

## MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 10/4/21

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM at The Admiralty House.

**Present:** Ed Caster, Grady Fuller, Gary Grefer, Dan Marinelli, Bill Moors, Tom Polston, Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson (by phone), Randy Wesolowski, Tom Whitlock

**Absent:** None

The Board met to discuss a number of issues related to the 2022 season.

### **League Structure**

The League received 232 applications for the 2022 season. One of these was postmarked prior to the deadline date of 9/15/21, but was received after that date. The PPC recommended that we accept that application.

**Motion:** Ed Castor, Seconded Tom Polston. The PPC recommended waiver be accepted. **Passed Unanimously.**

There were 5 applications received from individuals who lived outside of the proscribed geographic area of consideration, but within the contingency area of consideration. Based on the number of applications received the PPC recommended that we refund the application fee from these 5 individuals.

**Motion:** Ed Castor, Seconded Tom Polston. The PPC recommendation be accepted. **Passed Unanimously.**

Based on the number of applications, the PPC recommended that the league have 6 teams of 13 players in the Island Division, 6 teams of 13 players in the Marco Division, and 4 teams of 15 players in the Gulf Coast Division. There was discussion about the appropriate number of teams for the Gulf Coast Division, especially in consideration of the fact that there would be no substitutes available for their games, as both games would be played at the same time.

**Motion:** Ed Castor, Seconded Tom Polston. The League will have 6 teams of 13 players in the Island Division, 6 teams of 13 players in the Marco Division, and 4 teams of up to 16 players in the Gulf Coast Division. **Passed Unanimously.**

As a result of our success at recruiting new applicants, we have an oversubscribed situation. 220 players are needed for the year. Applications were received from 194 players who played in 2021, or who were alumni from previous years. During discussion about this situation, the Board felt it appropriate to give priority for selection to those 194 players. Doing so would mean that we would need to fill 26 open draft slots from among the 38 applicants who had not previously played in our league.

**Motion:** Gary Grefer, Seconded Randy Wesolowski. The number of new applicants will be limited to ensure the participation of all returning players and alumni players. **Passed Unanimously.**

**Motion:** Tom Whitlock, Seconded Ed Castor. Any new applicant not selected by the end of the draft will be available to any manager to select, should he wish to do so, to replace a player who was lost for the season after the draft. **Passed Unanimously.**

### **Manager Selections**

10 applicants indicated their willingness to be managers in the Island Division. PPC solicited answers to a questionnaire from each of them, and evaluated each applicants qualifications to be a manager. They then recommended 6 individuals to be managers for the 2021 season.

**Motion:** Ed Castor, Seconded Grady Fuller. The recommendations of the PPC for managers for the Island Division be accepted. **Passed Unanimously.**

### **Player Evaluations**

The PPC will hold evaluation sessions on Friday, October 29 at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM for new applicants. Saturday, October 30 will be held in reserve in case of rain, or if needed for additional applicants.

### **Accommodating 4 Gulf Coast Teams**

There was discussion about a number of actions needed to accommodate having 4 teams in the Gulf Coast Division. To schedule the number of games needed

each day, both Gulf Coast games will be played at the same time, one on each field at Winterberry Park. This will require the purchase of a number of items, including batting mats, a second home plate and safety first base, some type of public address system and some mechanism to keep the score on the second field. In addition, all 4 Gulf Coast teams will have to take any batting practice at the same time. To accommodate this, both home teams will use the first base side of the field, and both visiting teams will use the third base side of the field to hold joint batting practice. All batting practice must be done within the existing time frames before the game. No additional time will be allotted.

### **Next Board Meeting**

An additional meeting will be required to cover issues the Board was unable to get to at this meeting. That meeting is scheduled for 8:00 AM on Tuesday, October 12.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Whitlock,  
Bill Moors