

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING APRIL 9, 2021
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Barry, Ben Caswel, Peterl Cutler, Jim Gresis, Brian Hastings, Jay Houser, Terry Moran (Immediate Past Commissioner), Bill Prodgers, and Commissioner Van Khachadoorian

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Callahan, and Peter Strand

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Khachadoorian at 9:30 A.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Treasurer's Report: Hession

Motion by Prodgers to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Barry.

Motion passes without dissent.

(If players haven't paid dues by the 1st game (5-17) they are not allowed to play)

LEAGUE MATTERS/REPORTS

1. Commissioner's Comments:

(a) A player asked if, as manager can he assign an assistant to his team?. Past practice has been: the team is created 1st, a manager is assigned, and then the assistant is assigned. D-2 has already assigned managers and assistant managers. The other 3 divisions have not. All I ask for is consistency in how this is done.

(b) Voting: Motion, second, discussion and then a vote. I want raised hands or abstention. No more silent inaction. If that process doesn't work I will ask for a Roll Call vote

(c) Applications: that information is confidential. For Board members only. None of that information is not to be distributed to anyone else, nor is it to be used for solicitation in contacting people for business purposes or any other reasons.

(d) Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee selects candidates. I suggest that the next Commissioner and Board bring these candidates in and interview them, we need to do a better job of vetting candidates. We need officers that are available and committed to being available on a month to month basis.

(e) Division1 – wants 5 teams. We will do everything as a Board and league to have 5 teams in D-1.

(f) By-laws – a league member expressed a concern that the Board is not following the By-law as written. Specifically, Article XVI which states:

Each division shall have a Player Evaluation and Assignment Committee (hereinafter PEAC) which shall consist of league members appointed by the Division Presidents,

exclusive of Board members and team managers, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. League members will be assigned to teams by each division PEAC based upon the member's ability, team requirements, and division parity.

We need to stay in the realm of the By-laws and we need to be consistent. If there are to be any changes to the By-laws, the changes must be approved by the Board and presented, in writing, 45 days prior to the general membership meeting in October.

(g) Quorum: based on Article VII a quorum is seven (7) and shall consist of the league officers (Commissioner, the President of each division, and Treasurer), the most recent Ex-Commissioner (non-voting).

2. Plans: New Player Evaluation/Orientation: Hastings

Dates set for evaluation are 9:00 A.M April 17, April 21 at 5:30 P.M. and April 24 at 9:00 A.M .

Brian has everything set up and has been in communication with new players.

He sent Emails to all new players to correct the information regarding the date for orientation. He also sent emails asking them what day (s) they would be able to attend evaluations.

3. Report: ARC committee – Noonan

The master list was published by Terry on March 18th and the deadline to appeal a player placement was March 26th. There were 6 appeals with 2 denials. Decisions were decided by majority vote of the ARC committee members.

4. Report: Umpire Committee – Salerno

35 Volunteer umpires and 2 from outside the league. Training session on May 1st. Two sessions will be held: the A.M. session will be a refresher for returning umps. The P.M. session will be for the new umpires that will be a more extensive training.

We will be offering a lunch that day for all of the umpires.

Umpires for Divisions 2,3, and 4 are volunteers.

Umpires for Division 1 will be paid umpires. The money to pay them is from a grant from Jay Houser's company.

Any umpire who umps for the Classic will be paid (provided they have umpired at least 10 games during the season).

5. Report: Publicity/Recruitment – Barry

The free announcement regarding league recruiting new players has been running since February 18th. The large paid ad in the Times Tuesday and Friday is running for 3 weeks, (cost \$1600). We have also visited many golf courses and put up flyers.

6. Report: Saturday/Sunday Program (see attachments) – Van

There has since been a change: The Saturday program, run by Mike McCluskey, is now non-affiliated with CCSSL.

The attachment that you have received, spells out the agreement between CCSSL and David Abercrombie's Sunday Morning Program. David has agreed to this arrangement.

Motion by Prodgers to accept the agreement. Seconded by Barry. After discussion the **Motion does not carry.**

Amendment: Motion by Barry to add "fees be paid to the CCSSL Treasure" and that besides the \$75 fee, an additional "\$25 fee be charged for Non-league members."

Motion seconded by Hastings. Vote passes without dissent.

7. Approval: 2021 Field Usage Schedule (attachment): Van

Charlie, so far I can't schedule games at Baker until I have the Insurance certificate.

We will need a volunteer to maintain Baker if we use it.

We will put field usage on hold until we know how many teams we have. Because Division 4 play on Tuesday and Thursday and the Masters play on Tuesday and Thursday, would the Masters consider playing on Monday and Wednesday so that D-4 players could also play with the Masters if they choose? Bill Prodgers will take a poll of the Masters' players to see if they wish to change.

Mike Hanafee and Van took inventory of shirts, hats, pants and shorts. We will not buy pants, short and hats until we see what the need is for this season. Van is taking care of ordering shirts for the teams with new sponsors.

8. Additional Storage: Cutler

Working on it.

Other League Matters:

1. "Doc" Seigal Project: We need a sub-committee and a chair person to work on this.
2. Memorial Field fencing, the CPC has approved the \$40,000, The Finance Committee has also approved; all we need now is the approval at the Town Meeting on May 8th. The fencing will be put up in the late fall of 2021.

If managers need scorebooks, let Van know. Also need ice packs. Potter/Memorial are open Tue, Thur and Sat. for informal practice or play.

3. Committee Assignments - attachment sent out
4. 2021 managers Assignments – Attachment sent out
5. Open Session: Bruce Turner – we need to settle the D-4 and Masters play days. Currently they both play on Tue and Thur. Prodgers will talk to the players in the Masters and see if they will change to Monday and Wednesday.

The Commissioner asked to have a motion to go into executive session. Motion made by Cutler and Seconded by Hession. A vote was taken at 11:45 A.M. and approved without dissent. No votes are taken during the executive session and minutes are not recorded. Executive session ended at 12:35.

Motion by was made Mike Barry to return to open session. Seconded by Caswell and passed without dissent.

Policy #3 was again put before the Board for further discussion.

Commissioner: Can we move on by finding a compromise solution to this issue and revisit this matter prior to the opening of the 2022 season?

Hastings: PEAC should have the authority to assign players to their respective divisions.

Commission: As stated earlier under Article XVI of the League By-laws, the PEAC committee(s) clearly have this responsibility.

Mike Barry: we want the PEAC to have this authority.

Commissioner: Mike, ARC committee will not have any role in assigning players.

Meeting adjourned without further actions regarding policy #3, since a number of board members left the meeting, resulting in the lack of a Quorum.

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Friday, April 30, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.