

October Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2017

Affirmation of Quorum

Board Members

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

Vice President; Paul Woodland, (present)

Treasurer; Tom Marking, (absent)

Secretary; Roy Willis, (present)

Commissioner; Jay (Buzz) Johnson (absent)

Members or Affiliates Present

Robert Kristic, Richard Marks, Jamie Assini, Rick Mitchell, Bill Hicks, Fred

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There was no September meeting so a motion to approve August meeting minutes was made by Richard Marks and Seconded by Jamie Assini. Approved

Approval of Financial Report

Treasurer was not present but sent the financial report for review and approval. Paul Woodland made a motion to approve the report which was seconded by Richard Marks. Report was approved.

Report of Commissioner

No Commissioners report

Old Business

- Second tournament results and report out. Richard Marks discussed the league's second tournament held on August 26th. Three teams from league members and another made up of local players participated. Members reported it was a fairly hot day so most were not able to play a third games. They reported it was good competition and challenging play with some of the player in their 50s. But all felt it was a good day and an excellent recruiting tool for the league. There was a suggestion made to hold a pre-season tournament next year.
- The Recruiting Process subcommittee made up of members Paul Woodland, Buzzy Johnson, Dan Duncan and Robert Kristic presented their proposal to the members present, (see attached). The Committee's Goal - to create a system of parity that gives every association team a reasonable chance to win any game they play. The guidelines included developing a free agency and drafting process for new players. Major issues that were discussed;
 - Each team will submit a roster by the March board meeting with a maximum of 14 players.
 - Additional players up to a roster of 20 will be selected from a draft.
 - There was a good discussion about the need for this to be a living document so as the association learns how it is working it can be changed or modified.
 - Larry will be talking to all Managers to make sure there is good understanding of the changes.

A motion was made by Richard Marks to approve the guidelines which was seconded by Fred.

- HCSSA Board succession planning for next year. Requested managers look for interest in their team members. Nomination committee, Tom Marking, on the search for potential new board members.

New Business

- Robert Kristic discussion the CR Sports dinner. He felt it was well attended and well represented by HCSSA members.
- Robert will again be the liaison interface with CR.
- Discussion about umpires was tabled for the next meeting

Meeting Adjourn 7:15pm

Humboldt Classics Softball Association Team Parity Sub Committee

Created at the July 5, 2107 board meeting

The Committee's Goal - to create a system of parity that gives every association team a reasonable chance to win any game they play.

Subcommittee Members

Paul Woodland, Jay Buzz Johnson, Dan Duncan, and Robert Kristic

Terms:

- **The Committee's Definition of Parity** - to provide reasonable guidelines that will foster and maintain a league of competitively balanced recreational softball teams.
- **Free Agents** - at the conclusion of the regular season all players are considered free agents unless they are resigned by their specific team. All unsigned players are free to either enter the draft or sign to play with another team as a new player.
- **New Players** – The term “new player” will be used to describe a new recruit – a player that has not played in the association before, an old recruit – a player that is returning to the association after time away, or an unsigned free agent. New players can be recruited to play for an existing team, used to create a new team, or become eligible for the draft.

The Committee's Recommended Guidelines:

- **Keeping Players** - All association team managers will submit a team roster consisting of a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14 active players - including up to two new recruits - to the Association Commissioner prior to the March Board Meeting.
- **Recruiting Players** - All of the HCSSA teams are allowed to recruit a maximum of two (2) new players prior to the March Board Meeting.
- **Trading Players** - The trading of players is permitted but must be agreed upon by both managers and approved by the commissioner. A player can be traded for draft picks, too.
- **Building New Teams** - All new teams interested in joining the HCSSA must submit a roster to the Association's Commissioner for approval prior to the March Board Meeting. A new team, for the purposes of the draft, will be defined as between 10 and 14 active players with a maximum of two players under the age of sixty.

Drafting Players - The Subcommittee's Draft Guidelines:

- **Assessment** - There will be an exhibition game, held in the spring, hosted by team managers to assess the skills of all the new players available in the draft.
- **Draft Order (based on a six team league)** - The draft order will be determined by the previous season's final standings – the sixth place team will pick first, the fifth place team picks second, the fourth place team will get the third pick, the third place team picks fourth, the fifth pick goes to the second place finisher, and the sixth position in the draft belongs to the first place team. The draft order is repeated until all the available players have been taken.

A new team will enter the draft with the last pick, the choice after the first place team, in every round they participate in.

The first round will consist of the teams that have only 10 players. The second round will consist of the teams that have only 11 players. The third round will consist of the teams that have only 12 players. The fourth round will consist of the teams that have only 13 players until all teams have a full roster of 14 active players. The draft will continue until all the available players are selected or the teams reach a maximum capacity of twenty players.

Proposal Presented at the October 2, 2017 meeting

Motion to approve proposal by Richard Marks, Seconded by Fred. Discussion about how this must be a living document.

Proposal Approved October 2, 2017