

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2019 BOARD MEETING
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDANCE: Ben Caswell, Bob Callahan, Peter Cutler, Brian Hastings, John Hession, Bill Prodgers, Don Saulnier, Bruce Turner, Commissioner Van Khachadoorian and Terry Moran (Immediate past Commissioner). **Absent:** Charlie Salerno

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Van at 9:00 AM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Hession to approve the Minutes of 9-28-23019. Seconded by Caswell.

Discussion: Bill Prodgers question: 1. RE: Sandy Pond addition. Are we contributing any monies toward this? The Treasurer said no decision has been made. Question 2, RE: the Banquet Report the cost \$5874.82 for meals is this a net figure? No gross. Why did pay \$250 for DJ? Last year it was \$150. Van will look into this.

The Commissioner noted that on the 9-19-2019 Minutes Under the Heading ROUND TABLE: the Harwich Rec Commission is getting \$40,000 for fencing & backstops for Memorial & Potter not \$106,000 as indicated on those minutes.

Items of concern that Commissioner Van wants to look at as we move into prepping a new budget for the next fiscal year.

1. Field Maintenance: Expended \$6291 on Memorial/Potter/Baker for this past summer. \$6400 expended for the classic maintenance. The Treasurer indicated that much of that money was for usage. We need to look at those expenditures for next year.
2. The Banquet: We took in \$4225. We owe \$6124. We subsidized \$1899.
3. Trophies: We need to look a cost and perhaps something else in lieu of trophies
4. Uniforms: Needed? Inventory

Motion by Prodgers to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Motion passes

The Treasurer stated that our Audit is scheduled for Nov. 23rd. Once complete we will start the new budget process

Board Matters and Committee Reports:

1. **Appt. Director-At-Large (1yr. term).** **Motion by Hession** to accept Bruce Turner as Director –At-Large. Seconded by Prodgers. **Motion passes without dissent.**
2. **Rules Committee Report: Richie Barber - Members** of the Rules Committee are: Richie Barber, Chair, Peter Cutler, John Vaughn, Bill Prodgers, John Harper, Brad Martinson, and Charlie Salerno (1 Yr.) **Motion made by Prodgers** to accept the committee members. Seconded by Hession. **Motion passes without dissent.**

Two rules that are most disputed are (a) the Pitching Screen and (b) The Veer Rule. The Pitching Screen Rule was voted on about 7 mos. ago and we will leave that alone for this upcoming season.

The Veer Rule however, is contentious. Keep or eliminate the rule that is the question. The BOARD feel that the rule should be eliminated and optional sliding is acceptable. Richie will take this feedback to the Committee and go from there. Rules Committee will report back in March.

3. New Sponsor: Honey Dew Donuts will be a sponsor in Div. 2
Cape Save will no longer be a sponsor.
JC Ricotta is questionable, Jim DeVoe is working on this one

4. Recreation Meeting: Yarmouth RE: Sandy Pond/Flax Pond
Rec Dept. has CPC funds, they want to reconfigure Sandy & put a splash pool outside the right fence area (among other things).
As users of the field we gave input as to what we would like to see i.e., move fence back 25' so it would be 300' all around and thus become a qualifying field for national tournaments. Also, suggested netting to protect the kids in the splash pool. Regarding Flax in the future they will be building a new softball field (CPC funds) they are willing to work with us.

5. President's Reports: All Division presidents reported that their evaluations are completed. The Masters reported that they hope to play till the end of Oct. Proddgers asked what the cost of storing the tractor is. Hession said \$150 which includes maintenance.

6. Approval: Revised Secretary Salary Schedule.:
Motion by Cutler to approve revised payment schedule of Recording Secretary. Seconded by Hession. **Motion passes without dissent.**

7. Appoint League Webmaster:
Motion by Hastings to approve the position, the appointment of Terry Moran, and the agreed upon salary of \$2000. Seconded by Hession. **Motion passes without dissent.**
The Commissioner stated that we are no longer affiliated with "Optional Softball". Fall ball will be run by our league (Peter Cutler). Peter and Bob Callahan will run the "Dome" ball and spring ball will be run by Brian Hastings.

Webmaster Terry went over the application which will be online once it is tweaked.

8. Trophy issues/others: This year there was a discrepancy between the price we always paid and what we ended up paying. We will look to do business elsewhere or maybe not have trophies but some other form of recognition for players and sponsors. Jim DeVoe will research.

9. Committee Reports:

Structure Committee- Ben Caswell

We are studying ability based draft structure

Studying the standardization of all division ratings

Discussed the pros and cons of doing a members survey

Policy Committee –Terry Moran: a report will be forthcoming

10. Report: Holiday “Get Together” Party – Van Scheduled for Dec. 17th at the Riverway. We need 50 people in order to hold the event. Buffet style at 6 PM. We will have a speaker. \$18 per person.

11. Review & Revise 2019-2020 Calendar – Van

Once changes and revisions are made the Calendar will be put up on the web site.

Round Table:

Peter Cutler noted that Potter/Memorial Fields will close on Nov. 1st. He would like to move the Tues., Thurs., Sat., practices to Kelley 3 in South Dennis. Van will get the OK from Dustin.

Terry Moran: We have been asked to provide volunteers for a skating event Nov.13-16., to be held at the Hyannis Skating center; we will be doing security. I will be sending out a sign-up sheet.

Ben Caswell: If we choose to update the web site, I would like to offer my assistance with that. Also, as we look at some possible structure changes to the league, please keep an open mind.

Don Sauliner: I think Division 1 player will be open to structure change based on ability. I also think they will welcome the decision to do away with the veer rule.

Brian Hastings: Would Harwich consider clay infields. Van said “no” because of the maintenance. Will we be playing on Ezra Baker? Yes, that is the plan.

Bill Prodgers: Baker needs much more work. 2nd base needs to be re-aligned.

Bob Callahan: Traveling next month and will miss meeting.

Van noted that Bill Eagan wants to manage the 70 & 75’s Travel teams.

Motion by Prodgers to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM

Next Meeting November 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary