

Middlesex County Over 50 Softball League Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018
 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Location: Room #203, 328 Plainfield Ave, Edison NJ 08837

Board Members	Title
Frank Bender	Commissioner
John Mazur	Vice Commissioner
Bob Lorincz	Secretary
League Support	Title
Edward Mullen	Treasurer
Jerry Yaros	Advisor

Agenda:

1. Executive Board Attendance – Frank Bender, John Mazur, Bob Lorincz (3)
2. Treasurer - Ed Mullen (1)
3. Team Representatives Attendance (16)
 - 1) Preferred Freezer – Bernie Maguire (1)
 - 2) Vintage Bombers – Ed Last, Patrick Douglas (2)
 - 3) Gateway Funding – Clifford Aymes (1)
 - 4) Dyntek – Dave Handleman (1)
 - 5) Giants – Mike Guatta (1)
 - 6) Alex-Brown – Nick Menonna (1)
 - 7) Highwaymen – Jack O’Conner, Walt Goldeski (2)
 - 8) Metuchen Savings – Neil Best (1)
 - 9) Lionsgate – Bill Schnitzerling, Tom Collandro (2)
 - 10) Outsiders – Joe Sciecinski, Mark Ross (2)
 - 11) Drifters – Jim Strachen (1)
 - 12) Edgewood Properties – Ron Lesonsky (1)
4. John Mazur began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence and prayer for all deceased league officials, players and for all our troops around the world.
5. Ed Mullen reviewed the league financials. He reported that we have a \$1687.47 account balance as of 1/27/2018. Based on field costs, insurance, balls and miscellaneous fees, Ed will determine the cost per team
6. The league fee could be approximately \$1400 with \$700 paid to league and remaining paid to the umpires by the teams at the field. Excess funds not needed by the league will be redistributed back to the teams at the end of the season. Approved by unanimous vote 12-0.
7. John Mazur and Frank Bender will meet with the umpire assignor to negotiate umpire costs and handling of forfeit fees. Other umpiring affiliations will also be explored. Teams voiced their opinions on the quality of last years officiating.
8. Forfeits: Managers can share players to field a team to avoid a forfeit. The Forfeit Fines will be by offense at \$50, \$100, \$100, etc. Approved by 9-3 vote. To summarize, a game will be forfeited if a team cannot field a minimum of 8 players 15 minutes after the pre-arranged starting time or during play. If both teams cannot field 8 players, then both teams forfeit the game. Teams will supply a catcher for 8 players only and the catcher will not participate in any defensive plays.
9. ASA bats and same ball as last year was approved by a 11-1 vote.

10. Neil Best, Cliff Aymes and Ron Lesonsky volunteered as a scheduling committee to develop the best scenarios prior to division selections. After several discussions on league structure, 2 divisions of 6 teams in each divisions with a 3 division playoff format determined by final league standings. Approved by an 8-4 vote. (Against: Contact, Freezer, Lionsgate, Cooney's)
11. No change in pitching arc. Hand vote only.
12. Use of screen and middle infielder passed by 9-3 vote (Against: Cooney's, Vintage, Contact)
13. Screen is to be placed centered and 2 feet in front of the pitching rubber.
14. Discussions for next meeting:
 - 1) Strike zone mat
 - 2) Pitching distance
 - 3) Length of bases
 - 4) Runs per inning
 - 5) Mercy rule.
 - 6) Equalizer of 5 runs across divisions
 - 7) Home run rule
 - 8) Hard stop to the season
 - 9) Beginning date of season
 - 10) Order of rainout makeups
 - 11) Bye week for NJSSA 50/60 tournaments
 - 12) Purchasing of balls across leagues to drive down cost
 - 13) Review of rules (on going)
15. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 to 12, Saturday March 3, 2018 Room #203 328 Plainfield Ave Edison NJ.