

## 2015 Winter Meeting Agenda

Date: Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>. 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 328 Plainfield Ave. Edison, N.J. 08817

<b>Current Board Members</b>	Title
Carmine Balletta	Commissioner
Bob Lorincz	Technical Support/Scores
Jerry Yaros	Umpires, Fields
<b>Current League Support</b>	
Edward Mullen	Treasurer
Ron Lesonsky	Schedules, Field

### Agenda:

1. Executive Board Attendance
2. Team Rep Attendance
3. Executive Board Opening Comments
4. Board Position Nominations/ Vote  
Commissioner  
Technical Support/Report Scores  
Umpires/Fields  
Treasurer/Insurance/Payment Mailing  
Scheduler/Fields

The following item can be open for discussion and voted on or managers vote to table the vote until the first spring meeting:

Item 1: Should C Division and A Division teams no longer play one another? There is a strong consensus among the C managers on this, and the answer is a resounding “no.”

This can be accomplished one of two ways:

Either by having the C’s play the vast majority of games against one another, with a smattering of games against B’s, or by going to a two-division format in which A’s and B’s play all or the vast majority of games only against one another.

Item 2: Should our league continue to take a week off for the state 50-and-over tournament?

- Item 3: Should we change the policy by which if one field is not usable all games must be postponed?
- Item 4: Make every effort to only use county fields and get away from Veterans Park,
- Item 5: Switch from the Tattoo ball to restricted flight SB12s? Consensus: "Yes."
- Item 6: Should we take new steps to prevent the use of illegal bats?
- Item 7: Should we change the rule about being called out on the bases if you leave before contact?
- Item 8: Should we keep the home run limit?
- Item 9: Should we continue to have everyone make the playoffs or, in a five-team division, for example, should only the top four make it and the fifth be eliminated?
- Item 10: Should we formalize the rules for moving up or down divisions each year based on the prior season's performance?
- Item 11: Should the 12 vs. 11 formats be eliminated?
- Item 12: Re-write the rule book. Start with the ASA rulebook and amend where needed.

### Meeting Items Discussed and Recorded:

- 1) Carmine took team attendance. Lionsgate arrived late. All teams were represented.
- 2) Carmine Balletta and Bob Lorincz from the board were in attendance.
- 3) Ron Lesonsky was in attendance.
- 4) Isaac Crosson made opening statement as to why this meeting was called, and the purpose was to nominate and vote of board members and to have an open dialog about issues and concerns going into the 2016 season.
- 5) Ed Mullen provided a treasurer's report to attendees.
  - a) Ed stated that the leagues financials are in good shape.
  - b) Ed communicated that we should be careful in working with OB. He had to go to the township to personally recoup \$1800 we would have been over charged for the use of Veterans Park.
  - c) Ed requested that teams try to have fees in by the January 23<sup>rd</sup>. meeting. The league will have several expenses early.
- 6) Anthony Santorelli (Giants) made statement regarding issues related to his team's playoff scheduling.
- 7) Isaac opened nominations for Commissioner
  - a) Carmine Balletta, Lou Guzman and Frank Bender names were put into nomination.
  - b) The vote went Frank(7) , Carmine(5) and Lou(2)
  - c) Frank Bender was elected new commissioner
- 8) There were discussion on actually how many voting board members
  - a) Commissioner(voting)
  - b) Vice Commissioner (voting)
  - c) Secretary(voting)
  - d) Treasurer
  - e) Scheduler/Fields
- 9) Votes were taken to elect Lou Guzman (vice commissioner) and Dr. Bob Lorincz (Secretary)
- 10) Doug mentioned that 9 players on his team were looking to start their own team.
- 11) Nick Menona requested we vote on permitting an odd number (15) team to the league.
  - a) The league voted "NO" to a 15<sup>th</sup> team.

