

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2018
BOARD MEETING
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, John Hession (via phone), Van Khachadorian, Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodggers, Ron Scarborough, Commissioner Terry Moran

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:05 A.M.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Van Khachadorian to accept the minutes of the 2/10/2018 Board Meeting, seconded by Dave Noonan. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report and 2018 Budget: the report was presented by John Hession
Motion by Ben Caswell to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Ron Scarborough. The motion passed without dissent.

John reviewed the draft of the proposed Budget for 2018. He noted that the title of line item 4060 has been changed from *Miscellaneous Tournaments* to *Optional Ball*.

Discussion centered around one particular line item, namely the allocation to travel teams. It was noted that Bill Eagan will be trying to establish a 70s team and Mike McCluskey will be trying to establish a 50s team. The existing Mariners team has requested \$2,700 for entry fees in tournaments. After discussing the impact on the budget, it was decided that more information was needed about the new teams. With the exception of the Travel Team line item, we will work under the proposed 2018 budget. The managers of the 50s and 70s teams will put together information on the feasibility, tournaments and rosters in time for the May Board meeting.

Board Business and Reports:

- **Division Presidents' Reports**

Division 1 – Ron Scarborough: Managers, Assistant Managers and PEAC are ready to go

Division 2 – Mike McCarthy: Managers are in place. PEAC is incomplete

Division 3 – Van Khachadorian: PEAC members are in place along with four managers

Masters – Bill Prodggers – April 17 will be the start date, Tuesday and Thursdays.

Potential for a Division 4: Van has worked extensively on this for several months and has contacted players who have stopped playing, as well as players in D3 who would like to move up to D4. He presented his report. Van initially reported that D4 was not viable. However, the Board continued the discussion and it was agreed to have Van compare his information with Terry Moran who maintains the actual applications to determine if the 3-team format could be developed. The goal is to allow long time

players in the league, who wish to continue playing competitively, the opportunity to do so.

- **Optional Play Report** – Mike McCluskey reported that he currently has 100 people committed to playing on Saturdays in the spring and has not reached out to the entire league yet. The Dome players have been a combination of CCSSL players and players from other leagues. Several of those players have already joined the league as optional players, bringing new members into the league.
- **Other Committee Reports**
 - Fields** -The CCSSL has submitted an application to Barnstable for the newly refurbished Lombard field in West Barnstable for Thursdays from the middle of July through August. Charlie Salerno reported that McNamara Brothers will be working at Ezra Baker during April vacation week.
Van reported that we will need to look for people to help with field maintenance in Harwich, at Ezra Baker and at Kelley. The CCSSL pays \$15/hr and gas. It will be posted on the website.
 - Sponsors** – Dave Noonan reported that Bonatt’s had paid for a sponsorship but has closed. Bob Breault reported that they wanted the sponsorship as memory of Mr. Bonatt. Dave will be visiting Land Ho! On Monday inn Orleans since the Harwich location has closed to see if the Orleans site would like to continue the sponsorship. The next sponsor will be Cape Cod Orthopaedics.
 - Marketing/PR/Recruitment** – Ben Caswell reported that an announcement has been placed in the newspapers. The formal ad will begin on Friday, March 23rd. He also encouraged players to help distribute flyers.
- **2018 Applications** – Terry Moran reported that 223 regular players have applied among 252 total applications
- **Age Determination for Divisions** – Terry Moran recommended that the Divisions follow the following age levels:
 - Division 1 50-65
 - Division 2 66-74
 - Division 3-4 75+After discussion, a motion was made by Van Khachadorian to follow the recommendation while continuing to try to reestablish Division 4 which may necessitate some adjustment of ages, seconded by Dave Noonan. The passed 5 to 3.
- **Policy Review** – Initial discussion on policies took place with four being ratified. The Board will continue the discussion on policies at a Board retreat with the date to be determined prior to the next Board meeting. Once the work has been completed, the entire policy document will be published.
- **St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Irish Festival** – The CCSSL more than doubled participation by players between the parade and the festival. A committee will work on additional improvements for 2019

- **NCAA Tournament** – Terry needs help with this effort, since he will be away during the actual tournament. He will still do the coordination of the volunteers. Mike McCluskey will provide assistance on this effort.
- **Joseph Cassidy Spirit of Softball Committee** – Van Khachadorian will remain on the Committee but not chair it. Charlie Salerno has agreed to chair the committee.
- **Open Session**
The only question that was brought up was regarding the pitching mask rule which will be reviewed
- **Round Table**
Van asked the Board to review the policy regarding playing time. There is also a request to all runners to run once an inning
Bill Prodgers noted that the fee for the masters needed to be updated
Peter Cutler asked for a review of the catcher rule
- The Board moved to Executive Session
- The Board returned and Bill Prodgers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Peter Cutler. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Moran