

MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 12/3/20

Commissioner Bill Shurina Called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at Courtyard Towers Park. Social distancing was observed.

Present: Ed Caster, Ron Irwin, Ray Kane, Bill Kaschube, Bill Moors, John Remhoff, Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson, Warren Uhl (by phone), Tom Whitlock

Absent: None

The Board met to discuss actions needed as a result of the current Covid-19 situation. The league has had more than one member contract Covid-19, and there have been other situations where members have been exposed to someone who has Covid-19. As a result, the Player Personnel Committee met and made a number of additional recommendations related to Covid-19.

Waiver of Liability

The PPC, after consultation with legal counsel, recommended the adoption of a waiver form which must be signed by all members of the league before they will be allowed to play. After considerable discussion, several changes were suggested by the Board.

Motion: Ron Irwin, Seconded Ed Caster. The PPC recommended waiver, as modified by Board suggestion, be accepted. (Copy attached.) **Passed 9-1. In favor of:** Caster, Irwin, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Remhoff, Shurina, Thompson, Whitlock. **Opposed:** Uhl.

Sphere of Authority

Questions have arisen about whether the pickup games, and other activities, including some social activities, were league sponsored activities. The Board felt it necessary to clarify what are, and are not, official league activities. The PPC recommended a clarification. Several changes were suggested by the Board.

Motion: Tom Whitlock, Seconded Ron Irwin.

Given the recent emails received from Managers concerning player safety in light of Covid-19, we need to clarify our "Sphere of Authority" as a Board. "Sphere of Authority" is defined as League Sanctioned Activities. Our "Sphere of Authority" includes League Scheduled Games and League Scheduled Team Practices. Pick-up games are not a league sanctioned activity. **Passed 9-1. In favor of:** Caster,

Irwin, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Remhoff, Shurina, Thompson, Whitlock. **Opposed:** Uhl.

Cancellation of the 2021 Season

The PPC proposed that the entire 2021 season be cancelled.

Motion: Ed Caster, Seconded Ray Kane. The PPC recommendation be adopted.
Failed Unanimously.

Postponement of the start of the season

The PPC recommended postponing the start of the season until Monday, 1/18/21, to allow for a quarantine period for those players who were outside of the state for the holidays. After considerable discussion, the Board felt it needed additional information and asked the PPC to contact all team managers and have them survey their players to determine exactly how many players would be in this situation. The Board will meet on 12/10/20 to further discuss this issue, with that additional information.

Masks

There was discussion about whether to amend the previously approved Covid Protocol concerning the wearing of masks during league games. After discussion, the following:

Motion: Tom Whitlock, Seconded Ray Kane. The Covid Protocol is amended to require the first base coach and the third base coach to wear a mask. **Passed 5-3.**

In favor of: Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Thompson, Whitlock. **Opposed:** Remhoff, Shurina, Uhl. **Abstained:** Caster, Irwin

Quarantine

The Board discussed what action would be necessary to deal with players who test positive or have symptoms of Covid-19. Accordingly

Motion: Bill Thompson, Seconded John Remhoff. Players who test positive or have symptoms (fever of 100.4 or higher, persistent cough, unusual fatigue or body aches, etc) will need to quarantine from all League Sanctioned Activities (Games/Practices) for 10 days. If a player tests positive the Manager will advise the PPC as to the names of other team members who were within 6' of the affected player for at least 15 minutes, with or without a mask> These additional noted players will need to quarantine for 10 days as well from League Sanctioned Activities. If the spread of Covid-19 with a team reaches 3 players/team members

at the same time, then the games for that team will be postponed for 10 days.

Passed 9-0. In favor of: Caster, Irwin, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Remhoff, Shurina, Thompson, Whitlock. **Not Voting:** Uhl.

Thermometers

The PPC recommended that the League purchase thermometers and have each player's temperature checked prior to games and practices. Accordingly

Motion: Tom Whitlock, Seconded Ron Irwin. The League will purchase 15 digital thermometers, one for each Manager. Managers or coaches will be responsible for taking players' temperatures prior to league games and team practices. Any player with a temperature of 100.4 or more, or displaying symptoms must leave the field immediately and should begin a 10 day quarantine from League Sanctioned Activities. **Passed 9-0. In favor of:** Caster, Irwin, Kane, Kaschube, Moors, Remhoff, Shurina, Thompson, Whitlock. **Not Voting:** Uhl.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moors

Tom Whitlock