

2/12/2019 MINUTES HUMBOLDT SENIOR CLASSIC SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT:

President: David Schlosser

Vice President: Dennis Rosser

Treasurer: Tom Marking

Commissioners:

Dan Duncan 60+ league

Les Charter 50+

Secretary: Fred Dellagatta

Members Present: Rick Mitchell, Bill Hicks, Buzz Johnson, Les Charter, Bob Nikell, Ray Willis

1. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion to approve by Tom Marking, 2nd Dennis Rosser; Passed 5-0.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

January 1, 2019 Beginning balance \$2,833.62, one debit for \$48.99, ending balance January 31,2019 \$2,784.66.

Motion to approve the financial report by Fred Dellagatta, 2nd by Dennis Rosser; Passed 5-0.

Budget discussion- Tom laid out the budget proposals for the 2019 season with options for different fields, umpires and expenses to get the new Samoa field ready for play. A new double first base has been ordered, orange and white. Will need to order 2nd and 3rd bassettes and anchors. Bill Hicks purchased a field rake on sale at Piersons and will be reimbursed for the cost of \$54.

4. Commissioner's Report:

Dan Duncan 60+ league

Nothing to report. He needs to have the previous commissioner to call him for a transfer of information.

Les Charter 50+

Reported the league is considering composite bats with softer balls, requiring pitcher masks and pitchers net, having a draft, lowering the age as needed to get enough players, playing one game a week (Wednesdays) with 4 teams.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT:** Dan Duncan, Tom Marking and Bill Hicks.

Agreement with Rob of DANCO is to have the field work done by March 1. It is on the job list and Rob says it will get done. He has fencing and backhoe. We will do forming for cement slabs and DANCO will provide concrete and team benches.

b) **RULES COMMITTEE REPORT:** Fred Dellagatta, Tom Marking, Bill Hicks

The committee was asked to meet and come back regarding:

1. Outfield line - Association members had expressed their concern over so many runners on first when the ball is pitched getting thrown out at second base by an outfielder fielding a base hit. The current outfield line appears to be an arc from the pitcher's rubber made from a line that is marked from the pitcher's rubber to the point 145' down the foul line. The arc is made across the field ending at the point 145' down the other foul line. There has been discussion to move this arc out 5' or 10'.
2. Jerry Rule - discussion was around sometimes the rule is great and sometimes it is abused. With a ball hitting the grass being called a hit, why do we need the Jerry rule.
3. Pinch Runner - Some said it was abused but some said it is part of the game to get a faster runner or to replace an injured player.

c) **UMPIRE COMMITTEE:**

At the previous meeting team managers were asked to poll their teams to see if they want umpires or not. Managers reported the following:

Moments in favor of umpires.

Bears in favor of umpires.

Relics split for and against umpires with several not having strong opinions either way.

Legends in favor of umpires.

Rookies in favor of umpires.

Classics in favor of umpires.

Motion by Dan Duncan to have umpires, 2nd by Tom Marking; passed 5-0.

6. **SCHEDULE:** Tom Marking

Tom presented 3 possible schedules. There was discussion about possible fields to play at. Games played at the Arcata Complex would need to start at 5:15 and that was found to be unacceptable to people who worked. The Classics wanted to continue playing 6pm games at Pacific Union. Many like playing all the games at the new Samoa Field.

Motion by Dan Duncan to play all games at the Samoa Field and use the schedule for playing Tuesday and Thursday nights with the Rookies playing some Monday night double headers to accommodate their players on the travel league, 2nd by Tom Marking. Board members and Managers present voted 8-1 in favor of the motion.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **SECOND READING OF PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS AND VOTE:** David Schlosser

Complex Amendments

ARTICLE III

REGULAR, GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Association Meetings:

- b) Quorum for a regular meeting shall be ~~four~~ **five** members, ~~two~~ **three** of whom must be Association officers. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned and no Association business transacted. Voting shall be by voice, show of hands or ballot. Proxy votes are not permitted.

e) Attendance at regular Association meetings is open to the official Association membership as defined in the Constitution, Article I, Section 2 (a). With the exception of the election of officers and/or amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws, only the Board of Directors may vote at regular Association meetings. ***For rule changes, managers are allowed to vote as well.***

f) ***Voting: Approval shall require an absolute majority vote of the entire board. Those items that other members may vote on require a majority of those voting. Items impacting the Association (ie playing rules, etc) are subject to ratification by the Association at a General Meeting prior to the start of the season, as per Article III, Section 2(d). *****

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS *and* RULE CHANGES

Proposals to amend, add to, or repeal any portion of these Bylaws ***or to change a playing rule***, may be made in writing during a regular meeting of the Board of ~~Directors~~ or during a special meeting called for that purpose. A motion to approve may be considered during the following regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. (***This delay to allow managers to poll their team with regard to the proposed change.***) Adoption ***of an amendment*** shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of ~~Directors~~ and other attending Association members.

Motion by Tom Marking to accept the Complex Amendments, 2nd by Dennis Rosser; passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSAL FROM MAD RIVER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Tom Marking reported that if we played 2 games/week at the Arcata complex it would cost \$1065. They would only start on June 8th and the start time would be 5:15. Discussion was that this would not be acceptable due to the 5:15 start time being too early for people who worked and the June 8th starting date was well after our season

starts. Cost would be \$80/game including a \$15 lighting fee when we would not need the lights.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Duncan, 2nd by Tom Marking; passed unanimous.