

## MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 10/6/20

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 9 AM in the Pavilion at Winterberry Park. Social distancing was observed.

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

**Absent:** None

The Player Personnel Committee and the Board of Directors appreciates the help of all league members in the recruiting process.

A special thank you for their efforts to Tom Polston, Ray Kane, Tom Buettner, Jim Conway, Charlie Pineno and Tom Tankersley.

### League Structure.

**Motion;** Bill Shurina, Seconded Ron Irwin. The 2021 Marco Senior Softball League will consist of three divisions, Island, Marco and Gulf Coast, each with 13 players. **Passed unanimously**

The league has 208 applicants at this time. The Board realizes that there will be dropouts. Last season the league had 207 applicants on September 15 and placed 196 players at the start of the 2020 season.

### Island Division Managers

**Motion:** Ron Irwin, Seconded Bill Thomson: The Board approves the following Island Division managers.

Craig Cunningham	Speakeasy
Gary Grefer	Brewery
Lou Marinaccio	Dolphin Tiki
Dan Marinelli	Nacho Mama
Gary Revall	Da Vinci
Mike Schwab	Salty Dog

**Motion passed 8-2: In favor of,** Caster, Irwin, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Thompson, Uhl, Whitlock. **Opposed** Shurina, Remhoff

The Marco and Gulf Coast managers will be approved following the Island Division Draft.

### **Contingency Players,**

**Motion:** Ron Irwin, Seconded Ray Kane. The contingency applicants from Fidders Creek and Hammock Bay are accepted to full league membership.

**Passed Unanimously**

### **New Marco Island applicants (late 3):**

Three applications were received after the September 15 cutoff date. All were from Marco Island residents, and each of them indicated they had just become aware of the league.

Motion: Bill Shurina, Seconded, John Remhoff. Do not accept these late applicants.

Motion failed 3-7. **In favor of**, Irwin, Remhoff, Shurina. **Opposed** Caster, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Thompson Uhl, Whitlock

Additional discussion followed, indicating there may be need for additional players, if there were enough dropouts by the date of the Island Division draft that resulted in less than 196 players being available. Therefore,

**Motion:** Warren Uhl, Seconded Tom Whitlock.

Delay Board decision until October 22.

**Passed unanimously**

### **Draft Dates.**

The Island Division Draft will be held on November 7, the Marco Draft on November 21, and the Gulf Coast Draft at a date to be announced. Venues to be determined.

All approved Island Division managers and Marco and Gulf Coast potential managers will receive the complete Alpha List of Players and the application notes from new, current, and alumni (returning after absence) players on October 17

Managers, PPC, umpires' meetings to be scheduled prior to the respective drafts.

## **Substitutions**

**Motion** Ray Kane, Seconded Ron Irwin,  
Those players approved as substitutes will now be chosen from Rounds 8 to 13 instead of the present 7 to 13

**Motion failed 4-6: In favor of** Irwin, Kane, Moors, Remhoff. **Opposed** Caster, Kaschube, Shurina, Thompson, Uhl, Whitlock.

## **COVID protocols**

The Player Personnel Committee submitted proposed COVID protocols that contained a number of **RECOMMENDED** and **MANDATORY** items. The protocols that **RECOMMENDED** actions included players taking their temperature at home, carrying pocket sized hand sanitizer, avoiding "high fives" and handshakes, and avoiding touching other players bats on the handle. The protocols that **REQUIRED** actions included social distancing in the dugouts, use of sideline space to accommodate this social distancing, strict limitations on who would be allowed in the dugout, elimination of "closely gathered" team cheers, social distancing during the National Anthem, and the wearing of masks while in the dugout and on the sidelines, and for catchers, umpires and base coaches.

**Motion:** Tom Whitlock, seconded Ray Kane. The Board to accept the COVID protocols submitted by the Player Personnel Committee.

**Motion passed 6-4. In favor of:** Caster, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Thompson, Whitlock.  
**Opposed:** Irwin Shurina, Remhoff, Uhl.

A rather lively discussion ensued centering on refusals, deferments, responsibilities for enforcement, and penalties. Considering the above and in the interest of compromise in this uncharted COVID atmosphere, **it was decided that those portions of the approved protocols which REQUIRED the wearing of a mask should be changed to make the wearing of a mask RECOMMENDED.**

Therefore

**Motion:** Ron Irwin, seconded John Remhoff. The items in the COVID protocol which REQUIRED the wearing of a mask will be changed to make the wearing of a mask RECOMMENDED

**Motion passed 9-1. In favor of,** Caster Irwin, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Remhoff, Shurina, Thompson, Uhl. **Opposed,** Whitlock

### **Try-out dates**

Try-outs are scheduled for October 24 and 29. Ray Kane will coordinate with the PPC. Bill Thompson will inform all managers and new applicants.

### **Sponsors.**

Bill Shurina and John Remhoff will contact all existing sponsors.

### **Equipment**

Bill Shurina, after checking our present inventory, will order softballs, two cases of cold packs, and a container of hand sanitizer for each team.

**Dinner Dance (The Prom).** John Remhoff is investigating possible options

**Annual Meeting** scheduled for March 8, 2021. Venue to be determined.

**Financial.** Treasurer Bill Kaschube will hold checks for a bit longer before depositing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Moors  
Tom Whitlock