

Minutes of MSSL Board of Directors Meeting August 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Speaker Ted Bennett at 10:44 am

Bob Fuhrmann, Commissioner, present. All Board members present except Bill French who was connected via phone for key parts of the meeting. Bob Curley was also present to discuss scheduling

Old Business

- 1) **Centennial Field**-Bob discussed with the Board the specifics of the field to determine if we should proceed playing there during the Fall and Spring Seasons of 2024-2025. It was determined that if Bob can negotiate the hours of play with the Menifee then it will cost \$120/week. The majority of league members playing Summer League voted informally they would prefer playing here as opposed to Diamond Valley. **Board voted unanimously to play the next two Seasons at Centennial Field.**
- 2) **League Financial Status/League Fees**-Bill French discussed total costs including picnic, awards, and umpire fees. At the end of July the League had \$269 in the bank. Bill believed that to cover costs and continue everything we have going that yearly fees need to be upped to \$100 for the season. **Board voted unanimously for the league fee to be \$100/player**
- 3) **Manager's Meeting Summary**-Randy Schaaf proposed a new player ranking system where the league would have 2 1's; 2 2's; 2 3's; 2 4's; and all other players ranked as 5's. Managers did not seem interested. It was determined that the **draft would be Wednesday September 4th**. Time and location TBD. We were short on the number of Managers but we made some decisions at the Board meeting and we now have 8 Managers for the draft. **Board members discussed the Updated Code of Conduct policies which all players will sign.** Small verbiage changes were made.
- 4) **Scheduling/Player Rankings**-Bob Curley created a Fall Schedule for 2024. Key points: 1) No games September 12,17,19; 2) Regular Season/Playoffs are scheduled to end December 19; 3) 21 game schedule; 4) Games will start at 8:30/10:00 and starting November 5 games will start at 9:00/10:30. Randy/Ted/Bob/Larry Roberts will review player rankings
- 5) **Opening Day**-Scheduled for September 10. Between games Managers will collect league fees from players and have new conduct policies signed. Menifee Mayoral candidate Lesa Sobek will throw out the first pitch

New Business

- 1) Umpire Stipends**-It was agreed to keep the Umpire Stipends the same.
- 2) New Rule**-Owing to Centennial's smaller fields **the Board voted Unanimously to allow 2 Home Runs per team and any additional HRs would be an out.**

Next Board Meeting-Tuesday September 10 Noon at Archibalds

Meeting Adjourned at 12:35 pm

