

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2017 BOARD MEETING
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rocco Annesi, John Hession, Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Steve Marini, Dave Noonan, Jim McNamara, Bill Prodggers, Charlie Salerno, Van Khachadoorian and Commissioner Terry Moran

Meeting called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 1:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hession to accept the minutes of the May 13th meeting. Seconded by Noonan. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Hession: Motion by Khachadoorian to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Marini. Motion to accept report approved.

Commissioner Moran added one fiscal item: He submitted an application for a Commonwealth Grant of \$3000, which if approved would go toward the Classic.

Board Business and Reports:

1. Division Presidents' Reports

a) Masters Division – Prodggers: We have had a shortage of players recently, although Division 3 players have been coming to practice so that has helped. The shed at Kelley was broken into, but nothing was taken. The Town has since fixed the lock.

b) Division 3 – Khachadoorian: The 12 player defensive rule that was implemented this year is not working, we have lost players due to injury etc. We just can't consistently manage to have 12 players on the field, however, the idea and intent was good. Vans' recommendation is that we go back to the original 11 defensive players. **Motion by Prodggers** to abandon the 12 player rule. Seconded by Hession. **Motion passed without dissent.** **Van raised the question of why** does Division 2 have 7 teams when division 3 is struggling to field 5 teams? Can't Div.2 give us some players, instead of taking players from us (example of this was shared by Van with the Board). Division 2 president referred to the age range of D-2 as the reason for the 7 teams. Can some of the D-2 players be moved to D-3? The Commissioner suggested that the two presidents get together and help each other resolve this issue. Another problem for Div. 3 is that there are no pool players. A suggestion was made that the team that has a bye could offer to be pool players.

It is also problematic for D-3 to field teams while the travel teams are on the road. Example: Fellman Brothers is scheduled to play Wednesday, they have to forfeit because a number of their players are on the travel team and we have no pool players. Again it was suggested that the bye team be call to act as pool players, it the team so chooses.

We have our share of slow runners, could we relook at what might be done to alleviate this issue? The Board said that this issue has to go back to the Rules Committee.

The Division 3 PEAC has 3 members from the same team. The Board would like to see if this can be fixed because it is an “image” issue.

c) Division 2 – McCarthy: Just a note about Div.2 PEAC; once the teams were chosen, the PEAC, when asked to tweak a team or to address some other issues, are slower to get decisions made because they are doing different things and are not always available immediately to address an “issue”. There is no intent on their part to be deliberately slow to respond to a problem. Division 2 is also losing players because of injury, we only have one team with 13.

d) Division 1 – McNamara: 6 teams each with 13 players. All is well.

2. Fields – Salerno:

Baker Field: All issues regarding the water pump, sprinkler system and the actual playing surface are fixed. Come next year, Charlie felt that there is a lot that we, as a league, can do regarding the dressing of the field.

The new tool that drags the infield and pulls weed is wonderful. However, it is very heavy and Chip’s tractor is out of commission. We need a more powerful Tractor (at least 22 hp) to do the job. **Motion by Hession** to purchase a tractor for Baker, not to exceed \$2000. Motion seconded by McNamara.

Motion passed with one (1) abstention. The Board would like to refrain from using players’ personal equipment e.g., tractors. Both Don Nolan’s and Chip Hayden’s tractors need repair, which we will do; however, going forward we will purchase what is needed for the fields’ up-keep.

It was noted that Baker has a short right field area – it was questioned if we could do something about it. The Board did not feel that a change is necessary given the homerun limitation.

3. Pool Player Report – McNamara

Div. 1 – Bruce Turner is doing a good job, he is using the high, medium & low designation regarding a pool player’s ability. When a pool player is requested, he is generally able to fill the request.

Div. 2 – Bernie Newhard has had multiple request and generally is able to fill request using Div. 1 players.

Div. 3 – Al Rocco has NO pool players for division 3. At this point, we will use any players as pool players, who are willing, that have a bye on the given day of need. The Board agreed that it was better to use “bye team pool players” than to risk having

forfeits. D3 players should be polled on whether they would like to be considered as pool players when their team has a bye.

4. Other Committee Reports

Mike McCluskey: Cape Save has now donated \$600 to the league. He would like to market the MA Energy Saving Program on our website which could explain in detail the great program that it is. The Board agreed that it was okay to do so.

The next tournament will be July 22nd-23rd., registration will be on line. Looking for different options to get guys to play more games.

Just a question – where are all the umpires? There are lot of open dates. WE have 50 guys sign up to ump. Please let's start signing up.

5. Recommendation from the Commissioner for a By-Law change. Term limitation of the Commissioner limited to two terms (4 years).

Motion by Khachadoorian that the by-law change be posted. Motion seconded by Marini. **Motion passed with 1 dissent.**

6. Open Session for all Players

Nothing to report.

7. Suggestion Box

Chris Sweeney suggest that teams who were rained out play doubleheaders to make up the games.

This idea has already been implemented.

Veer rule and Batters hitting the pitching screen. Both of these are subjects for the rules Committee

A clarification regarding doubleheaders: the two managers will determine how many innings the games will be (5-6-7). If they cannot agree the umpire will determine the number of innings for each game. Evening games will begin at 5:30. There is no 1 & 1 count on the batter. If the first game is running long the umpire can change the number of innings to be played in the second game (no less than 5).

Round Table:

Van –Reminded the Board that the CPC application has to be in by 10-1.

Email from Bernie Powers representing the Back Office 80's Travel Team; the travel team felt that because they are dues paying members that they should receive their fair share of funds from the CCSSL Treasury as do other travel teams. They are receiving \$10,000 this year. The Commissioner said he will respond to Bernie.

Bill Higgins, the Sports Editor of the Cape Cod Times has retired and is working on a major article on the league.

Marini – Is the Sports Complex slated to be built in Hyannis still moving forward? Commissioner Moran said that they are going through the permitting process at this time, it will be a year or two before we see anything.

Prodders – Lombard Field is not improved at all. Commissioner Moran said that Barnstable plans to work on several fields that might be ready next year. Kelley 3 needs a portable toilet.

Salerno – received an invite to hear a presentation regarding the Barnstable Fields improvement plan; however, he was unable to attend, but asked for a summary and will report back to the Board. Compliments to Mike McCluskey for a great tournament

Moran – the stats can now be entered into the player stat page

Motion to adjourn at 3:17 PM

Next Board Meeting July 8, 2017 (Mid - Season Meeting Coffee at 9:00, meeting at 9:30)

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary