

## **Marco Island Senior Softball Annual Meeting March 11, 2019**

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Mackle Park Community Room.

There were 98 members present: Island Division, 46 (59% of the division membership). Marco Division 38 (49%). Gulf Coast Division, 13 (40%). 1 other.

Election ballots were handed out

The Commissioner (running unopposed) and 10 board candidates gave short speeches.

### **League Business**

The Commissioner announced that, this year, league applications will be e-mailed to members, rather than mail through USPS by mid May 2019. The printing and stapling of applications and stuffing of envelopes, in addition to addressing those of members who did not submit self addressed envelopes is somewhat labor intensive. The cost of stamps, stationery and printing is about \$400.00. The potential issues of members changing e-mail addresses and those not using e-mail were mentioned. The Board will approve this action at the April 1, 2019 meeting. Team managers were asked to inform their players that they should update their e-mail address if it has been changed since their last application. Anyone who does not receive an application should notify the league.

The pros and cons of the continuation rider in the maximum five-run/ inning rule were discussed. An uncounted, straw poll showed the majority of those present wished to eliminate the continuation rule. The Board will take up this issue at its next meeting.

The question of player recruitment for the 2020 season and beyond was introduced. The discussion centered on methods of advertising, and whether to initially confine advertising to Marco Island/Goodland, or, if and when to include adjacent areas of Naples. The Board heard the pros and cons and will evaluate the issue further.

### **Issues from the Floor:**

Manager Ray Kane commended the Player Personnel Committee for its recent efforts to introduce and try out new players with the managers prior to the drafts. The PPC will attempt to further refine the "try-out" process.

The issue of a Pitcher's Protection Screen was again raised. Five members gave opinions in support of a screen and two voiced opinions in opposition. PPC members Bill Moors and Bill Thompson noted that they drove to Naples to observe games using the 3-foot wide by 6-foot high screen located approximately midway

between the pitcher and home plate. This was a field trip to provide some level of onsite due diligence. They have invited interested league members to do the same. The Commissioner stated that this was a Board issue and that the Board would give serious consideration to the pros and cons of the Pitcher's Protection Screen in coming meetings

Rich Krumholz again spoke of the need for timely improvement in field conditions at Winterberry Park. He also noted that it appeared that repair work from Hurricane Irma damage dragged on unnecessarily. He asked if the league has a committee to deal with the City. The league does have such a committee consisting of Bill Shurina, Mike Schwab and John Remhoff which interacts with the Marco Island Parks and Recreation Department and city officials. Rich suggested that the league may have to communicate in a more formal manner with City Council directly. Mike Garofalo seconded many of Rich's remarks. He suggested that we invite city councilors to future meetings, as this is an effective way to work with them.

The above comments were in no way intended to criticize the two groundskeepers who prepare the field for use each day. They consistently do an outstanding job.

Bill Kaschube gave the Treasures Report. The league is solvent. Expenses still outstanding are the March umpires fees, yearly field maintenance costs, and charges for team plaques. Any league member who wishes to examine the full set of league books is welcome to do so. Please contact Bill Kaschube.

The question of players insurance was raised. Our insurance is of a third party variety, which is considered after claims from Primary and Secondary Insurance coverage have been settled. The insurance covers on the field softball activities both during the season and in off-season pick up games.

The following officials were elected for the 2019-2020 term.

**Commissioner:**

Bill Shurina

**Board of Directors:**

Ed Caster,  
Ron Irwin,  
Bill Kaschube,  
Bill Moors,  
John Remhoff,  
Mike Schwab,  
Bill Thompson,  
Warren Uhl  
Tom Whitlock

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moors,  
Tom Whitlock