

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2018**  
**HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, Brian Hastings, John Hession, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Don Saulnier, Charlie Salerno and Commissioner Terry Moran.

**Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:00 AM**

**Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the October 27, 2018 Meeting. Motion by** Prodgers to accept minutes. Seconded by Noonan. Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Hession

**Motion by** Salerno to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded by Caswell. Motion to accept treasurers report is approved.

2018 Audit was carried out on 12-8 by Ed Jay and Ben Caswell and they gave us a clean opinion. Audit will be posted on website. Terry set up a budget committee consisting of John Hession, Dave Noonan, Peter Cutler and Commissioner Moran.

**Board Business and Reports:**

**Division Presidents' Reports:**

- Division 1 – Don Saulnier: Word of mouth is getting out, I have heard from 10-15 people who are interested in joining the league. Don want 14 players per team (injuries are inevitable, and we need the extra players)
- Division 2 – Brian Hastings: 5 managers in place, maybe 6 PEAC has been working hard going over the evaluations. PEAC would like 6 members (add 2) **Motion by** Hastings to add Norm Carpenter and Steve Grolnic. Motion seconded by Hession. **Motion approved** without dissent
- Division 3 – Peter Cutler: I can't do anything as I need to know the structure (ages) and numbers. Now that Division 4 is in place they are going to need another team and the only place they are going to get players is from division 3.
- Division 4 – Charlie Salerno: Same as Peter. I just don't know what I have to work with yet. Masters – Bill Prodgers: Masters are done for the season.

**Other Committee Reports:**

- Charlie Salerno reports that the **Rules Committee** has met again. They are considering many topics e.g., pitching screen, intentional walk, flip-flop rule, veering to name a few. We will meet again, next spring; however, in the meantime we are doing a lot of communication via electronics.
- The Commissioner said that at the last meeting (10-27) we put together a committee to look at the structure of the Umpire Coordinator. Members are Brian Hastings, Bill

Producers and Charlie Salerno. The Committee has not met yet. Meeting will be scheduled soon, and they will meet with Bob Warde.

**Classic Update:**

- Wayne Dreager will run the classic next year but that will be his last. He sees next year as a time of transition. He now has a commitment from two people: Ben Tantillo will coordinate the 50's and 60's and finalizing the 70's and 80's. They will then move into a role of coordination the following year.

**Travel Teams: Terry Moran** - has received request and have approved managers for 5 Travel Teams. We have teams for the 50's, 60's, 65's, 70's and 80's. Bill Eagan has put together the 70's team. Bill addressed the Board. We have put a deposit of \$100 down to play in a tournament in Pompano (March 7, 8, & 9). Total cost of entrance fee is \$275. We are requesting the Board to reimburse us the \$100 and pay the balance of the fee. We are looking at other tournaments, e.g. the Winter Nationals (November) in Ft. Myers, fee for that is \$565-\$600. The Commissioner said that the Budget Committee needs to look at what we are going to do for Travel Teams. Bill Eagan said he would be willing to research potential sponsors for Travel Teams. A sponsor who would be willing to pay for uniforms for all travel teams.

**Motion made by** Hastings to cover the \$275 for the pompano tournament. This would be a "special allocation". Motion seconded by Producers. **Motion passed** with one abstention. Van noted the need of the Board to work carefully on Travel Team policies.

**Board Vacancy** – Gary Simmons had to resign his Board position because of family needs. There is no rush to fill vacancy because we need to see what develops with the league as we move forward.

**2019 Application Status:** Terry Moran - Application is on the web site. We have 7 signed up! Sign up before February 15<sup>th</sup> and your fee is \$100. Sign up after February 15<sup>th</sup> and your fee is \$125.

Mike McCluskey has been thinking about insurance coverage regarding the Dome. Some of the guys are not members of our league. Terry said that they need to be members of our league and sign the weaver form. But the Dome is not included in our insurance, so we may need a rider and reach out to Dan James.

**Online Store?** Terry Moran- I have received two requests for an online store. There would be various ways to go about this. First, let me research what our online website provider "SportsEngine" can provide.

**Review of League Assignments:** Terry Moran - Nothing new to report

**Open Session for all Players in attendance:** Van Khachadorian –Previously there was a discussion about having a separate page on our CCSSL website, listing contractors/craftspeople who are in our league, for hire. We could charge a fee to be listed on that page. Also, Memorial field has been aerated and seeded. All irrigation heads are being checked. The sheds have been cleaned out, look great. We are still awaiting installation of doors for one of our sheds.

Regarding a new tractor for Kelley. Hemeon's will hold the price, but they will not take a trade-in for old tractor. We can wait till spring to purchase pick it up. **Motion by** Hession to approve an amount of not more than \$2,000 for a new tractor for Kelley. Seconded by Hastings.

**Motion passes without dissent.**

Van also mentioned that our budget still has a line item for maintenance of the field behind the community center. Do we know what we are going to do regarding that field? Terry responded saying that he and Mike Barry are working on this with Eric Beebe.

RE: fields - Terry said that a couple of players have asked about Baker outfield and the problem with the lumps returning. Charlie Salerno suggested that we meet with McNamara Bros. since they did the work, to assess what is needed. Van suggest that we get a Turf Management person to determine what needs to be done. Sean Fernandez has been our go to guy for issues like this. Charlie will take this on.

It was suggested looking into an Insurance Policy covering the Classic in case it had to be cancelled because of weather. This idea will be researched.

Bob Snow asked if the members could have some input into suggested rule changes, before they are put into practice. It was decided that the "Survey Monkey" will be used to have player input regarding proposed rule changes.

**Round Table:**

- Ben Caswell let's look at the ratings we have, to identify the top 84 players, at least in Div. 1. The Commissioner said that the policy that we have in place now, does take this into consideration. We are still studying the makeup of divisions. Everything is on the table.
- Brian Hastings wished us all Happy Holidays and then proceeded to hand out 4 pages of his thoughts and ideas how do we adjust our player placement.
- Dave Noonan – the letter to the sponsors went out, indicating the fee increase. No one has responded one way or the other.
- Don Saulnier – currently has 3 managers
- Bill Prodgers notice in newspaper yet? This will be done after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year
- Motion to adjourn by Prodgers – so moved. Meeting adjourned 11:46 AmeriCorps

Next meeting- January 19, 2019

Minutes Submitted by Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary