

**Marco Island Senior Softball Board of Directors Combined Meeting Notes
March 24 and April 7, 2021**

Both meetings were held at Courtyard Towers Community Room

March 24, 2021

Present: Grady Fuller, Gary Grefer, Dan Marinelli, Bill Moors, Tom Polston
Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson, Randy Wesolowski, Tom Whitlock.

Absent: Ed Caster.

April 7, 2021

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

Absent: None

The first order of business was the establishment of 2021-2022 Committees and Responsibilities.

Player Personnel Committee: Tom Polston (Chairman), Bill Thompson,
Dan Marinelli.

Recording Secretary and Communications: Bill Moors, Tom Whitlock.

Treasurer: Grady Fuller, Gary Grefer (assistant).

Website: Tom Whitlock, Randy Wesolowski.

Community Relations: Bill Shurina, Tom Polston.

Umpires: Gary Grefer, Dan Marinelli.

Rules: Gary Grefer, Ed Caster.

Scheduling: Tom Whitlock, Randy Wesolowski.

Field Maintenance & Equipment: Bill Shurina, Tom Polston.

Medical Supplies: Bill Moors, Bill Thompson.

Announcer and Scorer booth: Ed Caster, Bill Moors.

Newspaper Recap: Randy Wesolowski, Tom Whitlock.

Sponsors: Bill Shurina, Tom Polston.

Application 2022

Motion Bill Thompson, Seconded Ed Caster: Accept the 2022 Application with the slight modifications from 2021 (highlighted in yellow and follows these notes)

Motion passed unanimously.

Schedule for 2022

Randy Wesolowski and Tom Whitlock are working on options for the 2022 game schedule. The total number of applications, number of committed players, and numbers of teams will have a bearing on the final schedule, which will be announced at a fall meeting.

Recruiting.

Motion: Gary Grefer. Seconded, Tom Whitlock

Applicants from Isles of Capri, Hammock Bay and Fiddler's Creek will now be included in the Marco Senior Softball Geographic area rather than being listed on a "contingency" basis.

Motion Passed 6-3

For: Fuller, Grefer, Moors, Polston, Thompson, Whitlock

Against: Marinelli, Shurina, Wesolowski

Other methods of recruiting were discussed including newspaper and face-book announcements and ads, poster placement in local businesses, local radio spots including daily game scores and establishing further “contingency” areas if needed. The Board decided that there was no need to use paid newspaper advertising. Rather, we would use various internet forums and the other activities listed above.

Umpires. Dan Marinelli and Gary Grefer, 2022 Board of Directors Umpire Relations Members met with Warren Uhl to transition responsibilities and to consider the umpires 2021 evaluation sheet from the managers.

A complaint from a manager concerning the actions of a player was thoroughly investigated by the player Personnel Committee and reported in detail to the Board.

Motion: Ed Caster, Seconded Grady Fuller: Accept the Player Personnel Committee recommendation that this matter be handled informally, and that no disciplinary action was warranted.

Motion passed unanimously

As a follow-up on an item voiced at the Annual meeting, an informal non-binding survey will be e mailed to all 2021 Island Division Players as to their preference for instituting 7 inning games in 2022 in the Island Division vs continuing the present practice of 9 inning games.

Ray Kane, over the past season, authored an excellent manual on the duties and responsibilities involved in administering and playing in the Marco Senior Softball League. The work is close to completion. Ray and Bill Thompson will tweak any remaining loose ends.

At the Annual Meeting, a motion was passed requiring the Board to make recommendations for Charter changes on the issues listed below, which will be

submitted to the membership for consideration at the 2022 Annual Meeting. Those approved would become binding in 2023. A Committee to evaluate these questions will consist of Ed Caster, Gary Grefer, Tom Polston, Bill Shurina and Tom Whitlock.

1. How to have a Board vote that does not end in a tie vote?
2. How should the Commissioner be elected?
3. How should the Player Personal Chair be selected?
4. What should be the length of terms? Should terms be staggered?
5. How to assure that all leagues are fairly represented on the Board?

Pick-up games will resume May 10, 2021 at 8 AM.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2021. Time and Place to be announced.

Motion to adjourn: Ed Caster, Seconded Grady Fuller at 10 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Moors
Tom Whitlock

2022 MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM **January-March 2022**

The Marco Senior Softball League seeks to have team parity as well as a good time. Registration forms must be returned early enough for review by the Player Personnel Committee. Recommendations will be made to the Board regarding the number of teams per division, players per team, substitution issues, scheduling, etc.

This years Player Personnel Committee members are:

Tom Polston, Chairman, (847)363-6050 notslop126@gmail.com

Dan Marinelli, (239)900-0299 gopackers1113@msn.com

Bill Thompson, (312) 405-0296 bthompsonjr@gmail.com

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be 55 years of age as of 1/1/22 and live in the "defined geography" of Marco Island, Goodland,

Fiddlers Creek, Isles of Capri or Hammock Bay. All previous players in the league will be grandfathered and may continue to participate. In the event that the applicant pool exceeds our draft and roster quotas, 2021 Roster Players, Alums and New Applicants from Marco Island and Goodland will be prioritized. Any applicant not accepted will be refunded their full application fee.

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAFT. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 15th WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE PARTICIPATION.

The registration fee will be refunded if an applicant informs the league, prior to the draft, that he is unable to play, is not selected in the draft, or for other reasons as approved by the Board.

1. Players must be here for the entire season to be considered for league play.

2. New players must complete the self-evaluation form (page 4), and submit a copy of their driver's license and, if renting, a copy of their rental agreement.

In order to place you in the appropriate division, the Commissioner and Player Personnel Members will be available throughout the summer until November 1, 2022, to evaluate new applicants. Player Personnel may also contact new individuals by phone to obtain more information.

3. All players, coaches and umpires are required to sign and adhere to the **Code of Conduct**. This pledges each participant to behavior that demonstrates the highest ideals of sportsmanship and good taste, both on and off the field.

Please visit our website www.marcoseniorsoftballleague.com/ frequently for pertinent information and updates.

Age requirement: Player must be at least 55 years of age as of January 1, 2021. Cost is \$150.00 and must be received by 9/15/2021. You must mail in your check and registration forms. No email registrations accepted. Fee refunded if you cannot play.

****Please make check payable to:** Marco Island Men's Senior Softball League.

Mail to: Grady Fuller, 1370 Forrest Court, Marco Island, FL 34145

If you have any questions on your registration form please contact a member of the Player Personnel Committee.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER September 15, 2021 MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAFT AS PARTICIPATION IS SPACE DEPENDENT.

AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE, I
PLEDGE TO CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT:

1. TO EMBRACE THE VALUES OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
2. TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE BY DEMONSTRATING FAIRNESS, RESPECT AND
SELF CONTROL.
3. TO REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF PROFANITY.
4. TO TREAT ALL OFFICIALS, MANAGERS, AND PLAYERS WITH RESPECT
REGARDLESS OF INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES.
5. I WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE MARCO ISLAND SENIOR SOFTBALL
LEAGUE.
6. I WILL ONLY USE BATS APPROVED BY THE MARCO ISLAND SENIOR
SOFTBALL LEAGUE, AND PLEDGE THAT THOSE BATS WILL NOT BE
CHANGED OR ALTERED IN ANY WAY.
7. I WILL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY, ON OR OFF THE FIELD, THAT
REFLECTS POORLY ON THE LEAGUE

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS CODE OF CONDUCT MAY RESULT IN
DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UP TO AND
INCLUDING SUSPENSION.

I hereby certify that I am 55 years of age or older as of
1/1/2022. I also live within the "defined geography" of the
League. I realize there are risks involved and hold the league
harmless in the event of an injury. I certify that I am
physically fit to play competitive softball. Residency
requirements will not apply to anyone who has previously played
in the league.

NAME _____

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SIGNATURE _____

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DATE _____

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NEW PLAYER SELF-EVALUATION SHEET

NAME: _____

Height_____ Weight_____

How would you rate your physical condition to play competitive softball?

Circle One:

Excellent

Good

Fair

In an attempt to place you appropriately, kindly answer the following questions as objectively as possible:

WHEN DID YOU LAST PLAY SOFTBALL AND AT WHAT LEVEL?

PLEASE EVALUATE YOUR ABILITY LEVEL IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

	1=Lowest					HIGHEST=5		INDICATE
Right								Left or
1. THROWING (CIRCLE)	1	2	3	4	5			L R
2. FIELDING (CIRCLE)	1	2	3	4	5			
3. HITTING R (CIRCLE)	1	2	3	4	5			L
4. RUNNING (CIRCLE)	1	2	3	4	5			

Additional comments that will help the Players Personnel Committee to assess your skill level may be provided on the other side of this page.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE AND 3 MONTH RENTAL AGREEMENT IF APPLICABLE.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT YOU BE AVAILABLE FOR TRYOUTS PRIOR TO THE DRAFT DURING THE SUMMER/FALL PICK UP GAME SESSIONS. IF NOT AVAILIBLE THEN, THE LEAGUE WILL HAVE FORMAL PLACEMENT TRYOUTS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.PLEASE INDICATE DATES YOU WOULD BE AVAILBLE FOR TRYOUTS:

DATES AVAILABLE_____

We play pick-up games during the summer/fall on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at Winterberry field. Check times on our website: www.marcoseniorsoftballleague.com. New players are encouraged to attend. This allows you to meet the guys, get in shape and the league can assess your softball potential