

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
GENERAL MEETING  
October 14, 2017  
Harwich Community Center

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rocco Annesi, John Hession, Steve Marini, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Charles Salerno (Ex-officio), Van Khachadoorian and Commissioner Terry Moran.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike McCarthy and Bill Producers

**LEAGUE MEMBERS PRESENT:** 58

**1. Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 9:30 A.M.**

**Guest Speaker: Robert Sanborn, Superintendent.**

Mr. Sanborn addressed the need for build a new Cape Cod Technical School in Harwich.

**2. Introduction of the Board**

**3. Secretary's Report of Mid-Season Meeting** – Posted and copies available

**Motion by Hession** to accept the minutes. Seconded. Motion Passed.

**4. Treasurer's Report – Hession**

**Motion to accept** by Van Khachadoorian. Seconded by John Vaughn

Motion Passed without dissent.

**5. Commissioner's Report – Moran**

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers: Bill Producers and Joe Graziosi who are hospitalized, and Peter Brooks, whose daughter passed away. The Commissioner acknowledged two newest members of the Hall of Fame: Garry Simmons and Wayne Draeger and the recipient of the Spirit of Softball award: Charles Salerno. Also, much appreciation to Donnie Nolan for the tremendous work he does on the fields. We will be looking for **volunteers to fill many open positions in the league**. A full list will be posted on our website. If not for volunteers, we do not have a league! There are concerns regarding some players, conduct this past year. We will look at this very carefully. 2018 Application form is now on our website. We had one of our largest turnouts of new players last year. We are working toward another year of positive recruitment.

**6. By Laws Amendment – Moran**

**Article VII Board of Directors** - limiting the Commissioner's to two terms (4 years) in office.

**Motion by Annesi** to accept the change. Seconded by Khachadoorian.

**Motion passed without dissent.**

## **7. Board Election – All**

There are 6 open positions: we have 6 candidates.

(1) Commissioner (Terry Moran),

(2) Treasurer (John Hession),

(3) Division 1 President (1 year left on the unexpired term) Ron Scarborough

(4,5,6) At-Large Directors: Dave Noonan, Ben Caswell and Peter Cutler are running.

There were no nominations from the floor.

**Hank Bowen Moved** that the meeting grant the entire slate be approved.

Secretary cast the vote of approval.

## **9. Committee Reports:**

**(a) Classic – Wayne Draeger** 57 teams participated; we had 160 games; raised \$10000 lest the cost of fields. Shirt sale from Bobbie Breault = \$1300 and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism gave us a grant of \$2500. There were about 1500 hrs. of volunteer time. Umpires were outstanding (2 per game). 3 of our home teams won. Hank Bowen asked about the lack of 80's teams in the tournament. Wayne said that it seems they are having trouble put the teams together because of competition with the 75's plus travel issues.

**(b) Fields – Charlie Salerno** Baker Field:

A 3 year plan was evoked and carried out. Going forward, during spring break we will aerate and roll the infield and outfield. After that, the field should remain in good condition. D-Y mows and fertilized the field and we are responsible for the watering. Pump and sprinklers are now in great working order.

**(c) Banquet – Rocco Annesi**

The new venue this year was the Riverway and there were fantastic, easy to work with and they provided a nice space for us 162 signed up and 156 showed-up. Every team was represented this year. Thanks to Rocco for arraigning the banquets for the past 8 years as he is stepping down from the Board and will be sorely missed.

**(d) Fall League & Tournaments- Mike McCluskey**

The Columbus Day Tournament was competitive and friendly, we had 65 participants. The "Opt-in, Opt-out" bring a \$1 for the Fall League has been working out well; 90 guys have signed-up. The guys seem to like it. No pressure to commit. Mike is currently looking at using a survey to find out what players want. Commissioner Moran also confirmed that the league will be using the survey as a means of determining many things in the league.

**10. Opening for League Positions:** As previously stated, all open positions will be posted on the league website.

**11. Explanation of the Policy for Players Requesting to Play in a Younger Division:** This policy that the Board passed this policy unanimously has been posted now for several months. Some Division 3 players felt it was going to destroy Division 3. Terry stated that it was developed to do the opposite. The purpose of the policy is to bring quality player up to the next division (2 or 3). Van said that we look for competition and sustainability; so if you are good, help the next level become good. This new policy will limit the up and down movement of players, isn't this

what we asked for? The discussion went on for quite some time and got off track for a time because a limited number of players stated that we should go strictly by age for each division. This was prompted because a player who was 66 was allowed to play in D3 last season and there was a complaint that he was too good for the division. It was pointed out that although the player in question, while obviously a skilled player, was not the highest rated player in the division. It was further pointed out that there are a number of players who moved up to an “older” division for a wide variety of reasons. It was also pointed out that the By-laws say that players will be assigned to a division based on “age and ability”. The go to just an age placement would require passage of a by-law amendment.

**12. Open Forum:** Van stated that the Harwich Rec. Committee gave us the go ahead to seek CPC funds to build a stick built bathroom, handicap accessible. However; we held off seeking the funds for 2017 because CPC funds were granted to Harwich for the Brooks Park project. So, we will submit our request in October 2018 for the CPC funds.

**13. Motion to adjourn: adjournment at 10:54 A.M.**  
Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary