

## MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 11/8/13

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); J. Hansell (JH); T. Jadwin (TJ); B. Kapeller (BK); R. Schemp (RS);

G. Stevenson (GS).

ABSENT: M. Feeney (MF)

### 1) Umpires

Discussion centered around the apathy, indifference, lack of effort, poor calls and non-demonstrative umpiring of Bert Zubia. The general consensus, without vote, was to allow Bert to complete his scheduled games for the 2013 fall season. Subsequent to that, he would not be scheduled to umpire any playoff games, nor umpire any games in subsequent seasons. He would strictly be used on an on-call basis. A "new" umpire, Darin Rossi, was evaluated during his umpiring in the Thursday night league, and the over-all impression of his umpiring skills was very positive. The intention is for the Monday league to begin using him. Only downside is that because of work schedule, he may not be available from time to time. It was discussed that Jeff Herpy could serve as a backup in those cases. Our prime umpires going forward will be, Larry Hernandez, Darin Rossi, and Shane Sawitz, with the majority of the board still having serious concerns about Shane's umpiring.

### 2) Resolution of the tie between Feeney's Fossils and Blue Crew.

With Brandon's Diner (BD) sitting currently with a 5-5 record, SB has concerns about not wanting BD, or any other team, to believe that they were in a playoff spot, only to, potentially, be knocked out of such a spot if the "tie" between Feeney's Fossils and Blue Crew was allowed to stand as an official result. SB wants to resolve the "tie" issue and be able to communicate the results of this resolution to all managers. JH motioned, GS seconded, that the 20-20 "tie" game of 10/14/13 between Feeney's Fossils and Blue Crew be re-played in its entirety **IF** the "tie" would have **ANY** impact on the playoffs, and that if such a game is to be re-played, it will be played on 12/2/13, and games on that day will be adjusted accordingly to allow for the playing of the game. **Motion passed 4-2 (JH/GS.)**

### 3) Wounded Warrior Project Fund Raiser dates and format.

BK gave board update on this possible project. He's spoken to Adrian Williams at BLD who has indicated a willingness to "work" with him on this project. Williams provided BK with written material regarding things he would need, insurance, etc. Williams also told BK to supply him with 3 dates as possibilities for the tournament. He also indicated that he would be able to work on the possible availability of BLD any weekday for such a tournament. BK will tentative look at February/March 2014 as possible time frame. Williams did not give BK any idea as to cost he would charge for use of the facility. BK's general focus for this possible tournament is on teams from senior recreation leagues, although there may be the possibility of including tournament teams as a separate tournament. BK asked if the board would support the effort of continuing to look at this possible project. In response to a question asked of BK, he indicated that he had individuals such as Pat Kight, Mike Trice, Mike Feeney, Red Simmons, and others, who would be willing to help him on this project. JH and TJ, while both supporting the commendable purpose of the Wounded Warrior Project and the efforts of such a tournament to provide contributions to the project, indicated that they did not have time to be involved in such a project in any significant way. JH affirmed, on behalf of the board, that the board has not yet officially voted to support this project on behalf of the Monday league, but certainly

supports continuing efforts to look into the feasibility of putting on such a tournament, with BK reporting back to the board as he acquires more information/detail.

#### 4) Rock Balls

Between games and BP at BLD, we're losing Rock balls at an alarming rate. The loss is a combination of balls being hit yard, in both BP and games, and players walking off with game balls upon completion of games. RS stated that if we're able to use one of the unscheduled fields for BP, that teams hit BP from the corner of one outfield to the dugout area, and not hit toward the stands. This should be communicated to all managers/players. SB/JH will meet with Adrian Williams to discuss this problem and also to see if he would be willing to open the outfield gates on those fields on which we're playing. SB asked JH for the box of new Rock balls that he had given him at the start of the season. JH stated that he had given the box back to SB 4-6 weeks ago or longer. SB requested that all board members search their "belongings" one last time for this box of balls. SB will send out an e-mail to all players/managers/umpires regarding this issue of "lost" balls, covering all the items within these minutes.