

**Minutes**  
**March 2, 2024**  
**50+ Middlesex Country**  
**Softball League Board Meeting**

**PRESENT**

All team managers/representatives were present. All voting members in attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-The **Treasurer's** Report and financial overview was given by Ed Mullen.

-A reminder was provided regarding dues payment. Final payment is due on 1 April.

-The **Field Coordinator** report was given by Kevin Wertz. The fields for the 2024 season will be:

-Warren Park (2),

-Phillips Park (1)

-Raritan Waterfront Park in South Amboy (2).

The option of using Municipal Field in Edison and Thompson Park are our current back-up fields. Kevin will be asking about Boynton Fields in Woodbridge (Port Reading), The consensus among managers is that one of the Boynton Fields is preferred over Thompson Park.

**-Chairman's Report**

-A reminder that the Initial player roster submission is due 1 April and the rosters would not be frozen until the fifth scheduled game of the regular season.

-The Chairman report the passing of John Mazur's mom

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Softballs were in and all managers were to pick up their allotment by the end of the meeting..

-A final vote was taken on the change to start each plate appearance with a one ball/one strike count. By a vote of 8 nays and 3 yeas, the vote did not pass..

**Post-Season Playoff Schedule**

-The league identified four potential formats. A post-season playoff format would be deferred until the regular season performance of the B-division teams is known.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Regular Season Schedule**

The 2024 schedule will consist of the 3-division format:

- Three (3) A-Division Teams
- Six (6) B-Division Teams
- Two (2) C-Division Teams

#### **A-Division**

Alex Brown  
Phoenix Tube  
Vintage Bombers

#### **B-Division**

Provident Bank  
General Plumbing Supply  
Loud Communication  
Advanced Recycling Tech (Dyntek)  
Manasquan Bank  
Greenskeepers Landscaping

#### **C-Division**

Drifters  
Lionsgate

Anthony Santorelli and Bill D'Amico identified that a schedule has been created that met the league managers desires.

- No games played between A and C-division teams
- B-division teams will play A-division teams an equal number of times
- Two sub B-divisions were created to ensure an equal number of games were played by each B-division team within their respective division.

Due to four weeks of unavailability of the Warren Park fields, the regular season schedule was not released. As soon as the Boynton Fields are determined to be available, the regular season schedule will be released to each manager and the NJ softball website.

### **5 Run Rule**

By a vote of 6 yeas and 5 nays, the vote to was approved to spot the C-division teams 5 runs when playing against B-division teams. The same vote approved to spot the B-division teams 5 runs when playing against the A division teams. The runs would be allotted in one run segments between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> innings. These additional runs will not count toward the maximum 5 run limit a team can plate per inning.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

-John Primavera indicated that umpiring fees would most likely rise to \$60 per game starting in the 2025 season.

-Nick Mennona suggested an All-Star tournament the Saturday after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The suggestion stemmed from the number of league players that do not take vacation during that weekend period. Nick volunteered to take the initiative to coordinate this tournament.

-it was also suggested that the league make every effort for the 2025 season to get a 12<sup>th</sup> team into the league to make the scheduling of the regular season easier and expand the regular season beyond this year's current 24 game schedule.

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded.**

**The meeting adjourned at 09:50.**