

8/6/2018 DRAFT Minutes HUMBOLDT SENIOR CLASSIC SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT:

President: Dan Duncan

Vice President: Rick Mitchell

Treasurer: Tom Marking

Secretary: Mark Raymond

Commissioner: Paul Woodland

Members Present: Buzz Johnson, Brenda Blair, Fred Dellagatta, Larry Pardi, David Schlosser, Richard Marks.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

OPENING REMARKS: Dan Duncan

The President opened the meeting with a reminder to the members present to follow parliamentary procedure, that is, to take turns speaking, so that all may be heard on the issues that were before the board.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion to approve: Larry Pardi, 2nd Rick Mitchell; Passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Marking

Beginning Balance \$4422.86, Deposits \$156.84, Deductions \$237.37, Outstanding Checks \$24.87, Ending Bank Balance \$4342.20, Ending Check Register Balance \$4317.42.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Reports for 7/31/2018 by Paul Woodland, 2nd by Rick Mitchell. Passed 5-0.

REPORT FROM DISCIPLINARY HEARING: Dan Duncan

The format for the minutes of the report was discussed and the board decided to eliminate the comments of participants during the hearing and only include the matters deliberated along with the decisions made. A revision to this end was requested and the Board will take up the matter for vote at the following meeting. Approval of minutes was tabled until next meeting.

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER: Paul Woodland

There is a need to double check Fred's win loss statistics with Paul's. Appears to be a Legends vs Bears score that is incorrect on Fred's score sheet. (It has been determined that the Legends won the game and Paul was correct).

Paul suggested that "Get Well" cards be sent to Harry Saeger and Mike Carroll. Secretary Mark Raymond was assigned the task.

Turn in waivers before Tuesday's game if you want your players to be on record as having been on the 2018 roster. The games were close this year and Paul was happy about that.

UMPIRE COMMITTEE REPORT: Paul Woodland and Rick Mitchell. Paul and Rick have had several meetings to discuss the need for umpires, where to find competent and reliable umpires that understand senior softball rules, and a means to pay for the use of umpires. They have been in contact with various recreation departments including Eureka, HSU, and CR about the cost and availability of umpires for the 2019 season. They are preparing a fundraising letter to be presented to the Board for approval, and have contacted Applebees about conducting a non profit fundraiser at their restaurant.

Board Suggestions -

Try to avoid using student umpires - not reliable and unfamiliar with SSA Rules. Contact Classic's umpire about working for the association next year.

Richard Marks said "we want to get people who can control the players in the game." Richard was president of the umpires association. He said the cost would be \$25/game for a "one man mechanic."

Note: Since there are 75 games in the season, umpires would cost  $75 \times \$25/\text{game} = \$1875/\text{season}$  for the league.

It was suggested that there be a training session for umpires to get the nuances of the Senior Rules and our league specific rules. The committee will reach out to Rob Nunes the Classics umpire to see if he is interested/available.

FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: Dan Duncan

The Field Committee members are Mark Raymond, Dan Duncan, Tom Marking and Bill Hicks.

Field options as follows;

1. Health Sport Fields - We have preliminary approval to use the Arcata Fields. The cost for fields and umpires is \$1022/team for a 25 game season.

2. Samoa Field - Richard Marks and Dan Duncan met with Dan Johnson of DANCO to discuss the possible use of Samoa field beginning in the 2019 season. Mr. Johnson currently holds a ninety-nine-year lease on the field from the Peninsula School District. Mr. Johnson was favorable to the idea of sharing the field between Humboldt Senior Softball and soccer, which uses the field in late summer and fall. Dan Duncan

asked if the Senior league could be offered a 20-year sub-lease of the field. When this was affirmed, certain improvements/repairs to the facility were discussed, including (1) moving the right-field fence towards the street; (2) grading for concrete work to support stands and dugouts; (3) prepping the current infield for base posts; (4) providing storage space under the gym adjacent to the field, and (5) miscellaneous other work to complete the renovation of the field and turn it into a modern sports facility. Mr. Johnson reported that he has a maintenance company separate from DANCO whose services would be available to our league free of charge. Mr. Johnson further offered the use of the field free of charge. He indicated he would do all the grading, fence repair, and would provide other items as new dugout benches and fencing provided he could get approval from the Danco Group for these costs. He surmised he could get the concrete donated and he offered his own crew for concrete finishing. He would ask the Association to provide the labor for forming for the concrete work. Both Mr. Johnson and the representatives from Senior Softball were in agreement that a well-made and well-outfitted softball field would be a benefit to all. Dan Duncan even suggested that a split rail fencing on the softball side of the road to match the other side would be a significant and attractive upgrade. Mr. Johnson asked if Senior Softball would install a 50s Division in its program (he himself wants to play in that Division) and both Richard and Dan enthusiastically affirmed that this proposal would be met with interest from the Board and the Membership of the Association.

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS SPORTS AUCTION DINNER UPDATE: Dan Duncan  
There are 8 seats available. Two tickets go to the Classics for coming in first place. The tickets were first offered to Board Members then Managers. The final recipients of tickets were Rick Mitchell, Dan Duncan, Brenda Blair, Bill Hicks(2) and Fred Dellagatta.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT: Richard Marks

There will be a free agent Senior Tournament on 8/11 with the age limit lowered to 50 years old to give the future seniors a taste of senior ball. Teams will be chosen in the morning.

FALL BALL: Richard Marks

There are 30 players so far.

PROPOSAL TO ALTER BY-LAWS: David Schlosser

David proposed to alter the eligibility for voting on rule changes during the season to include the Managers. After much discussion, it was decided to create a By-Laws Committee to review this proposal and table its discussion until the next board meeting. Accordingly, a By-Law Committee was formed with David Schlosser as the chairman and includes Tom Marking, Larry Pardi, and Mark Raymond.

PROPOSAL REGARDING MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Dan Duncan

Dan suggested having a general meeting in the Fall as well as the Spring, especially this year since we will be discussing two important developments for the next season: (1)umpires and (2)a new playing field for the league.

Motion to have a General Meeting at the next meeting 9/5/2018 by Fred Dellagatta, 2nd by Tom Marking. Passed 5-0.

BY-LAWS ISSUE: Tom Marking

Tom said “there is an obvious dichotomy among the Board of what our purpose is. Some think we are a governing body and make all the rules and policies, others, including me (Tom Marking), believe the Board serves as an Administrative Function for the Association, that is we handle the business affairs, and all Player Rules, and Policies affecting the entire Association have to go to them for a majority vote prior to implementation. The Bylaws Committee will address this issue also to clarify our authorities. We need to have the Bylaws reflect what we are actually doing at the meetings with the Manager's participation, including voting.”

REQUEST FOR ITEM ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There was a request to put “No open containers on school property” on the next agenda. Apparently there was a recent incident at CR where security had to stop some drinking.

Motion by Mark Raymond, 2nd by Rick Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. Passed Unanimous.