

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 9/15/14

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. Use of Trump Rock Balls By Monday League

League player, Jim Ziemer, spoke to JH to determine what balls are being used in sanctioned tournaments, and how the Monday league decided to select this ball for league use. After explaining to Ziemer that SSUSA uses the Rock ball in some of its tournaments, and why the Monday league uses this ball, Ziemer indicated that he thought this ball was dangerous, particularly for infielders, giving movement of the ball. Ziemer asked that JH bring his concerns to the attention of the Board. A full discussion took place on this issue in today's meeting. Without vote, but with unanimous agreement of all Board members, it was concluded that since the Monday league follows the rules/guidelines set by SSUSA, which includes the sanctioning of the Rock ball, by SSUSA, and that the Rock ball is more "forgiving" on senior bats, that the Monday league will continue to use these balls.

2. Player Removing Himself From The Draft Prior To The Draft

BK voiced strong concern with the process which allows a player to take himself out of the draft, but be permitted to be placed on a team subsequent to the draft if his personal circumstances change which would allow him to be placed on a team. His belief is that there should be a "consequence" to the player for this decision, and that consequence should be to not be able to be placed on a team until he has sat out one season. Our existing rules state that a player who resigns from the league (i.e. is on a team and quits the team/league) must sit out a season before he can be placed on a team (he can be placed in the pool.) The existing rule was never intended to apply to an individual who, for whatever reasons, declares himself unavailable for the draft, and then, subsequent to the draft, has changed circumstances which allow him to be placed on a team. BK motioned and JH seconded that a person who removes himself from the draft will not be able to be placed on a team until he has sat out one season.

Motion failed 1 (BK) – 5.

3. Awards

SB indicated that there will be two team awards (hats/shirts or jackets), but since there are two divisions and a playoff for the fall 2014 season, a decision needs to be made as to application of the awards. SB motioned and JH seconded that the teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the playoffs will be the recipients of the awards. **Motion passed 4-2 (JH/BK.)**