

# CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2017 BOARD MEETING

### HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Hession, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Jim McNamara, Bill Prodgers, Charlie Salerno and Commissioner Terry Moran.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike McCarthy, Rocco Annesi, Steve Marini, and Van Khachadoorian

#### **Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 10:00 AM**

**Approval of Minutes:** A correction to the minutes was offered by John Hession that Van Khachadoorian be added as a signatory to the audit report along with Ed Jay under the treasurer's report. John Hession moved to approve the corrected minutes of the 2-11-2017 minutes, seconded by Jim McNamara and passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Hession**

Motion by McNamara to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by McCluskey. Motion to accept report is approved.

Treasurer Hession Presented a proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year to the board. Motion to accept the budget made by Mike McCluskey, seconded by Jim McNamara and passed.

by Noonan. **Motion passed** without dissent.

#### **Board Business and Reports:**

##### **1. Division Presidents' Reports:**

**Masters** report by Bill Prodgers that a push for more players will be beginning on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Moran stated there were 14 players already signed up for the Masters

McNamara reports from **Div.1:** A request was made that managers be allowed to select their assistant manager from a pool of interested candidates. Parity adjustments would then be left up to the PEACS. Noonan suggested if this were to be done by one division it should be extended to all divisions. Motion to accept this proposal for all divisions made by Jim McNamara, seconded by John Hession and passed.

McCarthy – **Div. 2** No Report

Khachadoorian-**Div. -3** No Report

**2. Fields:** Charlie stated that any hope of using fields in Barnstable would have to be put off for another year because the Barnstable Recreation Department would not have any field available for us to use this season. The bid to continue to upgrade the

Ezra Baker Field has come in from McNamara Brothers at \$5750.00. This amount is already included in the Budget for the next fiscal year. Charlie requested a waiver of the bidding requirement for this project. Motion made to approve McNamara Brothers' estimate and waive the bidding rule made by John Hession, seconded by Dave Noonan and passed 3-yes, 0-no, and 2 abstaining.

**3. Other Fields**-Terry stated that Harwich Recreations Department asked us to wait to redo the Basset field until after the summer. He was unsure as to how this would affect the use of Potter. No towns have released the availability of fields to us as yet.

**4. Rules Committee Report**-Charlie stated that the committee had held two meetings and had communicated via e-mail. They discussed a number of proposed changes including but not limited to: Masks to replace screens on the field, over runs of third base, having hitting the screen count as a strike for the first two pitches, starting all games with a 1 and 1 count on the batter, extending the games to 9 innings, changing the size of the pitching box and requiring no player to sit out an inning on defense until every player has sat out at least once. Finally, Charlie stated that the only recommendation by the rules committee to the board would be a modification to Rule 4 Section 4 regarding game ending injuries. The committee is proposing the rule read (CAPS indicate new language to be added): If a player is injured or gets sick and, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE MANAGER AND PLAYER, has to leave the game due to that injury or sickness, no out is called in the batting order when that player is scheduled to bat. The batting order continues to the next batter. The committee accepted recommending this proposal with one member opposed. In addition, the committee recommends adding under the "Points of Emphasis" when reviewing rules with managers and assistant managers at the preseason managers meeting: **MANAGERIAL INTEGRITY**

- *Once again in the spirit of good CCSSL sportsmanship, managers are expected to consistently display a high level of integrity in their decision-making during games. Situations of particular note would include, but are not limited to:*
  - the determination of game-ending injuries/sickness being in the best interest of the player, not the team's competitive interests for that game;*
  - the distribution of playing time on defense being fair and equitable over the course of the season, by position sharing arrangements being rotated among team members.*
  - Understanding the when no umpire is present for a game the decision on players will be the responsibility of the managers.*
  - providing a catcher for a team which lacks sufficient number of players will also be required by the opposing manager.*

The players also suggested the adoption of the “no player sits twice until all players have sat at least once” rule. Charlie volunteered to draft a suggestion for the board to be ready at the next meeting and requested that all rules be finalized at the April meeting to be ready for insertion into the newest umpire’s manual so it can be ready for the start of the season.

## **5. Other Committee Reports –**

**Player Conduct Committee**-Bill Prodggers asked the board to approved changing the name of the Player conduct committee to: Cape Cod Senior Softball League Conduct Committee, which would allow it to review actions of everyone associated with the league including but not limited to players but also umpires, managers and volunteers.

**Pool Player Report**-Charlie requested the board adopt the revisions to the Pool Player Policy developed last fall by a committee of league member. The policy will be sent out for discussion at the next board meeting.

**Memorial Day Tournament**-Mike McCluskey reported he had already received 36 applications for the 96 player only tournament before he has sent out any publicity. He’s expecting he’ll have more than enough players to fill all the available slots.

## **6. 2017 Applications - Moran**

Total applications = 216 Regular Players with 32 new players signed up. He stated we need 234 players for 18 teams. So only 18 more new or returning players will allow us to maintain the same number of teams as last year. Terry solicit requests for division changes from the applicants on-line immediately. Current separations are Div.-1 55-65; Div.-2 66-74 and Div-3 75 and up. Anyone wishing to play in a division different that their age would indicate should submit a request A.S.A>P.

## **7. CPC Proposal – Moran-On Hold for now.**

**8.) Starting Times for Games**-Terry has received some requests to change the times for games to 5:30 pm for the entire season from some players in Division 2. The board took no action because there was no support for the action so the proposal died for lack of a motion.

## **9. NCAA Division 3 Baseball Tournament – Moran**

The Tournament will be coming back. We are working closely with Mass Maritime, who is the sponsoring college. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the tourney. May 17-21, 2017. He will post available jobs for players to sign up to volunteer.

**10. Open Session for All Players:** Request to review the “no player sits out twice until everyone sits out at least once rule”

**9. Suggestion Box Review – Nothing**

**10. Round Table – Board Members**

Noonan asked to send out sponsor requests and stated Fellman Brothers would not be charges for the new season. He was approved to do so.

McCluskey said that Cape Save has a \$200 check for the league.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM**

Next Meeting: **April 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM: Harwich Community Center**

Minutes submitted by: Charlie Salerno, Acting Recording Secretary