- b) The league will contact Nick if another team show interest and the league would then address having 16 teams.
- 12) Conversations were had whether to continue to pay to be in the states. The league would save \$1,000 if we don't participate.
  - a) The only benefit we get from paying to be a part of the county, is the newsletter.
- 13) Discussions were held about the "C" playing the "A"
  - a) Lionsgate proposed Division Breakdown and schedule (See Page 4)
  - b) Move Outsiders and Rods to "A"
  - c) Have 2 divisions of 7 teams
  - d) Include a bumper week
  - e) Playoff would go back to 3 divisions based on 2015 standing
  - f) Proposed breakdown and schedule was tabled until next meeting.
- 14) League voted not to have a week off for the 50's tournament.
  - a) Someone will confirm if a team can play in the tournament if we don't pay to be in the county.
- 15) Discussions about the policy of if one field is closed should all games be cancelled.
  - a) Ron stated that he can only notify the teams about field closures after he hears from the county usually between 7 and 7:30.
  - b) It was decided that Ron would only notify the teams involved in the field closures.
  - c) Ron to contact Old Bridge about Veterans.
  - d) Isaac advised Ron to ask Old Bridge about having Veterans maintained prior to games.
  - e) Isaac advised Ron to ask Old Bridge about the use of Mannino Park
  - f) We tabled whether to continue to use Veterans
- 16) Tabled the idea of moving to SB12, after conversations about the differences between of SB12 vs. Tattoo.
  - a) Consensus was SB12 was a safer ball
  - b) Tattoo was more durable.
  - c) Tattoo was cheaper.
- 17) Tabled issue about illegal bats
  - a) Bernie stated that if we went to the SB12 that it would matter which bat you used.
- 18) Voted to keep the off the base rule.
- 19) Voted to keep HR rule to a flat 3.
- 20) Voted to have all teams make the playoffs
- 21) Discussed formalizing moving up / down rule.
- 22) Frank stated that he would get meet with Lou, Bob and Carmine to go over the rules and rule book prior to the next meeting.
- 23) Next meeting scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2016 (Edison).

## **Proposed Division Breakdown and Schedule December 12, 2015**

1. Move Outsiders and Rods to A Division creating 2 Divisions of 7 teams each.  
(See playoff suggestion below which will help teams who are A teams but may not be able to win the A playoffs and lower B teams which may not be able to win the B playoffs)
2. Create a balanced and fair schedule which works as follows:
3. Rank teams by their 2015 season finish. In this case Gateway funding would be #1, Dyntek #2 and so on. You play everyone in your division 2 weeks (4 games), which would account for 24 of the 30 games we play.  
....play 1 bumper week during the season around week 10. So far you are creating a schedule where 26 of the 30 games should be competitive. Herefore home run limits etc. shouldn't matter.  
....for the remaining 2 weeks the teams 2015 ranked 1 & 2 would play the teams ranked 8 & 9, 3,4, & 5 would play 2 of the teams ranked 10,11,&12 and finally 6& 7 would play 13&14. During these weeks the B division teams would have 1 more fielder than the A team helping to create a more competitive matchup. If we choose to play with 11 this year the A team removes a player and plays with 10. If we choose to play with 10 the B team can add a player. (During bumper week, teams 7&8 play with the same number of players since they are ranked only 1 position apart.
4. When the regular season is completed the top 4 A teams compete for the A title. The bottom 3 A teams and the top 3 B teams compete for the B title, and the bottom 4 B teams compete for the C title.
5. Scrap all non ASA rules and start over with the ASA rules as a base.
6. Stop teams from abusing the pinch runner rules by limiting the number of players that can get a pinch runner to 4 per team. If there is an injury one of the original 4 can be replaced with the injured player.
7. Develop a guideline to control the use of illegally shaved bats. This was not done by limiting home runs.
8. Try to get the umpires on the same page to enforce the rules as written. For example; we play in 6-12 league. That means if a pitcher is throwing 18 feet and he comes down to 15, it's still illegal. Too many umpires allow the pitcher to determine the acceptable height.
9. The board needs to enforce the rules as written. For example, player movement needs to be reviewed. A manager should not be put on the spot to restrict player movement. The league should just enforce the rule.
10. Finally, the board should not have a team manger on it.