UCSSL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2020

The following is a summary of our league meeting of March 11, 2020

Softballs were distributed. Each team received enough new balls so that those balls plus the leftover balls (due to last season's schedule that could not be completed) means that each team has 22 softballs to start the 2020 season. This includes the 20 game regular season plus the first two playoff games for every team.

Additional registration materials, sponsor fees and forfeiture fees were submitted to the league treasurer; managers are again reminded that the remainder of these materials, as well as initial team rosters are due before the season begins.

Shirt order forms were submitted to Gary Wiese to ensure that shirts will be available by Opening Night in less than 5 weeks.

Announcements

A date and time for testing <u>new</u> bats (only) will be held in early April before the season begins. Also, please understand that senior bats for players of age 70+ also must be tested each year.

New sponsors: JoeMax Telecom is now Jun's Contracting,

Bad Brains is now Tamar Jewelry.

Player inquiries: Let me know if you need players

Fields: In February we announced that we were pleased to add Rahway River #1 to our 3 regular Linden fields, thus completing our needs for the 60+ Division. We have also retained Jerseyland on Thursday evenings so we were hopeful we might get 3 additional decent county fields on Tuesdays and 2 on Thursdays to fulfill our needs for the season. We are pleased (no, overjoyed) to announce that our additional county fields are Warinanco #1, Rahway River BB and Rahway River #3 on Tuesdays; and Warinanco #1 and #2 on Thursdays.

Last year we set uniform ground rules for each of the fields we anticipated using but we did not do so for one of the fields we will be using regularly this season, Rahway River #1. Do we have a couple of volunteers who can do that for us prior to the April meeting?

Managers will select fields at the April meeting.

There was some question during the February meeting about how playoffs would proceed in the 7 team 50B Division this year. The answer is that the regular season winner gets a bye in the first round, while 2-7, 3-6 and 4-5 play. We re-seed in the semifinals so that the lowest remaining seed plays the first place team, and the two other first round winners play each other. As always, the higher seed is home in Game 1 and, if necessary, Game 3.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 pm. This meeting will include discussion and possible votes on rule change proposals and field selection, as well as the distribution of USA/ASA Rulebooks and scorebooks, and checks for umpire fees.