

Marco Island Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting January, 15, 2022

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order in the Marco Courtyard Towers Social Room at 8:30 AM

Present: Ed Caster, Gary Grefer, Dan Marinelli, Bill Moors, Tom Polston, Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson, Warren Uhl, Randy Wesolowski, Tom Whitlock (phone)

Absent: None

American Legion Team:

Due to illnesses and injuries the American Legion team in the Gulf Coast Division has only 10 active players for at least the foreseeable future. Mark Comolli a former player in good standing, after attending to personal matters, has submitted a late application.

Motion: Dan Marinelli, Seconded Bill Thompson. Add Mark Comolli to the American Legion team as an unrestricted permanent member of the team.

Passed unanimously.

Motion: Warren Uhl, Seconded Dan Marinelli.

In view of the fact that there are no substitute players in the 2022 Gulf Coast Division, instruct the Player Personnel Committee to undertake a plan to secure volunteers from the Marco and Island Divisions to function as defensive replacements only at non critical positions for any Gulf Coast team with less than the number of players required to compete in a game.

Passed unanimously

Following the Board Meeting the remaining three Gulf Coast managers were polled and approved of the substitution plans.

Gulf Coast Division Pitcher Protection Screen

A letter was circulated to the Board from member Ed Kopecky suggesting changes in the rules for the Pitcher Protection Screen employed in the Gulf Coast Division.

At this point, after discussion, the Board felt it prudent to table this issue until the close of the current season.

Charter Changes:

The Board took up the issue of potential charter changes as directed by the membership at the last Annual Meeting.

The Board is carefully considering all the ramifications of the proposal and will publicize its recommendations prior to the membership vote at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Pitchers Delivery of the Ball

An issue has surfaced a couple of times in the Island Division this year on whether certain pitchers were pitching legally or not. The Board met and passed a new Local Rule to clarify. It will replace USA Softball Rule 6C Section 3E.

Here is USA Softball Rule 6C Section 3E, which no longer applies to Marco Island Senior Softball:

The pivot foot shall remain in contact with the pitcher's plate until the pitched ball leaves the hand. If a step is taken, it may be forward, backward, or to the side, provided the pivot foot remains in contact with the pitcher's plate and the step is simultaneous with the release of the ball.

Here is the new Local Rule:

The pivot foot shall remain in contact with the pitcher's plate until the pitched ball leaves the hand.

Motion: Randy Wesolowski, Seconded Bill Thompson. Replace USA Softball Rule 6C Section 3E with the local rule above.

Passed 7-0

In favor of: Grefer, Moors, Polston, Shurina, Thompson, Uhl, Wesolowski
Abstained, Caster, Marinelli, Whitlock

League Budget

Treasurer Gary Grefer reviewed the league financials. The league is solvent. If any league member wishes to examine the financials in detail, please contact Gary Grefer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moors

Tom Whitlock

Randy Wesolowski

