

August Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2017

Affirmation of Quorum

Board Members

President; Larry Pardi, 834-1105 – lpardi@sbcglobal.net (present)

Vice President; Paul Woodland, (present)

Treasurer; Tom Marking, (present)

Secretary; Roy Willis, (present)

Commissioner; Jay (Buzz) Johnson (present)

Members or Affiliates Present

Pat Wagner, Jon Japport, Gary Markegard, Robert Kristic, Richard Marks, Dan Duncan

Special Note

- Mike Owens sent a get well card on behalf of the league to Randy Troxel for him and his Mom. Randy played for the Rookies. Randy and his mother are struggling with health issues.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- There was a motion to approve the July minutes by Gary Markegard and seconded by Paul Woodland. Approved.

Approval of Financial Report

- Tom presented the monthly financial report stating the association has a checking account balance of \$3826.72 and should end the year, after all expenses are in, at about \$2400. Gary Markegard made a motion to approve and seconded by Paul Woodland. Approved.

Report of Commissioner

- The Commissioner reported that with some recent movement of players between teams some teams are becoming more competitive. He felt more balancing is need but this was a good start.

Old Business

- Paul reported he had received a lot of positive feedback on the July 29th tournament. There was some discussion about having it near the end of the season resulted in some injuries which may have an effect on league play. Also having the snack bar with hamburgers and hot dogs was very good which was sponsored by Mad River Girls Fast pitch Softball League.

There was discussion around holding another tournament on August 26th to help recruit players for next year. The members present felt that 3 games was really the right number of games in one day but also the homerun completion was a great addition/break.

The suggestion was made to have a tournament next season on the schedule so there maybe additional participation. Also if we try to promote traveling teams to come into the area to play there needs to be three fields similar to the Arcata fields (with fences).

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The members present thanked Buzzy Johnson, Paul Woodland and Tom Marking for assisting in field setup and Richard Marks for making it happen.

- Paul reported that the Facebook page for the HCSSA has been established, please check it out. <https://www.facebook.com/search/str/humboldt+classics+senior+softball+association>

There was a comment that our association (HCSSA) does not show up on the USA Senior Softball Web Page, Paul took and action to look into this.

- The Recruiting Process subcommittee Paul Woodland, Buzzy Johnson, Dan Duncan and Robert Kristic report the status of their initially discussion. They made a motion to the members present to allow for some control over recruiting and balancing the team parity that the team rosters be frozen at the end of this season until the subcommittee can present their proposals at the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Marking. The vote was 10 yes and 1 no, motion passed and the Rosters are to be frozen following the last game of the season.
 - The subcommittee also discussed some of their thoughts for feedback from members present;
 - Have a free agent draft and the end of the season. As every player does become a free agent at the end of each season they can request to be put into a pool to be assigned to a team needing players.
 - New players would go into a pool and be assigned to teams that need players.
 - New teams can be established from the pool of free agents and new players.
 - Each Manager would establish an end of year rooster for next season reflexing the number of committed players. This rooster would reflex the number of team members and help determine which team is in need of players. Some priority would be given to the last placed team from the previous season.

New Business

- Robert Kristic made a motion to purchase a table at the Redwoods Sports Dinner and Auction on Aug. 10TH at a cost of \$500. The motion was seconded by Paul and was approved.
- Discussion to freezing Rosters to directly address team parity was addressed in old business by the subcommittee.
- The Managers will contact their team members and Mike if they have anything to donate.
 - Mike Owens wanted to reminded the members that the first week in October there is a mission youth group going to 3 countries the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and El Salvador and are looking for donations of baseballs gloves, hats, shirts, shorts. They are not requesting any bats or softballs. Any donations are appreciated please contact Mike at mikeatnader@yahoo.com
- Discussion around HCSSA Board succession planning for next year now instead of waiting until December. Tom Marking volunteered to be on the nomination committee. Managers were requested to ask their team members for interest. Some of the existing Board

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members stated their interest in another year. However two positions will need to be filled, the President and Secretary will need at a minimum nominations.

- Robert Kristic reminded the members present that College of the Redwoods does not allow alcohol on campus.
- Members present voted to not have a meeting in September. So the next meeting will be at 6 PM on October 4th. Motion by Tom Marking, seconded by Gray Markegard.

Meeting Adjourn 07:45pm