

Marco Island Senior Softball League  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 3, 2015

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

The Commissioner reported that we had 200 applicants registered for the 2016 season. Of these, 28 were new players, and 3 were returning players from previous years who did not play in 2015. He also reported that all of the sponsors from last year will be returning as sponsors, except for Porky's, which went out of business.

There was considerable discussion about how to structure the league for 2016, considering the number of registered players. Options considered included:

6 teams in each Division

7 teams in each Division

6 teams in Island Division and 8 teams in Marco Division

The pros and cons of each option were discussed. There was also discussion about the possibility, if there were 6 teams in each Division, of creating 2 teams from the players not drafted for these 12 teams and having them play a game on the Little League field at the same time as the Marco Division games were being played. Another option discussed would be to have the non-drafted players play a pickup game on the Little League field at the same time as the Marco Division games were being played. The Board decided to table the entire issue until the October 17 Board meeting.

Discussion then took place concerning how to handle players who have known physical limitations which could potentially make it dangerous for them to play. Requiring medical clearance was considered, but no decision was reached.

More registrants indicated a willingness to manage than are needed, in each Division. A decision on who the managers will be was deferred until after the decision is made at the next Board meeting about the number of teams in each Division.

There was a great deal of discussion about the need to speed up the games in order to get the games completed in the amount of time available on the field. On Thursday's, the Island Division games will start at 8:45. There will be a time limit, which has not yet been determined. The second and third games will begin at the end of the previous game, even if that is before the officially scheduled starting time. Other options to speed the game up were discussed, but no rules changes were agreed to at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Whitlock Fred Kramer