

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 14, 2015
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rocco Annesi, Mike Hanafee, John Hession, Mike McCarthy, Mike MaCluskey, Steve Marini, Bill Progdgers, Charles Salerno (Ex-Commissioner), Van Khachadoorian, and Commissioner Terry Moran.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Tony D’Allesandro

Call To Order by Commissioner Moran at 1:00 PM

Approval of October 17, 2015 Minutes

Correction: “Next meeting Nov. 11th” should read Nov. 14th.

Motion by Annesi to accept corrected minutes. Seconded
Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – John Hession

We were able to end our fiscal year in the black.

Motion by Annesi to accept the treasurer’s report
Seconded by Marini. Motion carried

Open Session for those in attendance to address the Board:

Nothing brought up.

Suggestion Box Review: Terry stated that in the interest of time we will deal with some of the issues/suggestions next month; however many of the suggestions involve “rules” of play, so these issues/ideas/questions have been forwarded to the Rules Committee. Van asked if there was any way to categorize the suggestions. Terry noted that that cannot be done on the website.

Board Business and Reports:

1. Division Presidents’ Report:

Division 1 – Tony, not present

Division 2 - Mike McCarthy – no report

Division 3 – Mike Hanafee – Mike has urged the players to get their application in
Masters - Bill Progdgers reports that the Masters Division has a great summer.

2. Umpire Survey – Bob Warde

103 players responded to the survey

By Division: 1) 30; 2) 37; 3) 32; M) 2; unknown 2

In summary the respondents felt the umpires do a very good job and the players appreciate them. The data will be used to strengthen the umpire training, especially in areas of concern.
10 Volunteers signed up to be new umpires

Most commonly listed recommendations:

- a) Eliminate pitching scree (often Paired with mandatory masks) – 12 comments
- b) Extend run-by to third base – 10 comments
- c) Allow sliding (often paired with eliminating run-by at second base) – 8 comments

Full results of the Survey will be posted on the web site

3. Player Selection Process – Mike McCarthy

On-going. A meeting will be held soon

4. Charlie presented a comprehensive written and verbal report on all fields. Below are some of the highlights.

Baker Field: Charlie has contacted four different people regarding getting Baker back to prime playing condition. Only one of the four came back with a quote; it would be a year process can only be done in the fall, and has to be “unused” for a year; and then need maintenance yearly. Cost \$5600 initially, then recommend annual care at \$3100.

There is the problem with the school kids.

Van suggested Charlie talk to Sean Fernandes, to see if he has any other recommendations.

Bill Prodgers posed the question regarding the number of fields that we really need.

Terry said we need 3 fields per night. Right now we don’t have exclusive use of 3 fields for the evening.

Van spoke to Eric of Harwich Rec. Commission and was told we could use Potter Tues and Thur. evenings, if we get our information in by Feb. 1st. We can also use Bassett field, behind the Harwich Community Center, it needs some work.

Yarmouth: is asking for a contribution from the league to repair fence, backstop (Sandy Pond). Can we get some kind of “deal” – some guarantee that we get exclusive use of Sandy or Homer for a couple nights a week or something along that line.

Wixon – still a possibility. Waiting to hear from Dennis Little League and the result of their meeting.

5. League Assignments:

Discussed in detail. Some assignments need volunteers e.g. Make-Up Game Scheduler, Classic Assistant (s) and Pool Player Administrator. We will also need the 3 divisions PEAC members (Terry will work with Division Presidents).

6. Application update:

Application form has been on the web for a week and we have 56 members who have applied and 40 who have paid in full.

7. Budget

Van asked if someone is responsible for collecting the Pool Players fee.

We need someone to be accountable for PP monies.

The Pool Player Administrator should be responsible.

The PP Application and payment process needs to be tightened up.

Van: There was an Article in the paper (CC Times) about the Back Office teams winning; no mention was made that these players represent the CCSSL. This needs to be addressed again. Other Board members responded that you are sometimes at the mercy of what actually goes in the newspaper. All travel team managers will be reminded to talk about the CCSSL when talking to reporters.

8. Pool Player Issues – Steve Marini

Look at the entire Pool System

Rate the Pool Players

Develop a small committee to discuss the above

Round Table:

Van – Peter Cutler will fix the shed at Memorial

Tree next to the flag pool will be trimmed

Are we going to talk about the Travel Teams? (Terry responded that that would be part of the budget process.

Can we develop a subcommittee of 3 to go through the budget, line by line, and then bring Recommendations to Board. John Hession agreed and the will include John, Terry, Charlie and Van.

Motion to adjourn at 3:50 PM

Next Meeting: December 12, 2015 (Saturday) at 10:00 AM

Minutes Submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary

