

MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 10/12/21

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM at The Admiralty House.

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

Invitee: Ray Kane

Absent: None

Guidelines & Procedures Manual

The Board first met with Ray Kane to discuss a Guidelines & Procedures Manual which Ray had developed when he was a member of the Board. The purpose of the manual was to record the various guidelines and procedures that the Board had developed over the years to conduct its business. Ray had put the manual together based on numerous discussions with the members of the Board during his tenure, but the Board had never had the opportunity to discuss it in detail, or to adopt it. After lengthy discussion, the Board asked Ray to make several adjustments.

Motion: Tom Polston, Second Randy Wesolowski. Adopt the proposed manual with the changes discussed.

Motion Passed: Unanimous.

The revised Guidelines & Procedures Manual will be posted on the league website.

Manager Selection

The minutes for the last Board meeting, October 4, 2021, inadvertently omitted the names of the Island Division managers approved by the Board. Those managers are:

Craig Cunningham – Speakeasy

Gary Grefer - Brewery

Dan Marinelli– Nacho Mama's

Chuck Reich – Dolphin Tiki

Gary Revall – DaVinci's

Mike Schwab - Salty Dog

Field Utilization

The Board discussed and agreed upon the appropriate equipment which will be needed to for Field B at Winterberry Park to have Field A and Field B be comparable. The league will purchase this necessary equipment.

Sponsors

The Board discussed the appropriate fee to be a team sponsor.

Motion: Ed Castor, Seconded Tom Polston. Increase the sponsor fee to \$600.

Motion Passed: Unanimous.

Rules

The Rules Committee proposed a number of changes to the leagues's local rules .

Motion: Gary Grefer, Second Ed Caster. Marco Division players may substitute in the Island Division, and Gulf Coast players may substitute in the Island Division or Marco Division.

Motion failed, 7-3.

For: Ed Caster, Gary Grefer, Dan Marinelli

Against: Grady Fuller, Bill Moors, Tom Polston, Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson, Randy Wesolowski, Tom Whitlock

Motion: Ed Caster, Second Tom Whitlock. Pitching screen will be required in all three Divisions.

Motion failed, 5-5.

For: Gary Grefer, Bill Moors, Bill Thompson, Randy Wesolowski, Tom Whitlock

Against: Ed Caster, Grady Fuller, Dan Marinelli, Tom Polston, Bill Shurina

Motion: Gary Grefer, Second Grady Fuller. Ties for regular season Division Championships will be broken based on head-to-head competition results. If a tie still remains, the teams tied will be declared co-champions.

Motion passed, 8-2.

For: Ed Caster, Grady Fuller, Gary Grefer, Bill Moors, Tom Polston, Bill Thompson, Randy Wesolowski, Tom Whitlock

Against: Dan Marinelli, Bill Shurina

Motion: Gary Grefer, Second Grady Fuller. In the Gulf Coast Division, all base runners may advance at their own risk on an errant throw to first base a maximum of one base.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Abstain: Tom Whitlock

Umpire Status

Gary Grefer reported on efforts to recruit additional umpire candidates. One consideration was the amount we paid umpires, per game, as compared to what was being paid in Naples.

Motion: Gary Grefer, Second Grady Fuller. Increase the umpire fee to \$30 for 7 inning games and \$35 for 9 inning games.

Motion Passed: Unanimous.

The Board then discussed the need to evaluate the performance of umpires, as we do the performance of managers. The Board agreed to create an accountability program for umpires, asking managers to evaluate the performance of umpires on specific criteria. The results will be shared with each umpire, and will serve as a basis for making decisions on continuing to use an umpire in the league in the future years.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Whitlock,
Bill Moors