

HUMBOLDT SENIOR CLASSIC SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING - Minutes for 3/7/2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President: Dan Duncan

Vice President: Rick Mitchell

Treasurer: Tom Marking

Secretary: Mark Raymond

Commissioner: Vacant

Members Present: Paul Woodland, Jamie Assini, Dennis Rosser, David Schlosser, Bill Hicks, Larry Pardee, Fred Dellagatta

NEW COMMISSIONER: Dan Duncan announced that the previous Commissioner (Buzz Johnson) has resigned. Paul Woodland volunteered to take over as Commissioner. Motion to approve Paul Woodland as the new Commissioner made by Rick Mitchell, 2nd Tom Marking; 4-0 approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion to approve: Rick Mitchell 2nd Tom Marking; Passed unanimously MSA

TREASURER'S REPORT - Tom Marking

Beginning Balance \$2243.08, Deposits \$1000.00, Deductions \$364.00, Outstanding Check \$400.00, Ending Bank Balance \$3279.08, Ending Check Register Balance \$2879.08. Reviewed. Motion to approve: Mark Raymond, 2nd Paul Woodland; Passed unanimously MSA

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Paul Woodland

Paul is collecting waivers. He has several from new players and few others have expressed interest. He is also checking last year's waivers (2017) to determine which players are eligible for the current team roster (returning player) or the draft (new player).

REPORT OF PARITY COMMITTEE - Paul Woodland

Parity committee submitted 5 amendments to add to policy. They were discussed and approved. These were previously introduced at the January Board meeting and included in the January meeting minutes. Suggestion number 2 has since been modified to allow honorary player(s) instead of just one honorary player.

Amendments the parity guidelines to include:

1. A Second Option:

The Team Manager has the option to retain all their players from the previous season provided each of those players had signed a waiver form to play in 2017. The roster must contain at least 14 and no more than 20 players none of which can be newly recruited players – new players can only be added via the draft. The roster will be reviewed and approved by the commissioner prior to the draft. The commissioner will consider any extenuating or special circumstances and evaluate the situation based on the parity guidelines.

2. Honorary Players:

Managers can designate a player or players to be an Honorary Player – an association member who seldom plays due to health related issues or chronic injuries – surgery, stroke, heart condition, and more.

An Honorary Player does not take up an active roster position but is still eligible to play when circumstances allow it. The Commissioner must approve the Honorary Player designation.

3. Preference Card:

New players or free agents may fill out a “preference card” for any team they would like to be assigned to/or not be assigned to, but that does not guarantee the Commissioner will honor that request.

4. Waiting List:

A senior athlete wishing to join the association after the draft or during the playing season will be allocated to the waiting list and be assigned to a team by the Association’s Commissioner.

A waiting list will be formed consisting of senior athletes interested in playing softball but were not taken in the draft or signed up too late to be drafted. Should a team lose a player during the season (injury, illness, moved away, quit the team, etc.) the manager of that team may request to replace that individual with a player from the waiting list. The Association’s Commissioner will assigned a player of equal caliber (if possible) from the waiting list to the team.

A manager can petition the Association’s Commissioner with a request to add a new player to their team any time after the draft or during the season. The commissioner, with advice from the parity committee, will evaluate the request, to insure it meets the parity guidelines before assigning the player to a team. The player will remain inactive until a decision has been reached.

Commissioner is responsible for assigning all new recruits to a team. The decision will be based on several factors: maintaining parity - using the rating system, standings (for example the last place team has first choice), and team needs.

5. Ratings System:

A rating system will be used to assess the skill level of all players in the association for the purpose of the draft and to measure the impact of the parity guidelines. The managers will rate their players and submit the team average to the Commissioner. The league goal is to have each team around 2.0 for PARITY.

A - player can hit, field and run well

B - Player can do 2 of the above 3

C - everyone else

Motion to approve: Mark Raymond 2nd David Schlosser; Passed unanimously MSA

REPORT OF WEB SITE - Paul Woodland

He has obtained the codes to access the website and changed them to his own codes. He will post minutes and rule changes. Secretary Mark Raymond will collect game scores and send them to Paul for posting or get his own access to the website.

Send website changes or suggestions to Paul as the website can be modified and improved.

REPORT ON RECRUITMENT - Richard Marks was at spring training in Scottsdale so we wish him a

safe journey home. Turn in new recruit names to Commissioner Paul Woodland.

Bill Hicks has had good turnout at his Wednesday and Sunday noon practices in an effort to recruit new members and give the existing members a chance to loosen up. All are welcome. The practice takes place at Hartman Field or Kennedy Field. Check his Craigslist Ad under Activity Partners in the Community section.

REPORT ON TRAVEL TEAMS - Dan Duncan

There are so few players on the 75 and over teams that they are not requesting schedule consideration to accommodate for their travel week.

FIELD CHANGES FOR THE 2019 SEASON - Dan Duncan

Dan has been notified that this will be the last year that the field at College of the Redwoods will be available. It is going to be torn out and replaced with a building. Mark Raymond will start the search for a new field.

GAME SCHEDULE REVIEW - Tom Marking

The game schedule proposed was one that would accommodate the 68+ travel team's schedule. There were a few season game schedules discussed. The season starts May 8, 2018. Motion to approve the proposed schedule accommodating the 68+ travel teams schedule for the 2018 season: Motion David Schlosser 2nd Bill Hicks. Approved 4-1

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY CLARIFICATION - Dan Duncan

Dan read Section 5 rule C and Article 4 section 1(c) which both said there should be two signatures on all checks, the President's and the Treasurer's. The by-laws do not address the use of debit cards which the Treasurer uses to pay things like the insurance. There was agreement between the Treasurer and the President that they would sign checks at the monthly meeting or make some other arrangements to meet.

PIERSON'S TEAM MANAGER CHANGE - Dan Duncan

Dan announced that he has stepped down from managing "Pierson's" to focus on his job as President of Humboldt Classics Senior Softball Association. Dan Hicks has volunteered to take over management duties for the Pierson team.

TIME NEEDED TO COLLECT FEES - Dan Duncan

Dan was concerned that Pierson's fees couldn't all be collected until after the draft. His concern lessened when it was announced that the bylaws say it is due 14 days before the start of the season. That would put the due date at April 24th, 2018.

SET DATE FOR PARITY COMMITTEE

The meeting to plan draft day is set for 4:00 PM Friday 3/9/2018 at Paul Woodland's house in Eureka.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Mark Raymond asked for guidance on how to deal with abundance of old outdated paperwork he has inherited. Dan asked to be shown the obsolete, outdated and useless paperwork to review before throwing out because it is our history.

Motion to adjourn: Rick Mitchell 2nd Jamie Assini. MSA