

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 7/22/15

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. He revised his “projections” for fall 2015 season from the 7/17/15 minutes. We would have a balance of approximately \$212 if league fee is \$35/player, or \$692 if \$40/player.

2. Rules/Policies

Batted Ball Hitting Pitching Screen

The existing rule, which was modified in our 7/17/15 Board meeting has been updated.

Player Rating Following The Draft

Based on the revised player rating procedure approved in our 7/17/15 Board meeting, SB drafted a revised procedure on same.

3. Number of Monday League Players To Date

SB contacted the following individuals regarding their Monday league status.

O. Lopez – medical; will let us know status by 8/17/15

C. Smith – work; will let us know status by 8/24/15

J. Costley – medical; will let us know status by 8/5/15

D. Doleshal – undecided; will let us know by 8/24/15.

D. Bromley – medical; not ready to return

D. Long – not returning

B. Dazalla – work; include in pool

R. Hellman – not returning; not included in pool

As it stands, we currently have 69 players that will be part of the fall 2015 draft.

4. Managers

E. Morrison has confirmed that he will manage for fall 2015. John White indicated to SB that neither he nor Rusty Lee will manage. MF stated that they want to be in the draft, and because of transportation implications need to be on same team. Those individuals that know R. Lee indicate that he is a solid 1. White is also rated a 1. It was discussed, and the general consensus, without vote, is that it would be OK if a manager selected these two individuals as the team's 1-rated players. Only caveat to this is that any manager who is rated a 1 could not make such a selection.

JH left a voice message to E. Rushing. Rushing is vacationing in Yosemite/Bass Lake and phone reception there is spotty. He will contact JH upon his return.

SB will contact the following players regarding their possible interest in managing a team for fall 2015: N. Basta, B. Kapeller, L. Bratcher, J. Brunschmid, J. Ganley, L. Littlejohn, R. Martel, F. Swain, C. Pickett, S. Vogt, R. Waite, O. Lopez, and G. Stevenson.

5. Schedule

SB shared a revised schedule for the fall 2015 season. This schedule shows 14 game days for 8 teams, with no double headers, 4 weeks off and a 1-day playoff. The fall 2015 season would end on 1/25/16.

Although the Board approved a 1-day, 4-team (1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3) single-elimination playoff in our 7/17/15 Board meeting, he would like the Board to change this to a 2-day (week) 4-team double-elimination tournament. He indicated that the season length would remain the same, but there would be an additional cost of \$125. His reasoning is that he doesn't want to see the number 1 team work hard all season for the best record, then lose the championship in a single-elimination tournament. He has concern about this notwithstanding that the intent is to award prizes to the first and second place finishers. SB motioned and JH seconded that the Board replace the fall 2015 1-day playoff program approved in the 7/17/15 Board meeting, with a 2-day double-elimination playoff to be played over two weeks among the 1-4 seeded teams, resulting in no change to the end of season, but increasing league fees by \$125. **Motion failed 1 (SB) – 5.**

6. Draft/Start of Fall 2015-2016 Season

The 2015-2016 draft will take place on Monday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 26. The season will commence on September 14, 2015.

7. Defibrillator

TJ spoke to B. Allen regarding Allen's cardiologist and possible "donations" from this cardiologist or others toward the purchase of a league defibrillator. TJ came away from this conversation with the sense that this would not be a productive avenue to explore, and that the Board is going to have to determine a way to pay for the unit.

The unanimous consensus of the Board is that such a unit should be purchased by the league. A number of views, however were expressed regarding all of the "implications" of purchasing such a unit. JH expressed his strong feelings that the Board require a written "program" to cover the training of unit users, initially and on-going, as well as a written procedure covering the routine testing of the unit and its proper documentation. He and others are confident that good samaritan laws will generally cover us, but not in the case of "negligence" surrounding either training of unit users and/or routine testing of the unit. TJ expressed concern about whether the unit should be brought to BP, citing examples of other individuals (non-Monday league players; "others" in the surrounding BP area, etc.). JH stated while this may be somewhat of a concern if the unit is at BLD during games, and one of the spectators/visitors should be in need of a defibrillator, odds are that the unit would be used. Concern was also expressed about who would be responsible for the transportation of the units to BLD and BP, and what back-ups to this would be present.

MF also indicated that CPR certification should be given to all individuals that would be trained on the defibrillator as they go hand-in-hand. It was suggested that CPR training could cost as much as \$45/person. The consensus (not unanimous) of the Board was that Board members consider taking this training at their own cost.

It was determined that RS would be responsible for the transportation of the unit to the various fields. Backups will have to be identified.

JH motioned and BK seconded that the Monday league purchase the model defibrillator shown by MF in the 7/17/15 Board meeting for \$970 that will be available for Monday league games at BLD (or alternate fields if BLD is not available), BP and for other league sanctioned events; that a written program be established identifying initial and on-going training; procedure for routine testing of the unit and its proper documentation; keeping track of who is trained; and who is responsible for the transportation of the unit. Also, the unit is not to be "activated" until the written program is in place and individuals are properly trained. **Motion passed 6-0.**

JH will prepare a draft of a written program on the defibrillator and its use. Without vote, the unanimous consensus was that a broadcast e-mail be sent to all league players requesting interest in receiving training on the unit. **JH prepared said e-mail and forwarded to SB for distribution to the league.**

The following individuals were identified as target individuals who, because of their work careers, most likely, already have experience/training/familiarity with such units and might be more predisposed to participating in training. The players are: J. Ganley, D. McCoy, M. Fagan, M. Feeney, M. O'Donnell, O. Lopez, B. Newman, J. Birtcher, M. Moller, J. Hutchinson, J. Brunschmid, and G. Schnoor. As the person identified in the 7/17/15 as being the chairperson of the "Defibrillator Committee", MF will contact these individuals. **JH forwarded an e-mail to MF with these names.**

SB will contact North County and Brandon's Diner to see if they have any names to add to the list and will forward any names to MF.

