

Marco Island Senior Softball League
Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2015

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Present were Tom Angelo, Jerry Engel, Bill Kaschube, Fred Kramer, Ralph Leiterding, John Remhoff, Leon Schmitt and Tom Whitlock.

The Commissioner reported that Fred Kramer had completed all the paperwork necessary to incorporate the league, and that we were now officially the Marco Island Senior Softball League, Inc. A motion was made and seconded to move our bank account to the Mutual of Omaha Bank, and to authorize Bill Shurina and Bill Kaschube to sign checks on that account. The motion passed unanimously.

Areas of responsibility of each Board member were discussed, and the following assignments agreed to:

Player Personnel: John Remhoff, Jerry Engel, Tom Angelo
Communications/Notes: Tom Whitlock, Fred Kramer
Budget: Bill Kaschube, Bill Shurina
Website: Tom Whitlock, Bill Shurina
Umpires: John DeRosa, John Remhoff
Scheduling: Bill Shurina, Tom Whitlock
Field Maintenance, Equipment, Medical: Bill Shurina, John Remhoff, Leon Schmitt
Announcers/Scoreboard: Leon Schmitt
Special Events/Dinner Dance: John Remhoff, Bill Shurina
Newspapers/Standings: Bill Shurina
Sponsor Relations: Bill Shurina, Tom Angelo
Rules/Legal: John DeRosa, Fred Kramer, Ralph Leiterding

There was considerable discussion on what geographical boundaries should be in effect for 2016. There are already a number of new players who have expressed interest in playing next year, and more are anticipated, raising concerns about how to accommodate the number of anticipated players. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the boundaries to Marco Island and Goodland, only, while grandfathering in anyone who has ever previously played in the Marco Island Senior Softball League. The motion passed.

The city has indicated that our fee per day will be increased next year, probably by \$15 per day. A motion was made and seconded to raise our fee for 2016 to \$125. The fee for applications received after September 1 will be \$175, including for new applicants. The motion passed unanimously.

The 50/50 raffled at the dinner dance raised \$261. A decision will be made at a later meeting concerning what charity to donate these funds to.

The softball we used this year will be used in 2016. The Commissioner was authorized to purchase 48 dozen softballs for next year from the same vendor we used for 2015.

The financial report indicated that we have \$12,030.30 in our checking account. There is still one bill outstanding, for use of Winterberry Park. This bill is expected to be about \$3,360.

Concern was expressed about the Marco Division, whose players are on average about 4 years older than the Island Division players, playing back to back games on Thursday and Friday. The concern was that this raised health and safety issues. A motion was made and seconded to switch the playing dates, and have the Marco Division play on Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday, and the Island Division play on Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday. The motion passed.

The application form for 2016 was discussed. Changes were made to reflect the changes in the residency requirement, the fee increase, the correct dates for 2016, an indication of whether the applicants bats and throws right handed or left handed, and to clean up some of the language on the application.

There was discussion about the need for a pitching screen. An informal anonymous survey had been conducted by one of the Board members of all the players who had pitched in 2015 in either Division. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of not having a pitching screen, with 3 of the 15 pitchers surveyed in the Marco Division favoring a screen, and 2 of the 13 pitchers surveyed in the Island Division favoring a screen. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Whitlock
Fred Kramer