

Old Bridge Retirement League February 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: March 23, 2020 Monday 10am at Denny's

Attendance

Commissioner: Al Roma
Secretary: Clifford Aymes

Team Representatives:

Pure Inventions	Jim Buckalew, Dave Link
Patriots	Ray Datrio
Classics	Bob Lorincz
NJ Salt	Bob Kipp
Mac Fin	Bill Sorrentino, John St. James

1. Umpires will be used: Vote 3 – 2
2. All players, except managers (5) and board members (3), must pay \$60 if they appear in at least one game. Teams must list players with fees paid to the League Board.
3. Based on 2019 treasury report, with a balance of \$2,935, given 79 players with 8 exemptions, revenue of approximately \$4,200 (70 x \$60) will be the same as last year. Umpire fees will be reduced by one third, from \$4,200 to \$2,800. Based on the 2019 deficit of \$2,000, the expect deficit for 2020 should be about \$600 leaving a 2020 final balance at around \$2,300. Dues to be \$60 even with 5 teams. (Vote unanimous.)
4. Dave Link and John St. James will co-ordinate advertising and recruitment for additional players to the Mac Fin Roster.
5. Mac Fin will have the option to play with their roster or choose to fold and be absorbed by the remaining four teams.
6. The Scrappers team is officially gone.

Additional Notes:

Survey/Canvas

All team managers are to survey their teams to ascertain which if any players would be willing to move from their current team to another to support, competitiveness and parity within the league. The fact that one team has folded and a second team is in jeopardy should be communicated as part of that survey process. Each Manager will provide the feedback in writing by player (a roster with a yes or no by each player's name) by Monday March 2nd to the group.

Advertising Flyer

Dave Link volunteered to prepare a flyer (both in hard copy and digitally) that will be used to recruit players. Dave will send it to the assembled persons for comment. Critical components are that we will take players 58 and older. He believed he will be able to do this today. **(Not stated in the meeting by clear to me is that we need a respond by date on the flyer which should be before the date of the next meeting.)** The flyer will have a respond to e-mail (Al Roma) and we should consider adding phone numbers so if a person wanted to call that speak to someone to give them clarity on the league.

Once approved the flyer will be posted physically (by Dave) at the area sports centers and **on line** if possible. A suggestion was made to take it to the Middlesex Recreation Center (Llisa) and other township recreation centers and to Senior Citizen Retirement Communities in the area. **AI will have to assign and timing for this responsibility to someone.**

We should also see if the same two steps Dave is taking can get done in Monmouth County as well. **AI will have to assign this.**

Newspaper Ads

Jimmy B for Middlesex County and Al Roma for Monmouth will investigate the cost to advertise the leagues in the local advertising papers as well as advertising deadlines for papers published in the next couple of weeks. (To coordinated with our March 23 meeting) We want responses before that meeting

Feedback the info on cost & publishing dates dfor AI to make the decision to run ads based on Dave Link's flyers in these papers. The research should get done this week and a decision made no later than this Friday so we can make any publishing deadlines for the papers.

Other Notes:

1. During the discussion a proposal was made to shift players from teams to Mac Fins to try and reach parity. Classics offered D"Angelo and Salt offered George Cirick. A second element of the proposal was to have Aymes move from his limbo status (maybe PI) to the Patriots **if the Patriots transferred a player of equal ability to the Mac Fins.** This proposal was tabled until the canvassing mentioned in point 1 is completed and action taken/not taken as indicated by the survey results.
2. It was suggested that absent new players and/or the ability to transfer current players, the Mac Fins would be folded and players would be assigned to the remaining 4 teams. This proposal was discussed and tabled and be resurrected if needed later.
3. It was agreed that the League would continue to engage all 3 fields for the season to facilitate playing during inclement weather or for makeup games. Rational is that if we don't take Phillips we may lose access for future years. (Vote unanimous)