

Minutes

11 Dec 50+ Middlesex Country

Softball League Board Meeting

Present – All attendees signed in on the sign-in sheet prior to commencing

Announcements

-The Treasurer's Report and financial overview was given by Ed Mullen. A brief discussion followed regarding the payment of fees prior to the start of the 2022 season. It was decided to collect 50% of the yearly fees by 1 March and the remaining 50% by 1 April.

-Chairman, Frank Bender announced his stepping down as League Chairman. He thanked all present for their support of the league during his tenure. The attendees recognized the overall improvement of the League's operation and improvement under his leadership.

-John Mazur was nominated to succeed Frank as League Chairman. The nomination was seconded and he was unanimously voted in as the new League Chairman.

-Joe announced his decision to temporarily step away from the league and remove himself from the League Board due to medical reasons. His one-year sabbatical was effective immediately.

-Pat Douglas was nominated to temporarily succeed xxx on the League Board. This nomination was seconded and he was unanimously voted in as a League Board Member.

Old Business

-Dennis reported that Provident Bank will remain together and be staying in the league for 2022.

-The Drifters will also be recruiting and will be remaining in the league for 2022.

-Roster Rules: it was agreed that all team rosters will be fixed after the third scheduled league game.. No roster players would be authorized for any league or playoff games and a team could borrow a player from an opposing team to avoid a forfeit if the opposing manager agreed to provide a player. These changes will be reflected in the rule changes

-A request was made by Nick Mennona to allow a roster refresh halfway through the season. Specifically, teams would be allowed to drop one roster player and add another roster play. The members voted and by a 9-2 vote, rejected this request.

-Covid rules would remain in place until further state guidance was provided.

New Business

-League Rules. A rewrite of the rules was proposed by the League Chairman. He cited the current rules were at least 15 years of age and required a review. The need to close 'loopholes' in the rules and clarify gray areas to facilitate ease in running the league were identified as reasons for the rewrite. As per our Bylaws, approval of any rules change requires a majority vote to become effective.

The following league articles were discussed and the following voted on.

NOTE: The proposed rules are posted on the League website for review by each manager and League Board Member.

Article I

(a) Change voted on and approved.

(b) Changed voted on and approved, with one exception. Remove **'League Board'** from the second sentence of the article.

(c) Changed voted on and approved. However, there was discussion but not resolution over adding the following.

"Any player found to be on more than one roster after the completion of the third scheduled week of games must commit to one team before allowed to continue with league play." A vote on this addendum will be required.

(d) Voted on and approved to delete in its entirety

(e) Voted on and approved to delete in its entirety

Article II Change voted on and approved

Article III Change voted on and approved

Article IV Change voted on and approved.

Article V

Item (1) Change voted on and approved

Item (2) Change voted on and approved

Item (3) Change voted on and approved with the following additional comments made but not yet included in the proposed rule changes posted on the league website: ***"If a team is unable to field the minimum number of players identified in section two (2) above by the pre-arranged start time, they will be responsible for the entire \$100 payment owed to the umpire."***

Item (4) Change voted on and approved

A vote was taken to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and approved. Meeting ended at 1100.