

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 1/8/14

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); M Feeney (MF); J. Hansell (JH); B. Kapeller (BK); T. Jadwin (TJ) R. Schemp(RS); G. Stevenson(GS).

(1) Players leaving league and New Players (rating, team assignments)

The following players from last season have left the league: D. Haveron (Red); R. Henry (Yellow) S. Miller/R. Wisslead (White.)

New players (rating, team assignments)

The following players want to enter the league: R. Hellman; K. Howard; D. MacRae; K. Perez; B. Hamilton; M. Pembroke; M. Borroel.

Without vote, but with unanimous consensus, Hellman, MacRae and Perez will be given a “2” rating.

Without vote, but with unanimous consensus, Howard, Hamilton and Pembroke will be given a “3” rating.

Without vote, but with general consensus, Borroel will be given a “1” rating. BK and JH felt his rating should be a “2.”

SB needs to verify two things before new players can be assigned to teams: one, he needs to determine the order (date) in which the four departing players left the league and, two, he needs to verify the order (date) in which the seven new players expressed interest in joining the league. Once determined, new players will be placed on teams according to league policy. SB will inform the Board accordingly.

(2) Schedule (regular season, doubleheaders, playoffs/tournament)

Without vote, and by general consensus, it was agreed to the following relative to the upcoming Spring season: there will be three rounds of play with a total of 18 games in the regular season; there will be doubleheaders scheduled accordingly to accommodate this schedule; this will require two fields each week at BLD and two umpires each week; Brandon's Diner will not be given preferential treatment regarding playing back to back doubleheaders when they are scheduled to play; the playoffs will consist of double elimination; there will be two tiers of playoffs----first tier will be the top 4 teams, and will consist of a total of 7 games; the second tier will be for the bottom three teams, and will consist of a total of 3 games—JH was opposed to including the bottom three teams in any form of playoff; for the playoffs, pick-up players can only be picked up from the other “tier.”

(3) Rule regarding face masks for pitchers

Although a motion to adopt the new SSUSA pitcher's mask rule was rejected in our 12/18/13 Board meeting, the issue was again raised. After much discussion, GS motioned, and MF seconded that we adopt the new SSUSA rule requiring that pitchers use protective masks and

other pitcher's equipment as optional. **Motion passed 7-0.**

The language regarding this rule to be incorporated into our rules will be along the lines of the following. "Pitchers are required to wear a protective face mask while pitching. Pitchers are recommended to wear additional protective safety equipment, comprised of head gear (NOCSAE-approved), heart/chest protection and shin guards."

(4) League fees

To accommodate the anticipated 18 game league schedule plus playoffs, a "preliminary" budget of \$40 was suggested. This number does not include dollars allotted for awards. Although the majority of the Board still wants to do offer some type of awards, there are some Board members who would rather do away with this. The \$40 budget figure proffered was NOT voted on and there will not be a final budget recommendation to the Board for vote until SB finalizes an actual schedule and, from that, determines the fees needed to cover our costs.

(5) Wounded Warrior Project Benefit Status

BK indicated that tournament flyers have been sent to leagues in Menifee, Hemet, North County, West Covina and Palm Springs. He has also provided information/material to individuals for possible distribution to some Orange County leagues/teams. The tournament has also been posted on the SSUSA Tournaments/2014 Tournaments links. He also indicated that MF has been in contact with a number of "vendors" with the possibility of "participating" in the event in some manner.