

Minutes for 5/2/2018 HUMBOLDT SENIOR CLASSIC SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President: Dan Duncan

Vice President: Rick Mitchell

Treasurer: Tom Marking

Secretary: Mark Raymond

Commissioner: Paul Woodland

Members Present: Buzz Johnson, Tina Buchanon, Dennis Rosser, Bill Hicks, Roy Willis, Fred Dellagatta, Alan Radford, Bill Britton, Richard Marks.

OPENING REMARKS: Dan Duncan

Dan pointed out that either a manager or representative of every team was present as requested by him and that the attendance was the largest ever since his presidency, proving that enthusiasm for the new season was universal and strong and he was immensely pleased.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Marking

Beginning Balance \$3459.08, Deposits \$1490.00, Deductions \$44.00, Outstanding Checks none, Ending Bank Balance \$4905.08, Ending Check Register Balance \$4905.08.

As of meeting time all teams have paid their fees. Two years supply of balls have been purchased/10 dozen balls. Each team has received their allotted game balls. Also purchased 100 lbs. of dolomark for marking the fields.

FIELD PREPARATION:

Home team preps the field and closes it down at PU. At CR the home team of the first game preps the field and the home team of the second game closes it down.

CLARIFICATION ON REPORTING SCORES:

Home team manager's report scores to Mark Raymond via text and Mark reports scores to Paul Woodland via e-mail to put on website. Mark Raymond 707-499-5961.

REPORT FROM UMPIRE COMMITTEE: Rick Mitchell

There was no activity from the committee in April.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Paul Woodland

There were two trades, Manny traded from Legends to Rookies for a future draft choice. Tim Ash traded from the Classics to the Relics for a future draft choice and a six pack of beer.

Current player count per team;

Rookies - 20

Relics - 18

Classics - 15 + Lannie = 16

Bears - 18

Moments - 17 + Bob Kristic and Bill Lambo

Legends - 15 + Zeek Bracca, 1 new 60 year old and Richard Marks after Relics manager Mike Owens communicates to Paul Woodland that he is releasing him.

All trades must go through the Commissioner. There are two players on the waiting list.

Waiver forms need to be on time next year, not trickling in like this year.

RHODY PARADE REPORT: Bill Hicks

Seven people participated in the parade displaying the new banner. They included Bill Hicks, Dan Duncan, Paul Woodland, Mark Raymond, Richard Marks, Brenda Blairking and Rick Mitchell. Bill will bring a list of dates for the BBQ event at a Crabs game.

PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT REPORT: Richard Marks

The tournament went very well. Richard appreciated the managers getting signatures and money in. The games were very close. The Relics placed first by way of their one run win over the Bears. The field cost \$19.60/hour. umpires cost \$150.

A motion was made by Buzz Johnson to reimburse Richard for the expenses, 2nd Mark Raymond, passed unanimously.

FIELD SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark Raymond

Mark Raymond has secured the Samoa field for the 2019 season and a letter confirming this will follow.

SOME RULE CLARIFICATIONS: Dan Duncan - See handout at end of minutes. Share it with your team and umpires.

Dan gave a forensic demonstration of how the measurement from his sternum to the end of his glove is 3'. This correlates to the 3' base path from the base line which is established at the moment a tag is attempted.

PARITY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT: Paul Woodland

In the spirit of better organization of the new draftee skills day next year it was decided that there would be an Exhibition Game and distinctive Skill Stations. This years draftee skills day served its purpose. The committee tried to incorporate peoples concerns and the spirit of cooperation. It was agreed that a Rules Committee should be formed separate of the Parity Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A mid-season tournament will be held June 30/July 1. The format may call for teams to be formed the morning of the tournament by the managers choosing players from a pool of participating players.

Richard Marks spent \$40 on candy that was handed out during the Rhody parade. A motion to reimburse Richard Marks the \$40 was made by Mark Raymond, 2nd by Rick Mitchell. Passed unanimously.

Paul Woodland wrote an article that was published in the Senior News, May 2018, focusing on the Bears and their players. Especially Jack "Rabbit" McHenry who "legend has it - was so quick to bed at night that when he flipped off the light switch he could race across the room, slide under the cover like he was stealing home, and fall asleep before the room got dark".

Motion to adjourn: Bill Hicks, 2nd Mark Raymond, passed unanimously.

Humboldt Classic Senior Softball Association

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1. A defensive player fielding a ball ALWAYS has the right of way over the baserunner, who must avoid colliding with the fielder.
2. A baserunner is ENTITLED to the base and the base path. A defensive player not fielding the ball must get out of the way of the baserunner.

The following SSUSA Senior Softball Rules define these guidelines:

8.3 D, CONTACT: A runner shall be called out for contact with a defensive player making a play. To avoid a collision the runner MAY run out of the base path without penalty. However, if the fielder has the ball the runner MAY NOT run out of the base path to avoid being tagged. (see "BASE PATH" below)

8.7 (1), OVERRUNNING: Players are not permitted to overrun second and third bases (except to avoid a collision) without being in jeopardy of being tagged out. Sliding is permitted but at the player's own risk of injury.

8.7 (4), AVOIDING COLLISIONS A runner must make every effort to avoid colliding with opposing players while running the bases. If, in the umpire's judgment, a runner misses a base to avoid a collision with a defensive player, the runner will not be called out.

1.45, INTERFERENCE is the act of an offensive player or team member that impedes or confuses a defensive player attempting to execute a play. A base runner must avoid a fielder making a play.

8.6 DOUBLE PLAY ATTEMPTS. If in the umpire's judgment the runner's collision with the defensive player involved in the play or refusal to get out of the way of a throw, negates a double play, the umpire may award a second out.

1.48 B, OBSTRUCTION Obstruction is the act of a fielder who is not in possession of the ball, in the act of fielding a batted ball, nor about to receive a thrown ball, who impedes the progress of a runner or batter- runner who is legally running bases.

COMMENT: The fielder who is fielding a ball should always stand on the outside of the base, allowing the runner the inside. This allows the runner to stop standing up or slide without contacting the fielder. If the fielder is in the act of receiving a thrown ball and if the flight of the ball brings the fielder into the path of the runner while attempting to receive the ball and this results in a collision between the baserunner and fielder, the collision is considered inadvertent and not subject to penalty. It is entirely up to the judgment of the umpire as to whether a fielder was in the act of fielding a ball or whether or not the runner could have avoided the contact.

1.3 THE BASE PATH: The runner cannot veer more than three feet to the left or right of the base path for the purpose of avoiding a tag.

(From the Umpires Bible) "A runner's base path is established when the tag attempt occurs and is a straight line from the runner to the base he is attempting to reach safely."

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