

## MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 7/17/15

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

### 1. Bank Account

SB indicated that we have a balance of \$473.17 after the spring 2015 season. With some “projections”, he indicated that for fall 2015 season, we would have a balance of approximately \$332 with 8 teams; \$567 with 9 teams; and \$427 with 10 teams.

### 2. Rules/Policies

#### Batted Ball Hitting Pitching Screen

SB indicated that we have the need to modify our existing rule regarding the pitching screen in those rare situations where a batted ball rises over the screen, and with backspin, hits the back of the screen. As a result, the existing rule, without vote, but with unanimous consensus, will be changed to read: “Pitching Screen.....If a batter hits THE FRONT OF the pitching screen, it's a strike.”

#### Player Rating Policy

After much discussion, it was agreed, without vote, but by unanimous consensus, that the existing Player Rating Committee (PRC) will be disbanded, and immediately replaced by the full 6-member Board which will function as the new Player Rating Committee. It was also agreed, by consensus, that the new Player Rating Committee will rate all league players as a draft tool for managers to use during the draft; will rate all new players coming into the league; and will rate all pool players. It was also reiterated from the 6/12/15 minutes where it was agreed, without vote, but by consensus, that a minimum of three (3) members of the PRC MUST participate in the rating evaluation of all new players.

#### Player Rating Following The Draft

For the 2014-2015 season, the rating given to a player by the PRC was the rating held by the player for the entire season, irrespective of where the player was drafted. RS and TJ explained their support for maintaining this procedure, stating that it's a fairer way to evaluate the performance level of a player when performed by an unbiased group, and it provides, under certain cases, players with more playing time as a pick-up player. SB, JH, and BK all took the position that the position a manager selects a player should be the ultimate determinant of the value of that player, and, therefore, the draft position of a player should determine his rating. JH motioned and MF seconded that the position (round) of a player in the draft will determine his rating for the year. **Motion passed 5 – 1 (RS).**

### 3. Number of Monday League Players To-Date

SB indicated that we had 72 players at the end of the spring 2015 season. He further indicated that 7 of those players quit (Allen, Baranick, Bronner, Eller, Hellman, Hixon and Mills.) Of those 7, Baranick, Bronner and Eller will be placed in the pool. Nine (9) new players have given indication they will be joining the league. J. Birtcher, M. Borroel, D. Bromley, D. Doleshal, J. Hutchinson, R. Lee, V. Marzan and K. Perez. SB will contact some of the above named 9 players whose status may be questionable. There may be other players such as Bill Dazalla and Tom Jelk, who may join the league. Players, such as B. Countess, R. Cruz, D. Long, G. Vinittelli, will remain as status quo.

SB requested that he hear from all 2014-2015 managers regarding the status of their players for the 2015-2016 season. He's heard from Rushing/Hansell, Feeney, Jadwin, and Schemp in this regard.

JH had prepared a similar listing of players, showing a total of 76 players. Of those 76 players, D. Bromley was not included. In that number, and who will be excluded from the draft and added to the pool are: S. Baranick, T. Jadwin, O. Lopez, C. Smith and B. Steele. M. Pembroke will be removed from the draft, and not added to the pool.

### 4. Managers

For the upcoming 2015-2016 season, M. Feeney, R. Schemp, M. O'Donnell and E. Morrison were tentatively identified as possible managers. TJ will contact Morrison to determine his status. J. Hansell will consider taking a team, but only if he can do so in conjunction with E. Rushing as done last season. JH will contact Rushing regarding his interest. That still leaves us, potentially, one manager short if we end up with 6 local teams. BK indicated that he may consider taking a team.

SB feels confident that both Brandon's Diner and North County will return to the Monday league. Both SB and JH have spoken to Irwin Grumet about his bringing a team from Palm Springs (PS) to the Monday league. We have not heard from him, so we are not counting on any participation from a PS team.

### 5. Schedule

SB shared an initial schedule in which the league would start on 8/31/15 and end with playoffs finishing on 12/21/15. This would include 3 weeks of playoffs and an unbalanced schedule between the fall and spring seasons. RS shared his concern, which he's expressed previously, that we should have balanced seasons. He also expressed concern about starting early (8/31) and the impact it will have on player availability. JH expressed his continued disapproval of having any playoffs. RS supports this, as well. JH motioned and MF seconded that the fall 2015 season will commence on Monday, 9/14/15; will include a 14-game season with 11 games played taking us to 12/14/15; play will resume at a date in January 2016 to be determined, at which time the remaining 3 games of the fall 2015 season will be played; after which a one (1) day playoff of the top four teams will take place to determine the fall 2015 season winner. A comparable schedule will be established for the spring 2016 season. There will NOT be a playoff between the winners of the fall 2015 and spring 2016 season winner. **Motion passed 5-1 (JH)** SB will prepare a schedule based on the above.

