about the past few week, let's look forward. Firstly, we have to survey the membership: Who is interested in playing and who is not. D-1 and D-2 should be no problem. D-3 and D-4 may have to be combined. I say we should move forward.

Bob Snow: I talked with Gary today, he has 61 players: 14 from D-2, 45 from D-3, 2 from D-4. I don't see D-3 a viable.

Bob Callahan: My position hasn't changed, I think we should play with the proper precautions. If we don't play, the damage to the league will be long term. We should definitely move ahead and plan for a season

Charlie Salerno: I think we need to survey the membership. I know there are some D-4 players who are not willing to play because they are fearful, some are stuck in AZ and FL not willing to travel. A combined Division 3 & 4 is the only possible way this will work. Regarding fields, I had left the door open for possible play in Dennis and Yarmouth.

Don Saulnier: We should start up now. We will receive guidelines from the state and we will need to develop our own. July start up.

Brian Hastings: We will probably receive criticism either way. But whatever we do, we have to do it correctly. We have to find out the guidelines from the state. We will probably need a waiver and we need to set a tentative date. There will be a lot to do; try-out, number of players, number of teams, schedules, umpires etc... We need a subcommittee to work on guidelines.

Ben Caswell: I think the result of this meeting should be that we are **reconsidering** reopening and give a tentative date. But we need to poll the players: Are you willing to play? Will you adhere to the guideline for safe play? And maybe a couple of other questions.

Bill Prodgers: We will have protocols from the state and the towns to help us develop guidelines. Tonight we need to decide if we open or not.

Terry Moran: I echo what Brian said.

I would be for a survey if we have detailed guideline as to what players will be expected to do to be compliant; however, only when we have used "Survey Monkey" have we gotten good return results. We have not receive good result with just emailing our members and asking survey questions.

Following was a lively debate regarding the need of a survey, what would be in it? Is it really a survey or just a questionnaire? Ultimately, it was agreed that the managers from last year would contact their players and ask them if they are willing to play under protocol and guidelines that will be developed for their safety.

Motion by Cutler to tentatively reopen CCSSL on July 13, 2020. Seconded by Jim DeVoe.

Motion carried without dissent.

Bob Snow and Charlie Salerno will work together for D3/4

Van said that regarding the questionnaire/survey we need responses by the 17 of June. We can then plan on another Zoom meeting on June 18th.

Van asked Brian to work on tentative guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary

