

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2019 BOARD MEETING**  
**HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, John Hession, Mike McCluskey, David Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Don Saulnier, and Commissioner Terry Moran

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Hastings and Charles Salerno

**Meeting Called To Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:02 AM**

**Meeting Minutes: Minutes from BOD Meeting January 19, 2019**

**Motion by** McCluskey to approve minutes as written

Seconded by Cutler. Minutes accepted without dissent

**Treasurer's Report & 2019 Proposed Budget - Hession**

**Motion by** Noonan to finalize the budget as presented today. Seconded Caswell.

**Motion passes: 5 ayes and 2 nays**

**Board Business and Reports:**

- **Division Presidents' Reports** – dispensed with since there isn't anything to report
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade – Caswell**  
Shelved the idea of the float because of scheduling issues. Email with time & date will be sent out. We have a couple of costumes (ball & mitt) a couple of lucky guys will be wearing them. As we march we will hand out "business cards" with league information.
- **Divisions – Moran**  
The Commissioner said that he wanted to establish 5 competitive Divisions. A thoughtful discussion ensued and ultimately it was agreed that the numbers just aren't there especially in the younger divisions. There are adequate players for Divisions 3 & 4. So the Board moved onto setting the ages for the Divisions as follows:  
The Cassidy Division – 50 to 65 years of age  
The Simpson Division – 66 to 72 years of age  
The Winnett Division – 73 to 77 years of age  
The Rose Division – 78 years of age and up  
The Carroll Master Division – Recreational - open to all players  
**Motion by Cutler** to accept the proposed age divisions  
Seconded by Caswell.  
**Motion passes without dissent**
- **Field Reservations – Moran**  
Harwich – Reservations are in  
Yarmouth – Been in touch with Mary Franklin  
Dennis – in touch with Dustin  
Barnstable – Lombard Field, we have Thursday nights (Mike McCluskey has it for Saturday morning optional players: average). We can use for Classic also.
- **Other Committee Reports – nothing at this time**

- **2019 Applications – 156 have registered**
- **Suggestion Box:**
  1. Suggest that pool players be able to play different positions rather than just right field or catcher. Commissioner Moran pointed out that at this time pool player positions are in our policies and will not be changed at this time.
  2. Let Division 1 managers select their teams. Commissioner said that whatever the Division President and the majority of managers want to do regarding team selection is up to them. Division 2 has a good model for this, i.e. the managers' draft and the PEAC assesses & PEAC Shuffles However it is done the PEAC must be involved **and the safety of a player is foremost**. The ARC will have the ability to allow a player to move a player to a younger division when safety is a question.
- **Open Session:** Dick Halla –In the playoffs – if a team needs a player they must be assigned to that team at the end of a season, can he/she play any position and bat anywhere in the order? Answer: **YES**
- **Round Table: Noonan** – Safety is always paramount. There have been questions about the bats and the ball. The speed at which the ball comes off the bats has changed dramatically. Should we consider changing the core of the ball? Don Saulnier said that the velocity of the ball be it 45 or 52 core is the same off the bat, it only changes by the time it gets to the outfield. The change in velocity comes from the bats. We will stand pat according to the Board  
**McCluskey – Optional Sports (his new company)** will be holding Memorial Day Tournaments on Potter and Memorial. Mike will split the money taken in with the league.
- **Meeting adjourned at 12:15**
- **Next Meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary