

HUMBOLDT SENIOR SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President: Dan Duncan
Vice President: Rick Mitchell
Treasurer: Tom Marking
Secretary: Tom Marking (Interim)
Commissioner: Buzz Johnson

MEMBER PRESENT: Paul Woodland, Richard Marks, Larry Pardi, Dennis Rosser, David Schlosser, Mark Raymond and Fred Dellagatta

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion: Paul Woodland 2nd: Rick Mitchell MSA

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Ending balance \$2,243.08 No Activity in January. Reviewed and approved. Motion by Rick Mitchell, 2nd by Buzz Johnson. MSA

The Board reviewed the Revenue and Expense Report of 2017.

The Treasurer submitted a budget for 2018. It was approved with the suggestion that the Traveling Team revenues been separated to demonstrate that \$500.00 each was being donated by the Blue Lake Rancheria and Coast Central Credit Union for the Traveling Teams Field Fees. Proposed League Revenues and Expenses total \$4,000.00 for the year. MSA

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER: Buzz related the Parity Committee continues to work on suggestions and areas of concern on how to balance the teams. Five or six new players have expressed interest to join the league this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARITY COMMITTEE: Paul Woodland gave a report with the following items discussed and suggested at the Parity Committee meeting.

1. Amend the policy to include:
 - A. Teams can retain all of players from last year on the roster; or,
 - B. Teams can retain 10 players (or more not to exceed 14) and use the draft to fill out their roster.
2. Honorary Player: Each team can have one honorary player that will not count as one of their roster spots if it is an older player that only plays infrequently.
3. If any team has 14 players on the roster they cannot pick up any new players (or free agents) prior to the draft.
4. New players or free agents may fill out a "preference card" for any team they would like to be assigned with/(or not play with), but that does not guarantee the Commissioner will honor that request.

5. The Managers will rate their players prior to the next Parity meeting to be held on February 21st at 4:00 pm at Paul's house, so it can be determined what the team balance is and how many players they may need in the draft. (Rate players A, B, C etc for comparison). No names are attached to the ranking.
6. The Exhibition Game will rank all the new players and/or free agents. Mark and Buzz will contact the player after the Exhibition Game.

Secretary Position: Mark Raymond has agreed to act as the League Secretary. A Motion was made by Tom Marking to Nominate and Appoint Mark as the league secretary, and was seconded by Paul Woodland. Approved. Mark's duties will start in March. (Fred Dellagatta has agreed to back up Mark as Secretary if Mark cannot be present at a meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Duncan proposed that the Composite Bats be allowed in the league for the 75 and older players. After some discussion it was agreed the policy should remain "as is" where only aluminum alloy bats be allowed due to safety concerns.

Tom Marking briefly informed the Board that draft schedules have been made for a 6 team, 7 team and a draft for an 8 team league. The City of Arcata has reserved the Pacific Union fields for us from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the event we may need a second game should more teams join the league. The Board needs to consider if and how many games will need to be shifted from the T-Th schedule to a M-T schedule to accommodate the traveling league. This year it is proposed that there will be three traveling teams; the 63+, 70+ and 75+ teams affect our local schedule. About 10 local players are involved with the traveling teams.

Paul Woodland will try to gain access to the web site and update the bylaws for the new Parity Policy rules. Rule 7 for New Players needs to be revised.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm
Submitted by Tom Marking (Interim Secretary)