

Marco Island Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting 10/1/19

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM at the social room of the Sandcastle 2 Condominium.

Present: Ed Caster, Ron Irwin, Bill Kaschube, Bill Moors, John Remhoff, Mike Schwab, Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson (phone), Warren Uhl, Tom Whitlock

Absent: None

League 2020 Make up:

Motion: Ron Irwin, Second, John Remhoff: The league will consist of 6 Island Division teams, 6 Marco Division teams and 3 Gulf Coast Division teams. **Passed unanimously.**

Correspondence from the membership:

Board members received copies of all correspondence in advance. Two items noted here were the mechanism of candidate speeches and subsequent voting at the annual meeting and the number of required innings for a team member to play a defensive position which will be covered below in Rules.

Player Disciplinary Measures:

A status of a player currently under suspension secondary to an outside incident was discussed and awaits final legal disposition.

A player refused to comply after being told by the Commissioner, at the request of Parks and Recreation, to refrain from using the softball diamond for practice. He also interfered with the positioning of the Pitcher Protection Screen during a summer pick-up game. He will be counseled.

The Board was made aware that a member of the league, raised the issue of pitching screen use in a public forum. The board believes it is not in the league's best interest to make an internal matter a public one. The board determined it is an "action deemed harmful to the League" in accordance with the code of conduct, as such the individual will be counseled.

Contingency Players:

The issue of 5 contingency players from Isle of Capri and Fiddler's Creek was discussed.

Motion: Tom Whitlock, Second Bill Kaschube: Because the registration of players from Marco Island fell short of the number needed for our drafts, the five individuals will be admitted as permanent members of the Marco Island Senior Softball League. **Passed**

Island Division Managers

Motion: Mike Schwab, Second Warren Uhl. To accept the recommendation of the PPC that Gary Grefer, Ray Kane, Lou Marinaccio, Dan Marinelli, Gary Revall and Mike Schwab be selected as Island Division managers. **Passed**

Realignment of teams by Division:

Moose Lodge, a previous sponsor, has dropped out, making change and realignment necessary.

Motion: John Remhoff, Second Tom Whitlock: Mutual of Omaha Bank will transfer to the Gulf Coast Division, Sand Bar will transfer to the Marco Division and tentative new sponsor Joey D's will be placed in the Island Division. **Passed unanimously**

Rules Committee:

Motion: Warren Uhl, Second Tom Whitlock: The minimum number of innings that a team member plays on defense will increase to 4 in the Island Division, 3 in the Marco and Gulf Coast Divisions.

Passed unanimously

The Five Run Continuation Rule will remain the same with agreement on the method to finish the inning and better education for managers, players and umpires.

Pitcher Protection Screen. A lengthy discussion of pros and cons followed.

Motion: Warren Uhl, Second Ed Caster. The Board will make a final decision prior to the Island Division Draft November 16 and preferably at the October 15 Board Meeting. **Passed unanimously**

Charter: Ed Caster, Warren Uhl and Tom Whitlock are working on reviewing and updating the Senior Softball Charter and Policy manual.

Equipment: Line up cards will be ordered. No other equipment needed at this time.

Umpires. The umpire Corps in stable. There are three new applications.

Opening Day is January 6, 2020

The Prom. Saturday March 7, 2020. Island Yacht Club Cocktails 5:30, Appetizers 6 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM
Cost \$62.50/single \$125.00/couple

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Moors
Tom Whitlock

