

CAPE COD SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2019 BOARD MEETING
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John Hession

Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Moran at 1:00 P.M.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report by-passed

Board Business and Reports:

- **Division Presidents' Reports**

- Masters – Bill Prodgers:** Start date is April 15th at Kelley field at 9:15

- Cassidy Division - Don Saulnier:** 83 members at this time

- Simpson Division – Brian Hastings:** Brian and his managers are meeting

- Winnett/Rose Division:** Commissioner Moran took this time to make a **Motion** that, since Winnett and Rose have combined, Charlie Salerno be President and Peter Cutler fill the vacancy for the At-Large position on the Board. Seconded by Prodgers. **Motion passes without dissent.** Charlie reports that there are 81 players signed up for the W/R Division, that is about 6 teams, however; some of the people signed up for D-4 may reconsider playing in this Division.

- **Other Committee Reports:** Charlie Salerno: **Baker Field Issues.**

- Meeting with Sean Fernandez who advised the following: cut & seed, turn water on early and turn off late October. McNamara Bros. will slice, seed, roll & turn water on for the same price as last year. Commission and some of the Board members said to go ahead. Will ask McNamara to fill in the holes. **Memorial Field Issues** – Van- Left field is a mess. Harwich is short staffed & will not be working on the field. Van proposed that we take over the maintenance of Memorial (with the help of Sean Fernandez who said it would cost \$800) in lieu of the \$800 fee we pay the town. Van will follow up with Sean and the Town Rec. Commission to see if we can work something out. This year we will play on the field as is. The shed at Memorial is repaired.

- The “yellow cap” for the fence at Potter will be installed.

- The Rec Commission is willing to put on a CPR course for us (\$10 fee), let me know if interested. New Tractor for Kelley \$1700 is ready for us. Need a vote for final approval.

- Maintenance staff is in place: Dick Roberts – Potter/Memorial. Bruce Turner – Kelley and Linda Kirkpatrick – Baker.

- Van recommend using our local Ace Hardware store for our field needs, John Jorworski is the manager of the store, is a league member, and is willing to give us a 10% discount.

Motion by Prodgers to purchase the tractor as detailed by Van. Seconded by Noonan. **Motion passes without dissent.**

Motion by Prodgers transfer our field maintenance purchases to Ace Hardware Harwich Port, and fill out appropriate tax exempt form. Seconded Noonan. **Motion passes.**

Rules Committee Report – Salerno

Proposed: Flip –Flop Rule

If the HOME team is trailing by 10 or more bottom of the 6th, the HOME team will stay at bat for its 7th (open) inning. If the HOME team ties the game or goes ahead, the VISITING team will come up for their open inning. If, after the teams flipped the order in which they batted in the 7th inning, the game is tied at the end of that inning, the teams will once again flip the order in which they bat in the 8th inning. That is, the team that started the game as the HOME team and batting last in innings 1-6 will again bat last for the remainder of the game. **Motion by Caswell** to adopt the rule. Seconded by Noonan. Vote: 2 ayes, 5 opposed 1 abstention. **Motion does not carry. No Flip-Flop Rule.**

Proposal: Adding some clarification to the Veering Rule.

Charlie made a **Motion** to adopt the clarification additions. **No Second. Motion dies.** However, under Points of Emphasis (POE) this sentence will be inserted: Since the defensive player is vulnerable and the base runner is in the best position to avoid collisions on the bases, the runner must make every reasonable effort to avoid colliding or making contact with defensive players while running the bases.

Proposed Rules: Pitching Screen – To replace pitching Rules Sec. 11, A & B

The pitching screen must be used and will be located thirteen feet (13') in front of the pitching rubber with the metal base of the screen centered and parallel to the rubber and pitchers will be required to pitch over the screen.

Motion by Prodgers to leave the screen rule as is do not change what is already written. Seconded by Noonan. 4 Ayes, 3 opposed. **Motion passes.**

Motion by Salerno to make it mandatory that all pitcher wear a pitching mask. Amend to read: any team that cannot provide a pitcher wearing a mask will forfeit the game. Motion seconded by Caswell. **Motion passes without dissent**

Special Rules for the Winnett/Rose Division for 2019

- 1.) A player may only be used as a courtesy runner twice per game
- 2.) Courtesy catchers are not allowed.
- 3.) A manager may designate up to two players who are aged 80 or above to be ineligible to be thrown out at first base if a batted ball goes through the infield without being touched or lands in the outfield on a fly. In addition, all players playing in the outfield for said batter shall start behind an arc which extends a distance of one-

hundred forty-five feet (145') from home plate until the ball is hit. Failure to do so will result in the batter being awarded 1st base and all other base runners shall advance one base.

4.) One player in this division who shall be using a portable oxygen device may be entitled to a courtesy runner from the plate. Said runner shall be the player who made the last out before the designated batter comes to the plate and shall not be counted as a courtesy runner.

Motion by McCluskey to eliminate 1,2,& 3 and adopt rule #4. Seconded by Cutler.

Motion passes without dissent

- **Revised Umpire Proposal** – Terry Moran. To be taken up at the next meeting.
- **Uniforms** – No Problems
- 2019 Application Status – 277; 238 are regular players
- **Open Session:**
Van asked Eric for CPC funds for next year new backstop and new fencing at Memorial. Cost would be about \$40,000
- **Round Table:**
Dave Noonan stated that 7 out of 18 Sponsors have responded; Jimmy Devoe will go around and collect funds.
Charlie stated the need for an Umpire Coordinator
Brian, division 2 has drafted 9 players
Terry, we need to look at the balls and bats that we use (for next year)
- **Motion to adjourn by Producers – adjourned at 3:28 PM**
- **Next meeting May 11, 2019 @ 1:00 PM**

Minutes submitted by: Judy Kennedy, Recording Secretary