

HUMBOLDT SENIOR SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 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, Jamie Assini

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion: Tom Making 2nd: Rick Mitchell MSA

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Ending balance \$2,243.08 One check for \$87.91 to Roy Willis for web and email expenses reimbursement. Reviewed and approved. Motion by Rick Mitchell, 2nd by Buzz Johnson. MSA

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER: Buzz related the Parity Committee continues to work on suggestions and areas of concern on how to balance the teams. He will continue to consult the Committee. Dan Duncan asked for a recommendation on what was an appropriate number of players to be placed on any particular team. Motion to approve: Rick Mitchell, 2nd by Larry Pardi.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARITY COMMITTEE: Paul Woodland related Richard Marks has been added to the Committee. Paul doesn't expect a large influx of players at the tryouts for the league. Draft policy was discussed where players may be rated on skill level so that placement on teams in the draft will make it easier to balance the teams. Also, teams may be rated to give a comparison between teams to make evaluation easier. Discussion will continue on this concept.

An Exhibition game will be scheduled in March to evaluate new players and "free agents" after which the draft will occur. All free agents and new players must attend the Exhibition Game.

Concern was raised what if more players show interest than can be absorbed in the current six teams. Richard Marks volunteers to sponsor a new team if that was needed.

The concept of "Honorary Members" was discussed that would not count against the listed player roster. The Parity Committee will address this at a further meeting.

It was clarified that the intent of the Parity Committee was that the League initiate a Draft as a workable method to better balance talent among the teams. This is a work in progress.

FIELD AVAILABILITY FOR THE 2018 SEASON: Tom Marking related he had spoken with the City of Eureka regarding Hartman Field and the City of Arcata for the Complex Fields if either was available at 5:30 PM for May thru August. Neither field is available for those time and dates

due to conflicts with Girls Youth Softball and mixed leagues. Pacific Union remains our best option at this time. Richard Marks suggested the possibility of the Somoa Fields. We will follow up on that suggestion. Schedules have been developed for the Pacific Union and CR Fields with 6, 7 or 8 teams. Until the Exhibition Game and Draft occurs, the number of teams will not be known.

WEB SITE: Paul Woodland mentioned the access code needs to be obtained from Roy Willis so the web site can be updated.

SECRETARY POSITION: Tom Marking (acting Secretary) stated as of this time he cannot find anyone willing to take on this responsibility. He requested that the Managers need to talk with their players and find someone willing to do this. Larry Pardi suggested we find someone's wife or daughter to fulfill this role. It was mentioned that the Secretary must be a Member and is a voting position on the Board. The search continues.

NEW BUSINESS:

The President provided a punch list of items to be addressed:

1. Player Application: to be sent out by February 1 to last year's eligible players.
2. Team Rosters: Must be submitted to the Board by March 7 with a minimum of 10 players.
3. Draftee Applications: same as new player application. To be turned in by the Exhibition Game date, March 17.
4. New Manager Search: if more new players or free agents show up than expected, a new manager will need to be found (and sponsor). Richard Marks volunteered for this.
5. Team fees due: date to be determined.
6. Exhibition Game Date: set at March 17, 2018
7. Draft Date: The Managers and Commissioner will meet on March 24th at the Pantry.
8. Season start date: May 7, 2018

PARITY COMMITTEE to meet on January 24th (Wednesday) at the Pantry to continue their work.

GENERAL MEETING DATE: set for April 4th at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Mitchell and 2nd by Tom Marking, MSA at 7:37 PM.

(NOTE: The Secretary reviewed the Constitution and 14 members are required as a minimum for team rosters, and team fees must be paid 14 days prior to the start of the season on May 7, making April 23 the due date for teams fees.)