### 6. Draft/Start of Fall 2015-2016 Season

Because of the availability of some Board members/managers, the 2015-2016 draft will take place on Monday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 26. Season will commence on September 14, 2015.

## **7. Defibrillator**

Because of recent events surrounding Monday league players (Allen, Huard, Fearn) great deal of discussion took place regarding the consideration for the Monday league purchasing a defibrillator. (Defib) The fact that such a unit can save lives is not disputed. JH indicated that he was in favor of considering purchasing a Defib as long as we handle the “operation” of the unit in the right fashion. By this he means that proper and on-going training of operators (including documentation of the training) of the machine must take place and that regular and documented testing of the unit must take place. TJ stated that there are good samaritan statutes which protect operators of the unit. JH acknowledged this, but indicated that no good samaritan statute will protect an operator(s) if negligence is identified. Hence the need for proper training, testing and documentation. It was also agreed that a formal plan needs to be established to identify who has responsibility for the unit, who will do the testing, how often the testing will be performed, how the testing and training will be documented, how the unit will get to the games, if the unit will be taken to BP, etc. MF proactively obtained a quote for a Defib unit for which he has familiarity. He received a quote from heartsmart.com and was given a very good quote as a non-profit organization. The quote was for \$970, all in. Comparable units sell for as much as \$1200. The question of how to pay for this arose. If necessary, consideration of raising fees to cover this cost was discussed, although not a popular idea. TJ will contact B. Huard and “Stitch” to possibly contact their doctors to see if they would be willing to contribute to the cost of a Defib. It was agreed that if we are to purchase such a unit, that a committee be established from players in our Monday league who have life/work experience with such units. Players such as M. Feeney, M. Fagan, D. McCoy, M. O'Donnell and M. Moller were discussed. Without vote, but with unanimous consensus of the Board, MF will chair such a committee. The issue of liability was also discussed. It was suggested that SSUSA be contacted to determine their “plan” for their Defibs. And their insurance protection.

## **8. League Fees**

SB suggested fees of \$30/player for 8 or 9 teams and \$25/player for 10 teams. Discussion centered around having same fee structure since we approved balanced season. MF motioned and JH seconded that we establish a fee of \$40/player per season. BK and others indicated that we should set our fee based on estimated expenses and budget. As a result, MF agreed to table the motion until next meeting. SB to prepare a budget for that meeting.

## **9. Practice Field**

SB indicated that he needs to know what practice field we'll be using, other than BLD, now that Spencer's Crossing is no longer available. He needs to put the “new” location on the web site, and he needs to be able to tell new players for player rating evaluation. RS to look into this and get back to the Board.

## **10. Pitching Screens**

TJ indicated that we are out of parts/nets for our pitching screens. It was agreed, without vote, but unanimously, that the Board would allocate \$200 to fix existing screens. RS will also allocate some dollars for same out of BP funds.

## **11. Monday League Pitching Screen Use**

It was discussed that some individuals were using Monday league pitching screens for their tournament teams. It was agreed, unanimously, that without a formal position by the Board, individual Board members being asked to approve such use were being placed in a difficult position. JH motioned and RS seconded that Monday league pitching screens are to be used ONLY for Monday league games, Monday league BP, and other Monday league sanctioned events. They are not to be used for any other purpose. **Motion passed 6-0.** SB will add this to the web site.

## **12. New Players Entering League And Being Placed On A Team**

RS and TJ expressed their concern about our existing policy which permits a new player entering the league, irrespective of rating, to be placed on a team when there is an opening. They cited the green and blue teams as having distinct advantages because of the caliber of players they acquired on this basis versus the players they lost. SB, JH, and BK expressed the point of view that while this set of circumstances did positively impact these two teams, it was an anomaly. They also stated that there, seemingly, is not a better way, since the objective of the league is to get eligible players playing when there is an opening. It was offered that Monday league caliber players will be willing to wait for an opening. SB stated, counter to that, as example, that very few 1's over the past year or two have actually left the league and created an opening, which, would cause such a new player to have to wait a long time before an opening at their level existed. TJ offered a compromise, using the following as example. If a team lost a "3" rated player, they can pick up a new player rated "2, 3 or 4." If a team lost a "1" rated player, they could pick up a "1 or 2" rated player, etc. No decision was made on this matter. It remains an open issue.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY 7/22/15 AFTER BP AT THE PITSTOP PUB.**