

Marco Island Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting October 15, 2016

Commissioner Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 8 AM in the Social Room of the Duchess Condominium.

Present: Tom Angelo (phone), John De Rosa, Jerry Engle, Ron Irwin, Bill Kaschube, Bill Moors, Chuck Reich, John Remhoff, Bill Shurina, Tom Whitlock

Absent: None

League Structure:

After discussion of multiple options-

MOTION: Tom Whitlock, Seconded, Ron Irwin.

The Island Division will be composed of six teams with twelve (12) players per team.

The makeup of the Marco and Legends Divisions to be determined at a later date.

The motion passed.

Substitution Rules:

A discussion as to changes from the previous season followed.

MOTION: Ron Irwin, Seconded John Remhoff.

Players drafted in the lower seven rounds are eligible to substitute.

A player may now act as a substitute twice a week, but only once per day and only once a week for a specific team

The motion passed unanimously.

Island Division managers for 2017 season as recommended by Player Personnel Committee:

A discussion followed.

MOTION: John Remhoff, Seconded John De Rosa to approve the following Island Division Managers as recommended by PPC.

Brewery – Mike Schwab
Da Vinci - Chuck Reich
Mutual Omaha Bank – Herman Griffith
Nacho Mamas – George Schnorr
Sand Bar – Jim George
Speakeasy – Ray Kane

The motion passed.

The managers for the Marco and Legends Division will be approved following the Island Division Draft.

Managers Position in the Draft

Manager's suggestion

*All managers are placed in the last round.
Teams ranked according to prior season's finish with last place team drafting first in round one. The draft then proceeds as in prior seasons.*

Discussion as to whether the current serpentine order of drafting or an NFL type draft is more appropriate to the above situation.

The board has previously slotted managers in a particular round of the draft, based on past performance, especially that of the previous season. This is somewhat arbitrary, but appears to adequately address the varying skill levels of the managers. This procedure will be followed for the 2017 season.

Outfield Fence

Jerry Engle has been in contact with several players who wish to consider the possibility of the use of an outfield fence. There has apparently been a fair amount of preliminary work done. The issues the board discussed were a) cost, b) which divisions the fence would accommodate, c) the safety issue, d) personnel who will be responsible to erect, take down, maintain, and store the fence on a routine, timely basis, and e) the use the field for soccer at the conclusion of our last game of the day on occasion.

To allow the above topics to be clarified the board decided to table the question of the Outfield fence and present it at the annual meeting.

Sponsors:

All our sponsors from last season will again support their teams. Possibilities for more sponsors, if needed, were discussed.

Audit Committee and financial report.

The Audit Committee (Tom Whitlock & Tom Angelo) reviewed the league's financial records for the past twelve months. They determined that all checks written were appropriately documented, had receipts as appropriate and expenditures were appropriate. All deposits appeared to be in order. Their review indicated no problems with our records, record keeping or control of funds.

A better method needs to be established for determining payments to umpires.

Any league member who wishes to examine the league's financial records is welcome to do so. Please contact Bill Kaschube.

Name change

MOTION; Tom Whitlock, Seconded Bill Kaschube,

Change the name of the Legends Division to the GULF Division

Motion passed unanimously

Game balls

Bill Shurina has investigated the options for brands of softballs for use in 2017. He has determined that the "Worth 44/400 Protact" is our best option. Fifty-four dozen will be ordered.

Permanent Website Memorial Page

A brief discussion of the feasibility of a Permanent Memorial Page on the website in remembrance of deceased league members. More details needed

Upcoming dates

October 29 – 8 AM- Next Scheduled Board Meeting

November 12 – 8 AM - Island Division draft at the Duchess Condominium.

December 3 – Marco Division Draft. Site and time to be determined.

Gulf Division draft options after the Marco Division draft, Site to be determined.

March 4, 2017 – Annual Dinner Dance (The Prom) Hammock Bay.
Details to follow

March 13, 2017 – League Annual Meeting: Fellowship Hall, Wesley United
Methodist Church. Details to follow.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Whitlock, Bill Moors, Jerry Engle