## Marco Island Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting - 4/10/23

Commissioner Tom Polston called the meeting to order at 8 AM in the Marco Towers Community Room

**Present:** Ed Caster, Craig Cunningham, Mitch Eil, Gary Grefer, Tim McKenna, Bill Moors, Tom Polston, Bill Thompson, John Toti, Randy Wesolowski

**Absent:** None

## Manager's Survey:

Response rate: 65.0%

(77.8% Island Div., 55.3% Marco Div., 51.0% Gulf Div.)

Total Favorability Rate is 88.5%

From the Manager's survey, based on player feedback about the manner in which defensive innings are allotted, the Board will consider a proposal to increase the # of innings played in the field across all three divisions

Jim Dorey, Chris Flynn, Frank Tedesco and Rick DiStasio submitted written opinions concerning substitutions and scheduling.

#### Substitution Rules.

**Motion:** Caster, seconded Cunningham

An advisory subcommittee of managers will meet to consider all substitution rules. **Passed Unanimously.** 

Craig Cunningham and Gary Grefer will co-chair the subcommittee and invite all interested managers to attend.

# Scheduling.

**Motion**: Wesolowski, seconded Caster. Board to consider feasible Schedule changes. **Passed unanimously.** 

During the off season the Board will consider scheduling issues, all within the context of the league's allotted field time and keeping the number of games consistent with the present schedule.

Consider methods to attempt to eliminate any division playing back-to-back games on Thursday and Friday.

Utilizing Friday as a league off day and/or reserving Friday for rainouts, practice, and needed field maintenance.

A hybrid schedule for each half of the season.

Play all games on Field A.

Any other scheduling issues.

### Left Field out of Bounds marker.

Since USA Softball Rules dictate that a batted ball going out of play is a ground rule double, we no longer need a Local Rule.

The Board voted unanimously to delete the following out of play rule from the local rules.

Winterberry Park has limited fencing down the third base line. The League has decided that the area behind the fence, as demarcated by a painted line or imaginary line continuing to the outfield fence is dead ball territory. When a fair batted ball travels, untouched by a defensive player, into the dead ball territory the umpire will call a "Dead Ball". Runners are awarded one base from the last base legally touched at the time the ball became dead. Similarly, a fair ball bouncing over the outfield fence or hitting a palm in fair territory and bouncing out of live territory, or lodging in a tree, bush, or fence. Call dead ball, and the one base award given.

### Other business.

No anticipated changes in umpire personnel or duties.

The playoff seedings are dictated by the final standings of the regular season. In all tournament games, the higher seeded team is designated as the home team.

No change in Pinch Runner Rules.

Two subs may alternate positions between DH and defensive player.

Managers may act as substitutes.

If a player is ejected, his team is charged with an out each time he would have batted.

If a player leaves the game due to injury, illness or other reason, which is known to the manager in advance, he is simply eliminated from the batting order. Umpires, opposing manager and booth personnel are informed. His team is not charged with an out in subsequent times at bat.

Game Time Limits will be discussed at a fall meeting.

Pickup games begin April 24 at 8 AM for Island Division and at 10 AM for Marco and Gulf Divisions and for New Players.

2024 Registration information and forms will be sent via e mail to all 2023 members and alums as well as to the league website on May 15, 2023. www.marcoseniorsoftballleague.com.

Motion to Adjourn: Caster, seconded Wesolowski. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moors Ed Caster