

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING MARCH 16,2019 HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Cutler, Brian Hastings, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Proddgers, Charlie Salerno and Commissioner Terry Moran.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Caswell, John Hession and Don Sauliner

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting Minutes: No quorum at this time

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer is absent

Board Business and Reports:

- **Division Presidents' Report**

Masters – Bill Proddgers: Masters will begin April 16th (weather permitting) at 9:30 @Kelley

Division 4 – Charlie Salerno: at this time it looks like 3 teams; however, we do not have the numbers yet.

Division 3- Peter Cutler: No report

Division 2 – Brian Hastings:

4 managers lined-up and they need to be approved. Will meet with the PEAC in a couple of weeks.

Division 1 –Don Saulnier: Absent, no report

- **St Patrick's Day Parade Report – Hastings and Moran**

We will need more people to participate. However, we got 4 new recruits.

- **Proposal – Brian Hastings:**

Brian proposed an Earned Placement Policy. Basically, this means that players must be in the top 70% of the managers rating for the division. The player can then **request** to remain or move down. Players in the lower 30% of a division managers' ratings will be **moved** by the ARC to the next older division based on age appropriateness and the need to fill open roster places and balance of divisions. **Commissioner Moran** feels that there needs to be further discussion and perhaps develop a committee to study this proposal.

2nd Proposal: Eliminate Pure Pool Players. Prior to "pure pool players" we got our pool players from members of other teams who weren't playing that day/night. Discussion followed and no conclusion was reached. This will be part of Policy Reviews prior to the 2020 season

There was a **motion by Salerno** stating that any player who has never played in the CCSSL before, will be eligible for a refund of their application fee, prior to team assignment, if they decide that this is not for them.

Seconded by McCluskey. **Motion passes without dissent.**

- **Umpire Proposal – Terry Moran:**

- 1) Umpires can only work games if they have completed an umpire training and
- 2) at each game, each player bring \$1 to give to their manager at the beginning of the game, this would be the “umpire fund” given to the umpires at the end of each game. Decided to table proposal until the next meeting.

- **2019 Application Status – Moran:**

220 regular players have signed up. A total of 250 have applied. Applications are lagging behind previous years

- **League Assignment Openings – Moran:** We still need an Umpire Coordinator

- **Rules Committee Report – Salerno:**

The Rules Committee will meet in April and will have a report for the 4/13 Board meeting. The issues that remain controversial are: the Veer Rule, the Pitching Screen and the Intentional Walk Rule.

- **Fields – Salerno: Baker Field**

If we continue to slice and seed, eventually the good grass will cut out the bad grass. Recommend that we do what we did last year, slice, seed, roll, and keep the irrigation system on, including Saturdays if you want to use it for Saturday play it will need to be shut down. If we do all this it will cost \$3200 to \$3800. I will get an exact quote or proposal from McNamara Brothers. If we choose to do this, it will have to be done during April school vacation.

The Board said that a decision will be made after the Treasurer is consulted and more definitive information is available

- **Open Session:**

- 1) Bruce Turner felt that we need a clarification on the website regarding the “optional play” and our league sponsored play. They are two different organizations. The Commissioner said that he and Mike McCluskey will work together to cull a statement that will clarify the two.
- 2) Dick Halla had a question regarding Pool Players; if they arrive late for a game can they still be on the roster and be allowed to play. Answer, Yes.

- **Suggestion Box Review:**

A comment about the Pool Player Policy questioned why the Board hasn't reviewed the policy regarding positions PP can play. Terry answered that the Board keeps policies in place for 2 years and then reviews again. Pool Player policy will be reviewed next year.

- **Round Table:**

- 1) Charlie Salerno stated that the Board did have a quorum now, (Peter Cutler arrived late) and that we need to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion by Salerno to approve the minutes. Seconded by Noonan. Motion passes without dissent.
- 2) Dave Noonan asked if there is any coordinator for the Tues. – Thurs. practices/games. Answer is no and none is needed.
- 3) Peter Cutler felt that we need to revisit the rating system and “what constitutes a HIT”. Terry said these things will be discussed at the manager's meeting.

Motion by Producers to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:34 P.M.

Nest meeting will be April 13, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Minutes Submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary