

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, Brian Hastings, John Hession, Mike McCluskey, David Noonan, Bill Prodgers, Don Saulnier, Charlie Salerno and Commissioner Terry Moran

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Gary Simmons

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 6:30 P.M.

Welcome to the new Board Members

Meeting Minutes of the July Meeting: **Motion by Hession** to accept minutes, seconded by Prodgers. Minutes accepted. 7 ayes and 2 abstentions

Treasurer's Report – Hession

Comment from our Treasurer John: We depend on our Classic Tournament to bring in \$12000 or so; however, keep in mind, if we ever have to cancel that scheduled tournament because of something out of our control, like weather, we will not recoup the money. Therefore, I think we need to look at our fees, i.e. application fee, sponsor fees, and registration fee charged to enter the Classic. We need to start building some type of financial safety net. **Motion by Prodgers** to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passes without dissent.**

Board Business and Reports:

- **Division Presidents' Reports**

- a) Masters – Bill Prodgers: We do not do “end of the season evaluations”. We’ve had an up and down season, but in the past 3 weeks we’ve picked up some new players.

- b) Division 1 – Don Saulnier: Ron Scarborough (emailed the evaluations to Terry). We need to be careful about establishing teams. Even if we have the numbers, for example, 6 teams...can we realistically sustain 6? We’d be better off putting 14 on a team to begin with.

- c) Division 2 – Brian Hastings: Got together with the managers to go over & consolidate evaluations. A column was added for comments. Sent finished report to the PEAC.

- d) Division 3 – Peter Cutler. We had a very competitive division, the PEAC did a great job establishing balanced/equitable teams.

- e) Division 4 – Charlie Salerno: Received the evaluations from the managers and shared, with them, the results last week. Since some of the player were pulled from the Masters Division, just to help establish D-4, Charlie sent an email to the 3 managers to survey the D-4 player: “Do you want to play competitive ball or recreational (Masters) next year.

The Commissioner plans to meet with the Division Presidents to discuss such things as how to construct the divisions, such as age range for each, and other issues.

- **Classic Report:** Wayne Draeger sent a written report to the Board. The Classic was very successful, we had 7 more teams than last year. Wayne also sent a letter to the Board,

stating that next year will be his last year of leading the Classic. In the letter he gave suggestions as to how the league and the new Director might proceed going forward. Bill Producers, wondered if the Cape Cod Times reported anything about the Classic. Nothing was reported. It is up to us to connect with the paper, but there is no guarantee that they will run a given story.

Terry Moran said that the Commodore Inn called him and wanted to know if they could be placed on the “preferred” hotel list for the visiting Classic players. They hosted a couple players & spouses this year, they want to be kept in the loop regarding our regular season games also. We do receive \$5 per room from the hotels that host our visiting players.

- **Other Committee Reports:** Charlie Salerno reports that the Rules Committee will be meeting soon. We are developing a manual of current rules & league policies. We have a number of suggestions from players regarding rules. He will report back to the board. The Commissioner reported that Flax Pond Field will be no more. It is being converted into pickle ball courts. However, Lombard Field in Barnstable will be ready for 2019. We might want to think about Lombard for use during the Classic, could play night games under the lights.
- **2019 Applications:** Terry is currently revising and will be sending a draft to the Board prior to having it posted on the website.
- **Review of the 2018 Season:** Terry will do this with the Division Presidents
- **Travel Teams:** Each travel team is supposed to tell the Commissioner who the manager is and then that manager is approved by the Commissioner. We have not given any travel team money for uniforms. The monies allotted to Travel Teams have been used for entrance fees for tournaments. The 80’s travel team requested funds. Charles Salerno made a **Motion that we pay the entry fee for the 80’s Travel Team for the tournament in Florida.** Seconded. **Motion passes with 1 dissent.** The Treasurer will handle the transaction and the team will be entered as a Cape Cod Senior Softball League member.
- **Preparing for the Next Commissioner:** Terry said that he is willing to continue, undertaking, with the agreement of the new Commissioner, the various roles in which he currently does. These are listed in a Report to the Board.
- **Open Session for all players** – At the beginning of the season an out- house was promised for Kelley 1. It never happened.
- **Round Table:** Peter Cutler suggest that the age be dropped for Division 4
- **Adjournment of the meeting: Motion by Producers to Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next Meeting: TBD

Minutes Submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary