## Marco Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting Dec. 1, 2018

Following the Marco Division Draft, Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM in the Mackle Park Meeting Room.

**Present:** Tom Angelo, Ron Irwin, Bill Kaschube Bill Moors, John Remhoff, Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson (phone), Warren Uhl, Tom Whitlock.

**Absent**: Mike Schwab.

## **Holiday Practice Schedule:**

December 21 – Last pickup games
December 24 – December 30
M – W – F – Marco and Gulf Coast Division practice
Tues – Thurs – Island Division practice
December 31 – Jan 6, Team practices, Schedule TBA

## **Opening games**

New time schedules to be announced.

Marco and Gulf Coast Divisions January 7
Island Division January 8

The issue of a pitching screen was again discussed with all its ramifications. The discussion included the use of the screen at a midpoint between the pitcher and batter, and also its placement adjacent to the pitcher. The screens use in other venues, as well as its use with high velocity bats and softballs was also considered. The league shares in the cost of any personal protective equipment that a pitcher feels is needed.

**Motion**: Warren Uhl, Seconded Tom Whitlock, A pitching screen will be mandated in the Gulf Coast Division for the 2019 season. **Motion defeated**.

In the Gulf Coast Division, with only three teams participating, the Board felt it was essential to again attempt to maintain balance and competitiveness as much as possible. To this end the Board made an effort to rank the Gulf Coast players according to ability and preferred position, and in conjunction with the Gulf Coast managers, will place them accordingly.

There are presently 33 participants for the three teams in the Gulf Coast Division. The bye team will supply substitutes. If bye team subs are unavailable, members of the Marco and Island Divisions may pitch or substitute on defense only, and only at a non critical position.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moors Tom Whitlock