

Middlesex County 50+ Softball League Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023
Time: 9:00 am to 9:50am
Location: 1222 Green Street Iselin, NJ

Softball League Board Meeting

PRESENT

All team managers/representatives were present (two by proxy). Attendance sheet was signed by all present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Treasurer's** Report and financial overview was given by Ed Mullen. Each attendee was given a statement sheet of the league's financial status. A revised budget may be forthcoming if the league composition changes from 12 teams to 11.

The **Field Coordinator** report was given by Kevin Wertz and reiterated the loss of fields located behind the Middlesex Community College. The fields at Warren and Raritan (South Amboy waterfront Park) are also restricted in September for several weeks due to prior county commitments. The possibility of utilizing fields at Thompson and Johnson Parks, Metuchen, Edison Municipal remain viable alternative fields.

The League Commissioner welcomed back Joe Siecinski after a one year plus absence. Joe will be replacing Kevin Wertz as a voting member of the League Board. Kevin will remain in his position on the League Board as Field Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

Rabbit Rule. By a vote of 11 for and 3 against, the league adopted the Rabbit Rule for the B division teams only. The agreement also indicated that the designated rabbit runner would be the last previous out made. Bill D'Amico will right up the details of this rule addition and submit to all voting members for comment before incorporating into the League Rules.

Prior to this vote, the Secretary reiterated from the league rules that the league Treasurer is a non-voting member. All managers and remaining board members have one vote. For those board members who are also designated managers, they only get one vote, despite their board status.

The **League Commissioner** identified the loss of one A division team that was previously assumed during the last team meeting. A discussion ensued over starting the league with 11 teams or working to establish a 12th team. Time was the most critical factor in attempting to establish a 12th team prior to the start of the season. It was agreed that the league would be better to have that 12th team. All managers will make effort to identify potential players to help create the 12th team. Current league composition is 5 A division teams and 6 B division teams.

The B Division team previously known as the Highwaymen has been dis-established and no longer a member of the B-Division for the 2023 season.

Post Season Playoff Format No formal decision was discussed, pending the outcome of a 11 or 12 team league.

A revised league contact list is being created and will be presented to all league managers for confirmation prior to posting on the League website.

NEW BUSINESS

Strike Zone Plate. All managers were requested to inspect their wooden strike zone plates for replacement. Any warped plate had to be replaced. Nick Menonna agreed to contact Frank Bender (Past President) on the individual who constructed the strike zone plates for the league. Based on the results of this phone call, and the initial discussion to require only 6 strike zone plates, the league board will finalize the most cost-effective approach to this solution and present it at the next league meeting.

League Schedule. League play will begin 15 April. League play will not be suspended for the July 4th holiday or the NJ State softball tournament.

Softball Purchases. The purchase price for softballs increased from \$57/dozen to \$65/dozen. There is a minimum order required to avoid shipping costs that are in excess of \$200. The league is looking into combining softball orders with another league in order to avoid this additional charge and having excess softballs on hand.

Next League Meeting. The next league meeting was scheduled for Saturday 18 March at 0900 at the Iselin Firehouse.