

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 2020**  
**HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Barry, Bob Callahan, Peter Cutler , Jim Gresis, , Jay Hauser, Bill Prodgers, Peter Strand, and Commissioner Van Khachadoorian

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Terry Moran (Immediate Past Commissioner), John Hession, Brian Hastings and Ben Caswell

**Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Khachadoorian at 9:30 AM**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Prodgers to approve minutes of 10/23/2020 Board Meeting. Seconded by Callahan. **Motion passed** to accept Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** TBD later

**LEAGUE BUSINESS:**

1. Report: By-Law Committee – Moran The Committee is still work on this, will have a report next meeting
2. Report: Policy Review Committee including approval of Player Application Form and player Registration Fee – Moran  
Returning players will pay \$150 if they apply **after 2/1/2021**,  
Returning players will pay \$125 if they apply **before 2/1/2021**  
New players \$125  
Masters \$30  
Pool players \$60 (Pool + Masters \$60)  
Travel team receiving CCSSL funding, will pay \$125 to play in the Classic Our losses were significant this year because of Covid. We didn't have income from sponsors, nor did we have income from the Classic.  
Bill Prodgers wondered if the \$15,000 "rainy day" fund could be used to offset our losses instead of a fee increase.  
**Motion by** Callahan to accept the proposed fee increase. Seconded by Strand.  
A lengthy discussion ensued regarding paid umpires, Division 1 is the division requesting professional paid umps. Divisions 2, 3 & 4 do not feel the need for them. The question is: do we pay for the umps out of the fee raise or should D-1 be assessed another fee to pay for them? Jay Hauser said his company would pay for professional umps for 1 year. At this point, the vote on the above **Motion** was tabled until we heard Charlie's report regarding professional umpires.

### 3. Report: Umpires – Salerno

Jim DeVoe put me in touch with SSUSA. They felt that they could not provide us with umpires, as they are having a hard time getting people.

Ron Scarborough connected me to ASA. Plymouth is the closest hub, and they cover the Cape. They felt that they could provide us with umpires as long as we are scheduled in advance. However, each team that uses ASA umpires has to register with them (would need to follow ASA rules, regarding bats, etc.) cost would be about \$60 per player or \$3000 for 4 teams.

Just an aside: if we pay some umpires for the Classic, we need to pay ALL.

Keith Fluker said that he would be able to provide 6 professional umpires who would ump for \$60 per game. He and Charlie will work on this. Bill Proegers suggested that Division 1 get volunteer umpires from their own ranks and they could ump their own games. The discussion of having professional paid umpires for Division 1 will continue to be studied and resolved.

There is a **Motion** on the floor regarding 2021 fees, we will now vote: **Motion passes** with 1 dissent.

One more thing under #2 Policy Review: Proposed Policy for 2021

New players entering the league must be evaluated and players returning to the league after an absence from playing of more than two seasons must be evaluated in the CCSL evaluation sessions prior to the season. This includes players who did not play in both 2019 and 2020. These players must attend a minimum of two evaluation sessions to be considered for placement on a team. Each year, three evaluation sessions will be held where the players will be evaluated by the PEACs. Should an evaluation session be cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen reasons, the Commissioner, working in conjunction with the Division Presidents, will determine if a make-up session is needed. Players who do not attend the minimum of two evaluation sessions (unless cancelled), will be placed in the league "Player Pool" for further skill evaluation. At the conclusion of the evaluation sessions, a player may, as space allows, be placed in a division appropriate to his/her ability exhibited during the evaluation sessions. Exceptions for safety reasons may be made.

**Due to the pandemic, many players played outside of the CCSL in 2020 or opted out of the 2020 season due to health concerns. For the 2021 season, these players will not need to attend the evaluation sessions.**

**Motion by** Callahan to accept policy as written. Seconded by Cutler and passed.

### 4. Report: "Doc" Seigel Project – McManus

Mark McManus, Architect, researched a couple Pavilion possibilities:

Mark passed out a drawing and specs of a 16'W x 24'L pavilion with concrete slab & beams. Much like the one at Brooks Park. Cost would be about \$27,000 including, kit, concrete slab, and land prep. Another similar kit from Pine Harbor would be about \$17,000 including same as above. Perhaps the league members could provide the labor. Any large expenditure of funds must be passed by the general membership. If this is the way the league wants to go we will put it out there. Any other thoughts regarding the use of the \$5000 that was donated from the Doc Seigel estate will be entertained.

**5. Report: Masters Division – Producers**

The Masters took a big hit because of Covid and injuries. We were lucky if we got 10. Closed it up in October. Hopefully next year we will rebound. Please talk-up the Masters and reminds people that we will be playing next spring.

**6. Report: Sponsors Committee – Hanafee (not at meeting)** However, Van knows that he has been in touch with many of the sponsors and things look positive. He will give full report at the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS**

**1. Chairman 2021 Conduct Committee – Keith Fluker**

The only major change is that any player that abuses an umpire or displays other unacceptable misconduct will be suspended immediately and will receive an email regarding the next step. Conduct and the Rules committee will work hand and hand. A member of the conduct committee will attend every game and will support and work in support of the umpire. All this information will be placed on the web and managers will be informed as to how this is to work.

**2. Chairman 2021 Rules Committee – Steve Marlin**

Committee member names will be sent to Van. Things to be looked at will be pitching screen placement, veering (or not), HR – D-1. Runners in each division.

**3. Distribute 2021 Committee Assignments**

**4. Working on League Calendar**

**5. Open Forum:**

Callahan – the Spirit Committee needs 1 member

**6. Next meeting will be in January date & time TBA**

**7. Adjournment: Producers Moves to adjourn 11:26 AM, seconded**

Minutes Submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary

