

MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL ANNUAL MEETING 3/5/13

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting, to order at 6:30 PM March 5, 2013 in the Mackle Park Community Room.

78 league members attended, 31 representing the Marco Division, 44 representing the Island Division, and 3 not affiliated with either division.

Ballots for election of the 2014 Board of Directors were distributed.

A Moment of Silence was observed for Timothy Roche, the son of Fran and Maria Roche.

Bill Shurina thanked Mike Galatis, who is stepping down as a board member, for his excellent service and diligence on the board as well as his photography and scorers booth activity.

Elected Officials for the 2014 Season

Commissioner – Bill Shurina

Board of Directors - Tom Angelo, John De Rosa, Jerry Engel, Bill Kaschube, Fred Kramer, Bill Moors, John Remhoff, Leon Schmitt, Tom Whitlock

Treasurers' Report:

As of 3/5/13 there is \$12,327.96 in the league treasury. Outstanding bills include refunds for applicants who did not play, field maintenance, umpires March payments and trophies. There has been a negative cash flow over the past couple of years. After all the bills are paid, the negative flow for 2013 season will be \$1200 to \$1500. The board will consider increasing the present \$90.00 application fee at the April meeting.

Boundaries:

The board recognizes that the application language must be revised to comply with the charter requirements. Further, the board asks the members to consider an amendment to the charter and proposes the following:

Players are eligible to participate if they a) have paid their registration fee, b) are 55 years of age or older on April 1 of the playing year and, c) live (own, rent) within the area of Marco Island, including both the City of Marco, Goodland, Isles of Capri and the area adjacent to Marco Island within the boundaries of S.R.951

(Collier Blvd.), US 41 (Tamiami Trail), and State Road 92. Also included are Lely Resort, Verona Walk, and Falling Water on Route 951 near Route 41.

Residency requirement will not apply to anyone who has previously played in the league (Grandfathered Players)

Boundaries may be revised from time to time, according to the needs of the league by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors

The league members in attendance approved the above boundaries, requirements, and charter revisions unanimously.

Issues from the floor.

The requirement that players participate in the division in which they are drafted vs. allowing players the choice of division in which they prefer to play was questioned and discussed. At the 2012 annual meeting the common draft was approved by the members in attendance.

The recurring issue of 9 inning vs.7 inning games in the Island Division was voiced from the floor. After a brief discussion, board member Mike Galatis proposed that this question be included on the 2014 application to be voted by 2013 Island Division participants only.

The board will consider this option at the first April 2013 meeting.

The present scheduling of M-W-F for the Island Division vs. T-T-F for the Marco Division was questioned in consideration of the fact that the Marco Division players tend to be older and somewhat less resilient. The generally younger players in the Island Division may better tolerate the back-to-back Thursday and Friday games.

The board will reconsider the issue from this standpoint at the April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Moors
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