JH indicated that he would contact SSUSA about their defibrillator. On 7/23/18, JH spoke to Stephanie at SSUSA, who is familiar with their defib program. She indicated that they have been using defibs at their tournaments approximately 2006-2007. The Executive Director, Fran Dowell, oversees the program. They do not have a written program, but since the program has been in existence for a number of years, it is fairly “formal.” Tournament Directors are the individuals who bring the defib units to the tournaments. All of their tournament directors are certified on both CPR and defib use. They re-certify everyone every two years. They use a local fire department to do their training. They bring in their “out-of-area” directors to the local (Sacramento) area once a year, coincident with one of their large tournaments for training/retraining. Dowell keeps track of who needs to receive training and makes sure the training takes place. Prior to a unit being sent to a tournament with a tournament director, they test each unit, with particular emphasis on testing the battery and pads. They did not change/increase their GL or D&O (?) insurance coverage when they started the defib program. Stephanie is not familiar with their insurance coverage. That information has to come from Dowell, who was not available.

First Aid Kits

BK stated that he felt the league needed a first aid kit at its games as players are always in the need for ice packs, bandages, or the like. BK motioned and JH seconded that the league purchase two (2) first aid kits in an amount NTE \$40/kit. **Motion passed 6-0.** SB will be responsible for transporting the first aid kits to the games.

8. Schedule and League Fees

From the 7/17/15 Board meeting, SB calculated that league fees of: \$35/player would leave us a balance of \$212, and a balance of \$692 at \$40/player. An outstanding motion from the 7/17/15 Board meeting had been tabled to this meeting. The motion, made by MF, was to establish a fee of \$45/player for both fall 2015 and spring 2016 seasons. After discussion, MF rescinded this motion. MF motioned and JH seconded that the league fee for the fall 2015 season only be set at \$45/player. **Motion passed 6-0.**

At \$45/player, SB calculated the approximate balance at the end of the fall 2015 season to be \$1,172. This balance did not include the cost for purchase of the defibrillator, purchase of two first aid kits, nor the additional fee of \$20/player for out-of-area (OOA) teams for roster players beyond 12. For purpose of this budgeting process, it was assumed that each of the two OOA would have 14 players on their roster. Factoring in all of this, this would leave us with a balance of \$202 at the end of the 2015 fall season.

9. Practice Field

RS indicated that Mahogany Meadow Park (Prickly Pear) was really not a viable alternative for BP, primarily because of the potential hazard to local homeowners for balls hit over the left field fence. Consequently, it was agreed, that, for the most part, Monday/Friday BPs will take place on the open field at Spencer's Crossing.

10. Pitching Screens/Pitching Screen Use

SB incorporated \$200 in the fall 2015 season budget for pitching screen repairs. The Board-approved policy of allowing pitching screens to be used only for Monday league games, BP and other sanctioned Monday league events was completed and inserted on the home page of our league website.

11. New Players Entering League And Being Placed On A Team

The narrative in *italics* below represents the minutes from the 7/17/15 Board meeting on this item, which remained an open topic. Much of the same discussion which occurred on this subject in the 7/17/15 Board meeting was repeated again today. SB, JH, and BK did not see the need to change existing policy/practice, as what is most important, to them, is to get new players on a team as soon as a position is open. MF/TJ/RS feel, however, that the imbalance created by the existing new player replacement policy/practice is not a fair or equitable way to try to maintain balance in the league that is assumed via the draft process. JH expressed his feeling that he would prefer to maintain the existing policy/practice, but would be willing to consider/try a reasonable alternative. TJ motioned and JH seconded that new players coming into the league, whether to fill openings not filled because of an insufficient number of players during the draft, or openings which occur post-draft to replace a player leaving the league. New players coming into the league will receive a 1-6 rating from the Board. Based on the rating of the “open position”, a player will (must) be placed on a team if his rating is one (1) level up or down from the rating of the open position. Players rated 5-6 are considered to be one rating. If the player is rated “outside” the one up or one down criteria, he is not placed on a team until there is a proper opening, but will be placed in the player pool. **Motion passed 4-2 (SB/BK)**

Some examples would be: 1) During the draft, 69 players are drafted, leaving 3 open positions, all of which would be rated a 6. A new player, rated a 4 by the Board must be placed on the team that had the 70th pick. Ratings 5 and 6 are considered one level. 2) Same scenario as example 1), but the new player is rated a 2. Since the open position is for a 6, only a new player with a rating of 4, 5 or 6 can be placed on the team. This player will not be placed on a team, but will be put into the player pool. 3) All 72 positions have been filled, but subsequently, an existing player, who carries a 3 rating, leaves the league. A new player, rated a 1 by the Board joins the league. He cannot be placed in the open position slot, as the team in question can only replace the resigned player with a 2, 3 or 4-rated player. He will be placed in the pool until a suitable opening occurs.

(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.)

12. Rating New Player – Victor Marzan

The general, not unanimous, consensus of the Board, without vote, is that Marzan should be rated a 4. BK feels he should be a 3.