

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 6/13/14

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

1) Proper picking up of replacement players.

Concern was expressed regarding two recent incidents in which replacement players may have been picked up incorrectly. The first had to do with the Red team picking up Rob Hellman (a member of the Red team) who had, ostensibly, quit the league, but was “picked up” by the Red team as a replacement player. The second incident had to do with the Red team picking up two “1” rated players (Basta/Stevenson) to replace a “1” (O'Donnell) and a “3” (Phistry.)

There was some feeling that players did not know the ratings of other players. It was explained that the player groupings (1,2,3 ratings) listing was on a link on the league web site, as well as a copy of the player grouping is in the “box” of umpire material behind each home plate.

The general consensus is that this has not been a chronic problem, that managers simply must be a little more careful as to the player(s) that they pick up as replacements and that the information regarding player ratings is readily available.

Regarding Hellman (or any other player) dropping out of the league, the following motion and rule was offered to attempt to deal with this type of situation. JH motioned and MF seconded that a player who drops out of the league will be asked to put this information in writing, via e-mail, to the league President (SB), who, in turn, will notify the Board, and the manager in question, via e-mail, of this decision. If the player in question is unable/unwilling to send such an e-mail, the league President will initiate such a communication, via e-mail, copying the Board, the manager in question, and the departing player. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2) Acceptable/unacceptable demeanor of players/managers toward other players/manager/umpires.

A couple of incidents occurred during a game on 6/9/14 in which a manager used profane and personally abusive language toward a player and umpire. Although the manager in question was not removed from the game, there was some sentiment expressed that such action should not have been tolerated and he should have been removed. Without vote, but with unanimous agreement, the Board reaffirmed that this league will follow the rules of conduct as outlined in the SSUSA rule book. The Board directed SB to speak to the manager in question regarding his actions on 6/9 and that such discussion will constitute an official warning. The Board also directed SB to speak to the umpires and inform them that the league will have zero tolerance toward such behavior/demeanor, and that they should gauge their umpiring on the field accordingly.