

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 5/19/14

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

1) Mario Borroel

The issue here is Mario's removal from Brandon's Diner by Dan Gutierrez and whether Mario would remain in the Monday league, and if so, in what status. SB and RS both discussed the issues surrounding Gutierrez removing from the team and what some of the impacted players on Brandon's Diner said about the issues in question. BK and TJ felt that Mario's "side" of the issue should be heard before any final decision regarding his status in the league is made. Others (JH/RS) felt that if this is to be done, that someone would also need to speak to the other players on Brandon's Diner to hear their side of the issue as well. JH and RS both expressed the feeling that too much time has been spent on dealing with Mario and all of his issues. They further expressed the fact that Mario had already been suspended once from our Monday league and that this new transgression is a violation of Mario's probation and what he committed to the league board regarding his behavior.

BK motioned and JH seconded that Mario Borroel is immediately suspended from the league, and that such suspension means that he is not eligible to participate in the Monday league in any capacity, including the player pool, until the draft in August 2015 for the Fall 2015/Spring 2016 season.

Motion passed 5-2 (JH/BK). JH explained that he voted against this motion as he is not in favor of allowing Mario back into the league at any time and supports his permanent ban from the league.

2) Intentional walk - lead off batter/non-strategic/spite

All board members agree that intentionally walking a lead-off batter, or any batter, for spite/retaliation and in non-strategic situations, is, in almost all cases, inappropriate and, most likely, constitutes unsportsmanlike behavior, but also agree that it is very difficult for these type of situations to be controlled. The consensus of the board, without vote, was that SB will speak to our league umpires to make them aware of these type of situations and to try to "control" them as best as possible.

3) Teams picking up 3-6 substitute players in order field a team.

The consensus, without vote, was that this is a non-issue. The current system of picking up replacement players by their player ranking, while not perfect, is working.

4)-5) Why are we having playoffs at all? Why do the playoffs not include all teams?

SB/TJ feel that playoffs are needed to attract and retain the interest of the players. They also expressed the feeling that the two tier playoff system approved prior to the start of this season by the board give teams which have no chance of winning the league to be able to play additional games. They also stated that the current league playoff system could be modified to allow one of the bottom 5 teams to play their way into the top tier playoff section. JH/MF and RS expressed the feeling that the season is already sufficiently long (21 games), that the season doesn't need to be extended any longer, even 1 week, and that 21 games is more than satisfactory to be able to crown a league champion. MF motioned and BK seconded that for long seasons (defined as 15 games or more), including the current Spring 2014 season, there will be no playoffs. **Motion passed 5-2 (SB/TJ)**

SB motioned and JH seconded that in the event of a tie for first place, the tied teams will be seeded, using SSUSA rules, for a single elimination playoff, with the higher seed having the option of being home or visiting team. **Motion failed 3 (SB/TJ/BK)-4 (MF/JH/RS/G)**

6) SB has asked the managers of Brandon's Diner and North County to rate their players (1/3 each for our 1,2,3 ratings) for purpose of being able to pick-up players according to our league rules.

7) Consensus agreement, without vote, was that all pool players have to be added to the list of eligible pool players so they are “available” to all teams for pick-up, and, where appropriate/necessary (Barnhart), their “schedule” is to be made available to all teams. RS indicated he will ascertain Barnhart's availability.

8) TJ will speak to Marv Ruddell about getting smaller scoreboards for the Monday leaguedetermine cost, etc.

9) Player pick-up/substitution requirement (O'D playing for Tornadoes and Waite showing up at some point during the game.)

TJ feels that a late arriving roster player should be required to be inserted into a game for a replacement player irrespective of whether there is a line-up card or if his name is not on such a line-up card. JH explained that our current rules cover such a situation if a manager fills out a line-up card and inserts the name of a roster player in the “substitute” section, and the roster player subsequently shows up at the game, the manager MUST then insert the roster player in the line-up replacing the pick-up player. JH further stated that our rules call for managers to fill out line-up cards for each game, not only to address an issue such as this, but to also give an opposing manager a way of knowing whether his opponent has batted out of order. This rule is not followed by the majority of managers and should be.

TJ motioned and JH seconded that if a roster player shows up at any time during a game, he supercedes and must replace a pick-up player, irrespective of whether there's a line-up card or if his name is not on a line-up card. **Motion passed 4-3 (SB/JH/GS.)**

THE PASSING OF THIS LATTER MOTION WILL REQUIRE A CHANGE TO LEAGUE RULES DOCUMENT.

10) BK raised an issue concerning a spectator causing verbal interference with batters during Monday league games on 5/19/14. The individual in question has a pattern of such behavior. It is his contention that such actions are a violation of SSUSA rules regarding Code of Ethics and unsportsmanlike behavior. Prior to his leaving the meeting, SB indicated that fans, spectators, coaches, non-playing managers, etc. are all considered “players” as relates to the kind of behavior they are expected to follow during a game. One of our league umpires, Darin Rossi, was asked his opinion on this issue during the meeting. He reiterated the same position as SB and said that he would follow certain “protocol” when dealing with such an issue, but that such behavior should not be acceptable nor tolerated. After SB left the meeting, the consensus of the board, without vote, was that SB is to speak to each of our league umpires regarding this situation to alert them to the “specifics” and how the

league expects the umpires to deal with this individual, or other individuals should they act similarly, during a game.

See link: <http://en.allexperts.com/q/Softball-2562/Verbal-Interference-defensive-player.htm#b>