

2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the 2014 Annual Meeting to order at 6:30 PM, March 10, 2014 in the Markle Park Community Room

There were 46 members present, 19 from the Marco Division, 26 from the Island Division and one unaffiliated member.

Ballots for seven seats on the Board of Directors were distributed. Seven incumbent board members have previously placed their names on the ballot. Bill Shurina asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. A **motion** was made from the floor, seconded, and passed by voice vote to re-elect the incumbents who were running for re-election

Board members reelected are: Tom Angelo, John De Rosa, Jerry Engel, Fred Kramer, John Remhoff, Leon Schmitt, Tom Whitlock.

The floor was then opened to all members present as to any issues and suggestions for possible improvements for the 2015 season. The following were expressed and discussed.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Several suggestions were made, including increasing the number of subs available by moving up the draft list, to perhaps #6 or #5 in the draft order. An alternate suggestion was made to lower the number by moving down the draft roster, because some teams were improving themselves with substitutions.

Although it is generally felt that there were less substitution problems than in previous years, it is probably impossible to achieve perfection in this regard. The board, however, each year considers all suggestions and makes appropriate changes in an attempt to improve the substitution rules.

CUT OFF DATES FOR APPLICATIONS. A suggestion was made to allow greater latitude for new players. The present protocol of allowing entry into the league after the cut off date, if space permits, was explained.

CONDITION OF THE INFIELD: An ongoing question. Bill Shurina outlined the issue including efforts that have been made in the past, and potential problems associated with addressing the infield situation. These include constant use of the field by our league, the City League, the Mixed League, and others, plus the need to interrupt the season for several days to allow for additional maintenance. A suggestion was made for the league to hire a consultant to clarify the steps that would be necessary to improve and maintain the infield. Additionally, as a safety issue, the composition of the present ball was questioned. It was explained that this was evaluated

during the summer pickup games and that the lower impact ball was found to be less safe for infielders.

A **motion** was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to form an ad hoc committee to meet with all appropriate parties in an attempt to improve the condition of the infield. Bill Shurina appointed Jerry Engel to form and head the committee.

ILLEGAL PITCH PROTOCOL, OVERRUNNING OF BASES IN THE MARCO DIVISION, AND THE COMMITMENT LINE BETWEEN THIRD BASE AND HOME PLATE: It was asked that these three topics, which were revised in the 2014 season, be re evaluated by the board.

Bill Shurina outlined the duties of each board member, thanked the board for it's work, and noted a special appreciation to Nick Jacullo and Tom Whitlock for their efforts in maintaining the league's very excellent, informative, and timely website.

TREASURERS REPORT

In the absence of Bill Kaschube, Bill Shurina gave a detailed Treasurers Report.

As of March 10, 2014, all finances are not completed. There are still umpire and field maintenance fees due.

The detailed report and balance sheet is available to any member who requests it.

There is no anticipated increase in members or sponsors fees for the 2015 season.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Moors

Tom Whitlock