

Minutes of MSSL Board of Directors Meeting Feb 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Speaker Dan Krepich at 10:15 am

Bob Fuhrmann, Commissioner, present. All Board members present. Bob Curley attending as a guest to discuss the Spring Schedule

Spring Scheduling

- 1) **Standard Scheduling Rules**-Spring Season scheduling is to run February through June according to current League rules. After discussion the Board agreed to keep it this way and to end the Season no later than the last week in June including playoffs. This will require possibly changing the playoffs to single elimination to achieve this result. All rainout dates will be placed at the end of the season.
- 2) **New 3 Games/ 1 Field Schedule**-This was discussed as there are concerns about games running over and the last game starting very late. Frank White mentioned that the umpires will make every effort to get games started on time and have meetings with Managers 5 minutes before the start. Also teams need to get pinch runners handled promptly and coaches need to run behind the screen to their bases. Randy Schaaf agreed to write a letter to the Managers stating all these factors.

Commissioner's Report

- 1) **Playing Fields Update**- Bob presented a proposal to Tom Lowry at Big League Field of Dreams in Perris. Bob has made efforts but there has been no response as of yet.

Bob is still working with Jonathan Nicks at the City of Menifee about Centennial Park. Discussed a 10' extension fence. Also, it was determined that Softball was an exception to the 12 and under age rule. City rates for the fields are \$5/hour and \$60/week. There's a concern that Bill French discussed if we have to complete a 501C Non-Profit tax form

- 2) **Board Elections**-3 Members are up for election in May. Dan Krepich committed that he would run again. No other commitments were made.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) **Budget Status**-Currently have \$6293 in bank
- 2) **Jackets/Awards**-Still need to order jackets and hats. It was determined that costs of jackets have increased over the current procedural limits. **Bill French motioned to have the Procedures be upped to \$500 for jackets and \$200 for hats. Motion was passed unanimously.** Also Bill noted that we would look for local suppliers to save on costs

Old Business

- 1) **Armbands-Protected hitters.** Yellow armbands will be worn by the protected hitters beginning with the new season. This change will be added to the Rules. No changes in players can be made after the game starts
- 2) **New Batter's Box**-Rule will be updated in MSSL Rules to reflect that we are staying with current rule 7.3 A in SSUSA Rules not going with new rule
- 3) **Volunteers**-Bob Fuhrmann still doesn't have anyone to help in field setup. He continues to handle this on his own.

New Business

- 1) **Document Index Update**-Randy Schaaf will update the Document Index
- 2) **Web Support Backup**-Bob Curley discussed this and noted that his background is not sufficient to handle this if something happens to Jerry Callahan. Ted Bennett mentioned his son might have the skills needed to handle this
- 3) **Trades**-Two trades were discussed. The first trade proposal was Jerry Harkey for James Hudson, both players ranked #3. Some concerns were discussed about the fact that James wanted to play for Manager Jim Clark. A vote was taken and the Board voted 6-1 to approve the trade. The second trade proposal was Ted Bennett for Juan Guerrero. Ted was ranked #3 and Juan was ranked #5. There had been some concern about an imbalance but Bob Fuhrmann mentioned that there had been precedent in

past years about players at different rankings being traded. After much discussion the Board voted 4-2 to approve the trade. (Ted recused himself.)

Next Board Meeting-March 14, 1:30 pm at Archibalds

Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 pm