

HUMBOLDT SENIOR SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING

September 4, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President: David Schlosser

Vice President: Buzz Johnson

Treasurer: Tom Marking

Commissioner: Mike Carroll

Absent: Secretary Fred Delagatta

MEMBER PRESENT: Paul Woodland, Larry Pardi, Les Charter, Keith Morrison, Rob, Mike Owens,

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES from June, 2019: Motion: Tom Marking, 2nd Buzz MSA

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Ending balance in June/July report \$4,718/08 and the ending balance on August 31 was \$4,391.97. Both the checking and Bank Statement are balanced. Reviewed and approved. Motion Buzz, 2nd by Mike Carroll. MSA

The lock was taken from the porta-pottie after the last game, so that will need to be replaced. Outstanding Bills: \$375.00 for the City of Medford 70's traveling team, (waiting for billing). And \$167 is still available for the 63+ traveling team. David Lonn is the Manager.

The infield mix was discussed and Les Charter said he may have a contact that we can get a much better deal for trucking from Clear Lake Oaks. He will work with Tom Marking to get some mix brought up here for the Samoa Field. He mentioned Rio Dell got their mix for about \$3,000 total- that would be a really good deal.

REPORT OF 60's COMMISSIONER: Mike Carroll would like to step down from the position for medical reasons. Paul said he would work with Mike to get the final records posted and get the rosters posted on line.

REPORT OF 45+ COMMISSIONER: Les thought the first season went well. He is getting lots of interest from younger guys in the 40's age bracket. He will come back with recommendations in the future. It was a good start for this division and we will continue to support his efforts.

RULES COMMITTEE: no report but there are a number of issues that should be discussed and brought back for discussion; umpires, a few rules are in question and some clarifications would help on pinch runners and substitute players.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: No report.

FIELD COMMITTEE: No Chair is appointed at this time. A maintenance superintendent could take care of a number of issues; lime and paint, field prep, gopher holes, schedule maintenance days, shed organization and dragging the field, etc.

WEBMASTER: David is still handling this, but is looking for a volunteer.

Mike Owens expressed concern over the behavior of some of the players with language and arguing. It was agreed that the Code of Conduct should be put on the back of the waiver and signed by all players at the start of the season. It was expressed that the umpire would have the authority to eject players from the game for serious violations or repeated warnings.

Mike also brought up the reintroduction of Bill Hicks to the league next year; he thought the Board would need to take action.

Actually, there is no board action necessary since Bill and Dan Duncan both voluntarily quit this league this year prior to the season. The Board only acted to not allow him to rescind his resignation back in April. It was decided that since neither was on the Legends roster this year, they could both go into the draft should they decide to return next year. It was discussed it would not be a good idea to have them both on the same team. Appreciation was expressed for the work that Bill used to put in to prepare the fields; perhaps he might be a good candidate for the Field Maintenance Position, if he is interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

SEASON WRAPUP DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST: David asked for each Manager to list one item of concern they had from this year.

There were a number of items expressed. 4 brought up the importance of the 6-12' height restriction, that was not consistently called this year. Conduct of players was a concern over the use of profanity and arguing, substitutions of impact players and where they are placed in the batting order and field positions; they should be last in the lineup and Buzz mentioned in previous years substitutes were placed as the catcher, first base or right field. (the Rules Committee should discuss this). Several felt the pinch runner rule was being abused. They consider this for injured players and not just to have a faster runner on first base (referred to the Rules Committee). Also mentioned was having a water jug in each dugout, and installing heavy rubber mats in the batter boxes to avoid holes and uneven ground.

Les mentioned he would like to see a tournament at the end of the season and maybe one at the start of the season. Paul liked the idea and wants to see it scheduled in for next year. It would have to be on a weekend to play a round robin style tournament.

A discussion of alcohol came up and whether it's allowed at the Samoa Field. Tom addressed this as the Risk Manager and stated that it is School Property that, technically, no alcohol is allowed on school or public recreation property. However, it is not enforced and is a common

practice out there, as it is in Arcata at the Complex. Caution is the key word, be responsible and don't create a problem for the league.

UPPIRES: everyone liked the idea of an umpire, but the umps need to be more consistent and better trained for next year. The Board will discuss this further and will require better performance in the future.

Overall, everybody seemed to have a good season and we hope to improve the quality of the field and the umpires prior to next year.

Team scores were collected as follows:

Legends	20 wins and 4 losses
Relics	18 wins and 5 losses
Classics	16 wins and 8 losses
Closers	8 wins and 16 losses
Rookies	8 wins and 16 losses
Moments	5 wins and 19 losses

(This amounts to 75 wins and 68 losses?) This cannot be correct since some teams only played 24 games and one 23; and the losses should equal the wins...so the W/L records are in error). This sets the draft choices for next year with the Moments getting first choice, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Submitted by Tom Marking (Interim Secretary)