

2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the 2016 Annual Meeting to order at 6:30 PM, March 7, 2016, in the Mackle Park Community Room.

There were 123 members present: 47 from the Marco Division, 52 from the Island Division, 20 from the Legends Division and 4 unaffiliated members.

Twelve members had been nominated for seven seats on the Board of Directors. The nominees were Tom Angelo, John DeRosa, Jerry Engel, George Grygocewicz, Ron Irwin, Ralph Leiterding, Bill Moors, Buff Morris, Jack O'Brien, Chuck Reich, John Toti and Tom Whitlock. Each candidate for the board spoke about their candidacy. Ballots had previously been distributed and members present then voted. The members elected to the Board of Directors are: Tom Angelo, John DeRosa, Jerry Engel, Ron Irwin, Bill Moors, Chuck Reich and Tom Whitlock.

The floor was then opened to all members present as to any issues, and suggestions for possible improvements for the 2017 season. The following were expressed and discussed.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY: There was concern expressed that with the growing popularity of our League, we were outgrowing the capability of our facility to accommodate everyone. Various options were offered, including raising the age limit to 60, authorizing the Board to raise the age limit if it deemed it necessary, eliminating part-time players and not allowing new players to sign up as long as there were sufficient members to fill all positions. A motion was made and seconded to amend our charter, effective for the 2017 season, to raise the age limit to 60, as of December 31 of the previous year, with all current members grandfathered in if they were not yet 60. The motion passed.

OFF-SEASON PLAY: A suggestion was made to revise the method of team selection for off-season play. The suggestion was that, rather than picking teams each day, players would be assigned to a team when their application was received. The assignment would be made based on criteria such as the position they played, the team they played on the previous year, the date they would arrive in Marco, etc. Since the current system has no major problems, it appears to be the best possible choice for accommodating everyone that shows up.

FIELD CONDITION: Dissatisfaction was expressed with the playing condition of the field. A suggestion was made to petition the City Council to improve the field, and to have a number of our members present the day the issue was presented to the Council. The Board will consider this possibility.

FINANCES: Bill Kaschube reported the following: Our check book balance as of 3/7/2016 was \$14,466.63. We have had the following large disbursements: Team insurance-\$3,878, Directors insurance-\$456, Umpire fees-\$6,593, Softballs-\$2,379, Adm costs-\$456.00 and Booth expenses-\$251.87.

The annual meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Tom Whitlock, Bill Moors