

Marco Island Senior Softball Annual Meeting March 6, 2018

Commissioner Bill Shurnia called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Bill noted that following Hurricane Irma, it was doubtful that the 2018 Senior Softball Season would be possible. The Parks and Recreation Department worked very diligently to help assure a successful 2018 season.

Present: There were a total of 115 members present. 19 Gulf Coast, 40 Marco, 54 Island, 2 Other (59% turnout)

There are seven Board seats to fill for 2018-2019. Nine candidates spoke. Ballots were distributed.

The meeting was then opened to the membership

ISSUES

Number of available players

It was noted that because of the strict registration deadline of September 15, which is somewhat far removed from the first draft (Island Division) held about November 15, that players were excluded which could have well been absorbed into the league. Coupled with this is the fact that Gulf Coast Division fielded only three teams instead of the planned four teams, The board may want to consider changes to the registration process.

There were originally enough applicants to fill the Island and Marco Divisions as well as four teams in the Gulf Coast Division but there were an inordinate number of dropouts.

It was also noted that there were a number of players who made inquiries after the application deadline that were told that the applications for 2018 were closed, given the website address, and told to apply the following year.

Suggestions.

Extend the deadline for registration.

Encourage those who inquire about the league after the deadline to submit an application, with the fee, which would be held in abeyance in case additional players are needed. If the applicant does not play for any reason, his application fee is returned

The Board will further address this issue.

There were inquiries concerning the quality of umpiring this season.

The Director of umpires responded that a survey concerning the umpires will be sent to all managers prior to the playoffs. He further indicated that umpires must be cognizant of local rules

Evaluation of New Players

A member asked if there is a better means of evaluating new players prior to the draft

Suggestions:

Inform new applicants that they are welcome and encouraged to play in the summer and fall pick up games.

Formally set several dates during the summer and early fall for tryouts. Inform all new players, managers and PPC of these set dates.

Compel all potential applicants to schedule a specific time when they will be available, prior to the Island draft, for observation by the PPC, any board member, or interested manager.

Encourage all managers who are aware of the abilities of an applicant to freely share this knowledge with the other managers prior to or at the managers preseason meeting,

The board will consider improvements in this regard.

Gulf Coast Division

Motion Pat Reese, Seconded Warren Uhl: The league, will consist of 6 teams in the Island Division, 6 teams in the Marco Division and 3 or 4 teams in the Gulf Coast Division dependent on the number of applicants available.

Motion passed overwhelmingly. There were 8 votes in opposition.

The candidates elected to the 7 Board seats were: Bill Thompson, Ron Irwin, Tom Whitlock, John Remhoff, Warren Uhl, Mike Schwab, Tom Angelo.

Financial Information

Cost to league for team uniforms etc.	\$2250
We receive \$500/sponsor and give each team \$650	
Field maintenance paid so far	\$1960
Balls, Mats, Screens	\$2510
Insurance and ASA fees	\$3900
Umpires fees Jan and Feb	\$6896
Miscellaneous expenses	\$1448

Anticipated fees

Added field maintenance	@ \$2000
Plaques	@ \$450
Umpires – March fees	@ \$3000

Any league member who wishes to inspect the full set of books, please contact
Bill Kaschube

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Moors
Tom Whitlock