

Marco Island Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2019

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM at the Salty Dog Restaurant.

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

Absent: Bill Kaschube

Island Division Managers

Placement in the Draft for 2019

After discussion of the various past methods and managers suggestions, the board attempted to utilize a fair and least cumbersome option.

Motion: Warren Uhl, Seconded Mike Schwab: For the Island Division in the 2019 season All managers will be placed in the sixth round of the draft. This procedure will be reviewed prior to its use for the Marco and Gulf Coast Divisions or employment in future years. **Passed.**

Motion: Bill Shurina, Seconded Mike Schwab. The substitute list will be comprised of players drafted in the 7th to 13th rounds. **Passed unanimously**

The Board reviewed all player's application suggestions and comments.

The five run and continuation rules will remain as previous. Concerning continuation play, the inning can be ended either by a putout at a base or by throwing the ball to the catcher standing on home plate.

At the suggestion of several players, the option of a pitchers screen located midway between the pitchers rubber and home plate was discussed. All the pros and cons of the screen were voiced as well as the safety measures the league has already instituted. The Board took no action at this time.

Request to play Island Division games on Tues. Thurs. & alternate Fri.

Due to the fact that 4 games are played on Marco/Gulf Coast days and the need to vacate the field at 2:30 PM on Thursdays, the Island Division will continue to play on Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays. The Marco/Gulf Coast games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternate Fridays.

Concerning field (especially infield) conditions, the League's City Liaison Committee will be meeting shortly with the appropriate city representatives.

The Player Personnel Committee will attempt to inform managers via e-mail when a new player will make an initial appearance at Winterberry Park.

Concerning a suggestion that pinch runners can be inserted only prior to batters first pitch.

Pinch runners may continue to be inserted at any time in the batters count, but the runner must be immediately available or umpires will disallow the change.

Concerning an issue from a player on enforcement of the Code of Conduct.

Umpires and managers will strictly enforce the Code of Conduct.

Abusive and foul language will not be tolerated.

A warning will first be given for infractions such as foul language.

Spouses and others in the stands are subject to the same rules and penalties.

The Commissioner and the Board of Directors are the ultimate authority on all matters relating to and enforcement of the Code of Conduct.

Throwing of bats out of anger or frustration is cause for immediate ejection.

To date, two Marco Island residents have applied as late registrants.

Rules

“ASA” has changed it’s name to “USA Softball”. The league will follow published “USA Softball” rules. USA Softball will continue to use the ASA stamp on bats. All bats must display the ASA stamp and league mandated green tape.

The Island Division Managers meeting with Player Personnel to discuss new players and any other issues that surface will be held at the Winterberry Ballpark Pavilion on Saturday, November 3, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

The Managers/Umpires Rules Meeting will be held in late December or early January.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Moors
Tom Whitlock

