

## Middlesex County Over 50 Softball League Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, January 4, 2020  
 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 Location: 1222 Green Street Iselin, NJ

Board Members	Title
Frank Bender	Commissioner
John Mazur	Vice Commissioner
Bob Lorincz	Secretary
Edward Mullen	Treasurer
Kevin Wertz	Fields
League Support	Title
Jerry Yaros	Advisor
Kirk Tarabookia	Umpire Assignor

### Agenda:

1. Board Attendance – Frank Bender, John Mazur, Bob Lorincz, Ed Mullen, Kevin Wertz (5)
2. Team Representatives Attendance (15)
  - 1) Preferred Freezer – Bernie Maguire (1)
  - 2) Vintage Bombers – Patrick Douglas, Ed Last (2)
  - 3) Provident Bank – Farlan Alusik (1)
  - 4) Loud Communications – Ron Lesonsky (1)
  - 5) Precision Tech – Anthony Santorelli, Ken Ziedner (2)
  - 6) Alex-Brown – Nick Menonna (1)
  - 7) Highwaymen – Jack O’Conner, Walt Goldeski (2)
  - 8) Metuchen Bank – Neil Best (1)
  - 9) Lionsgate – Jeff Nalick (1)
  - 10) Cooper Electric – Joe Sciecinski (1)
  - 11) Dyntek – Dave Handleman (1)
  - 12) Drifters – Joe Brown (1)
3. 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.
4. Ed Mullen reviewed the league financials. He reported that we have a \$4094.31 account balance as of 12/31/2019. League fee will be \$1300/team and payable by April 1<sup>st</sup> by all teams.
5. Election of Board Members – current board remains the same. (Vote: Unanimous)
6. Addition of a 13<sup>th</sup> team was proposed by Ken Ziedner but disapproved because of the few numbers of available players for the roster. (Vote: Unanimous)
7. Rule 89: Pitching screen tuck rule and 5’ rule discussed. Warnings, implementation, consequences were not approved. (Vote: Unanimous)
8. Schedule and division format: Several proposed schedule options were presented and debated where Division D will not play Division A teams. Consensus was for 12 Teams in 4 divisions based on 2019 standings for 14 weeks/28 games. Playoffs would be 1 seed in each Division will get bye 1<sup>st</sup> round and will play winner of 2 vs 3 seed in their Division for Championship. 4 Division finals playoffs best of 3 games both rounds

## A Division:

- 1 - Preferred Freezer
- 2 - Alex.Brown
- 3 - Provident Bank

## B Division:

- 4 – Loud Communications
- 5 – Dyntek
- 6 – Cooper Electric

## C Division:

- 7 – Vintage Bombers
- 8 – Precision Tech
- 9 – Metuchen Bank

## D Division:

- 10 – Lionsgate
- 11 – Highwaymen
- 12 – Drifters

When schedule is finalized, Kevin Wertz will coordinate with county with start date of 4/25/2020 and fields assignments can be completed.

9. Hard stop to the end of season date not approved. (Vote: Unanimous)
10. Schedule suspended for the dates of NJSSA 50's tournament, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day weekends. (Vote: Unanimous)
11. Forfeit fines: No fines if teams inform by Thursday 6pm prior to that Saturdays games. At field, forfeiting team pays umpire \$40 for first game only. Rules 3,6,27,28,29 will be modified to reflect these items. (Vote: Unanimous)
12. Minimum game requirement for playoffs not approved. All players on the team's roster are eligible to play. (Vote: Unanimous)
13. Rule 17: Increase HR limit to 5, then 1 up was not approved. (Vote: Unanimous)
14. Senior bats available to players 65+ to level the playing field for those teams with older players was not approved. (Vote: Unanimous)
15. White line extending 5' back from the pitcher's rubber 5' will be provided to assist umpires.
16. Only Managers speak with umpires: If a player other than the Manager continues to violate this rule during the game.
17. Protests must be immediately presented to the umpire and team managers prior to next pitch and not after game is over. Protesting manager will notify board with a document.
18. Managers should vote on expected bad weather issues (i.e., pending severe weather during the summer 100+ degrees to avoid potential medical issues).
19. Rule 13,14: change 65' to 70' bases was not approved. (Vote: Unanimous)
20. Rule 18: Flip/Flop rule will follow the SSUSA rule and is optional between the managers. (Vote: Unanimous)
21. Use of the pitching screen for batting practice is optional.
22. Clarify roster movement from initial week to the 3rd week of playing when rosters are frozen. Player movement in that period to be implemented by manager's release agreement and Board notified so master roster can be updated. (TBD)