

**CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MID-SEASON MEETING
JULY 8,2017
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rocco Annesi, John Hession, Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Jim McNamara, Steve Marini, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodggers, Charlie Salerno, Van Khachadoorian, Commissioner Terry Moran

LEAGUE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 21

Total number of attendees was 32 (including Kennedy, the secretary). In order to vote on anything a quorum of 40 members was needed. Therefore, no votes were cast.

1. Meeting Called to Order at 9:28 AM

2. Introduction of Board of Directors

3. Secretary's Report from October 2016 General Meeting –Posted and copies are available

4. Treasurer's Report – John Hession

After the report, John stated that we received a \$2,500 grant from MA Tourism with the help of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce for the Classic. We have also purchased a new tractor for \$1,800 for Baker field. We were using a loaner from one of the league members, that tractor needs repair, which we will do and will return to the owner.

5. Commissioner's Report – Terry Moran

305 people have applied this year and people are still enquiring, up about 15 from last year.

6. By-Laws Amendment Vote:

The Term-limit By –law proposed change (Article VII) cannot be voted on today because of the lack of a quorum. So we will submitted the proposed change as an email vote and we will see if we get a quorum that way.

7. Committee Reports:

a) Classic –Wayne Draeger

September 8,9,10 the 60's and 65's will play.

September 11, 12, 13 the 70's, 75's and 80's will play.

Looks like about the same number of teams as last year (58 teams)

We need your help and involvement as always. Please volunteer! Fields should be the same, we are lining up umpires.

Dust at Kelley field is terrible, can we alleviate that somehow (Bernie Powers question). Mike McCluskey reiterated the need for volunteer help, especially on the days you are not playing.

b) Pool Player Report – Jim McNamara

Divisions 1 & 2 are doing OK. Division 3 is still a struggle although, have access to players from the bye-team is helpful (Div.3) Some pool players have been permanently placed on teams.

c) Fields – Charlie Salerno

Baker – New tractor and new dragger (pulls up weed). Dug a new well. Dressed with top soil and over seeded. We are in the 2nd year of Baker upgrade. The 3rd phase of Baker will be to continue to work on the “Baker bounces” in the outfield. Charlie has kept in touch with the Recreation Director of Barnstable. He said that they are totally redoing Lombard and other fields are being refurbished. They are building a new field in Centerville which will be done in a couple of years. The Cost to play on a Barnstable field is \$30 per game capped at \$300.

d) Rules Committee – Charles Salerno

There will be no rule changes during the season. The Committee will meet only to discuss ways to clarify rules that are already in place this would then go to the Board for approval and onto the internet for all to see.

e) Tournaments – Mike McCluskey

We are going to stick with the Memorial and Columbus Day Tournaments. During the summer it is too hot to play extra games.

f) Banquet Report – Rocco Annesi

Banquet will be held at the Riverway, cost will be \$25 per person (the league picks up the rest of the tab). Date September 27th. Choices will be roast beef and fish.

8. Discussion on Schedules and Make-up games:

Many rain outs this year. Options: shorten the season so that we have days to make up rained out games? Saturday & Sunday for make-up? We could use Tues. and Thurs. morning to make up games. Or don't make up the rained-out games is another option, (divisional standings - just go by winning percentage.). Double headers are difficult for many division 3 players and some division 2 players. The present situation is not working for all divisions. Commissioner Moran would like to survey the players to get more opinions before any decision is made.

9. Open Forum:

Van spoke about the CPC funds that we are applying for to construct a male/female bathroom at Memorial/Potter. Once the application is filed it has to go to town meeting for approval. Application needs to be filed by 10-1-2017.

The Board has decided to contribute some of our “rainy day” fund monies, say \$10,000, as a good faith notion, i.e., the state may look at that favorably. However, we have become aware that the town of Harwich is trying to get other bathrooms constructed at 3 public beaches. The town sees this as a higher priority. So our request may not be approved. So, the question is: do we have a place on the priority list for 2018?

It was suggested that the schools district might provide some funds since the girls have use of Potter. This will be looked into. A question was asked: does the league feels its investments into fields etc. has paid off. Answerer: yes

Also, a request was make to take a look at repairing some of the pitching screen netting.

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary