

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2018 BOARD MEETING

HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Caswell, Peter Cutler, John Hession, Van Khachadorian, Mike McCarthy, Mike McCluskey, Dave Noonan, Bill Prodgers, and Commissioner Terry Moran

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Scarborough

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MORAN AT 1:05 P.M

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Khachadorian to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2018 Board meeting. Seconded by Noonan. RE: Jim Dennis who dies last month, add to the minutes that he was a resident of the Villages in Florida (suggested by Bill Prodgers) **Motion passes to accept minutes as written with the additional information relating to Jim Dennis.**

Treasurer's Report – Hession

Motion by Khachadorian approved the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Prodgers, **Motion carried without dissent**

Board Business and Reports:

- **Division Presidents' Report:**

D – 1: No report as Ron Scarborough is absent. However, Terry reported that someone in D-1 is willing to do all the stats for all 6 teams, a picture of the scorebook will be emailed to him after each game and he will take it from there.

D – 2: Mike McCarthy reports that the PEAC did a great job with the process; managers were involved but ultimately the PEAC made the final decisions. I think it would be helpful if we knew the athletic background/abilities of players when they come into the league. It may help us to better determine where to place new players. Mike is willing to work on this.

D- 3: Peter Cutler is now D-3 President. PEAC did very good work. We're all set, although, we might be short one player.

D-4: Van Khachadorian reports that D-4 had a meeting last week with the players (27 showed up) and managers. We went over the "why" for trying to re-start D-4 and we also had Dick Halla go over the rules for D-4. We had a practice game Friday, 3 players refused to play in this Division. So we need to reassess and see what we can work out. We would like to cancel our pre-season games and not start the season until the 2nd week in June.

Masters: Bill Prodgers stated that the Masters has lost several players to D-4. (Division 4 players can play in the Masters as well). We are down to bare bones

- **Rules Committee Report** – Dick Halla reporting for Charlie Salerno. An emergency meeting was called May 1st to discuss two rule change request and D-4 Rules.

Division 4 will have a line marking 100' from bases outfielders cannot cross that line until the ball is struck. The batter is awarded 1st base if the ball is hit through the infield. This will eliminate the need for a runner from home. If ball is illegally fielded (i.e. outfielder crosses line before ball is hit) each runner will be awarded one base or if ball is still in play, runner can take more bases. If a ball is hit through the infield UNTOUCHED batter is awarded 1st base.

Pinch runner can run once per inning.

Pool players must be from the age appropriate list (D-3) or from the idle team for 11 total players not including the designated non-fielder. Pool player can play any field position and bat in any sport. All missing players will be listed so that there is parity (so that Pool player is appropriately selected).

Pitching Screen will be placed 15 feet from the rubber and centered. The pitcher will pitch the ball over the screen.

Motion by Noonan to accept the provisions for Division 4 as presented. Seconded by Hession. **Motion passed without dissent.** It was agreed that D-4 could tweak rules without going through the Rule Committee.

Rule Change Request:

Mike McCluskey requested a rule that pitchers use the pitching screen and to use it properly.

Rules Committee discussed it and came up with the following: during umpire training ensure the umps are knowledgeable about placement, and enforcement of the screen rule. The League will conduct a clinic for pitchers and managers on proper placement and use of the screen. All pitchers are encouraged to purchase and use personal safety gear, such as mask and other protective gear e.g. shin guards. Sign an acknowledgment that they understand the screen rule and they will comply with moving behind the screen after they pitch the ball. The board decided to put this on hold.

There was a **Motion by McCluskey** to institute a pilot study, during Saturday ball, for the pitching screen to be placed 15' from the rubber and centered. The pitcher will pitch OVER the screen. Motion seconded by Noonan. **Motion passed without dissent.**

At no time may a team utilizing a Pool Player, have more than 11 active players on its bench for the game, including a non-fielder due to injury. Non-playing manager and scorekeeper may be on the bench.

Motion by McCarthy and seconded by Producers to approve the above requested rule change. Motion Passed without dissent.

Division 1 has some games scheduled at Lombard Field in July (field only available on Thursday. Some of the Flax Pond games will be rescheduled to Potter

- **Application Update: Moran** – 302 application, which includes all categories of players
- **NCAA Baseball Tournament:** We are still in need of volunteers
- **Policy Review: Moran** – There was some question about Membership levels and travel team membership. If you have not paid the \$100 fee you do not play on a travel team. Code of Conduct has been incorporated into the policies. **Motion by Producers to accept the policies.** Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passed without dissent.** If a Pool Player is assigned to a team (by 8-15) he is part of your roster and can play any position. Change the date 8-15, to read “last game of the season” by midnight.
- **Open Session for all Players:**
Mike Hanafee request a separate sheet of D-4 Rules. Also, Mike said he no longer puts the name of the spouse on the roster contact sheet (privacy issues)
Chip Hayden asked if all the screens are repaired.
- **Suggestion Box:** Nothing at this time
- **Round Table:**
 - Van said that Terry gave him 4 names of people who might be interested in doing field maintenance at this point. Bruce Turner takes care of Kelley Field. Bob Maruca might be able to do a couple of days at Baker, he will let us know.
 - Van is working on getting a drinking fountain at Memorial
 - Peter Cutler asked who is Division 3 Pool Player Coordination? Al Rocco
 - Terry Moran: We need a Director-At-Large added to the Board. Gary Simmons was the only one who applied. **Motion by Producers to accept Gary Simmons as the new Director-at-Large.** Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passed without dissent.**
- **Motion by Producers to adjourn: So Moved. Adjournment at 3:25 P.M.**

Next Meeting – June 9 2018 – 1:00 P.M.

Minutes Submitted by: Judy Kennedy Recording Secretary