

## MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 12/22/14

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

### 1) Wounded Warrior Tournament (WWT)

MF indicated that our WWT has been officially sanctioned by the WW organization. He also indicated that Sonny Vogt will be entering a team in the tournament.

BK stated that he's been in contact with the Hemet league and they plan on sending a team to our WWT. JH contacted the manager of the GRD 65s who participated in 2014. They hope to again participate. JH sent flyers to the manager.

SB/BK indicated that the flyers are ready for printing and distribution. BK to bring copies of the flyers for distribution to the Top Gun Tournament in Menifee in early January. SB asked GS to post the flyers on the Monday league website.

BK indicated that SSUSA will be posting the pertinent information regarding our WWT on the SSUSA tournament listing for 2015. BK has also confirmed the same cost structure as 2013 will apply... \$75 flat insurance cost for the day plus \$10/team; and \$25 maintenance fee per field every other game. The field maintenance cost would be \$450 for the day if all 6 fields were used completely. BK indicated we can handle a maximum of 20 teams... we had 13 teams that participated in the 2014 inaugural tournament.

SB will prepare a preliminary budget based on 16 teams participating.

As a way to generate additional contributions to the WW cause, RS suggested that we hold a HR hitting contest. His suggestion was to open up this contest to players under 65, as well as any players 65 and over desiring to participate. It was suggested that a \$20 contribution per participant be established and that the rules follow those generally established by Marv Ruddell in his HR contests. Without vote, the consensus on this was unanimous. Although not present during this topic, TJ was assigned responsibility for coordinating this event. (Upon his subsequent arrival at the Board meeting, TJ agreed to do this.)

This remains an open agenda item.

### 2) Defibrillator

In light over the recent cardiac event by one of our Monday players after a recent Monday league game, SB raised the issue of the league looking into acquiring an AED. MF will look into the cost of such an item. JH will look into statutory/legal issues, if any, with acquiring such a device. This remains an open agenda item

### 3) Spring 2015 Season

SB indicated that we have 3 options regarding the structure of the spring 2015 season.

1. Two divisions with 4 teams/division playing a 17-game season (1 doubleheader/team) and a playoff schedule similar to that utilized during the fall 2014 season.
2. Eight teams (no divisions), with each team playing 21 games over 3 rounds. Each team would play 7 doubleheaders.
3. 14 games played over two rounds.

It was discussed that the Spring 2014 season had 21 games and that many of the Monday league players thought this was too long of a season.

Without vote, but with unanimous consensus, option 1 above was chosen for the Spring 2015 season. The season would start on January 26 and end on June 22. Playoffs would be June 29, July 6, and July 13. *(OK guys, since we did not vote on this, and since this option contains a provision for having a playoff, I want you to know that technically we can't do this as this decision runs counter to a motion passed in a 5/19/14 Board meeting. In that meeting, in items 4 & 5, we had a long discussion about the necessity of playoffs, particularly during a long season. In that meeting, we defined a long season as 15 games or more. A motion was made and passed that there would be no playoffs during a "long" season. Vote was 5-2 (SB/TJ). We've done nothing official to rescind this vote, including our decision in Monday's meeting. Just saying.)*

### 4) Division Alignment – Spring 2015

SB offered that for the Spring 2015 season, that the bottom two teams from each division be moved to the other division. After discussion, JH motioned, and BK seconded that the final 4 teams in the playoffs from the Fall 2014 season be reconstituted as one division, with the remaining 4 teams making up the other division. **Motion passed 6-1 (SB.)** *(In a sense, this was done the correct way. In our 9/1/14 Board meeting, without vote, but by unanimous consensus, it was agreed that the two lowest seeded "local" teams would move to the opposite division for the Spring 2015 season. It might help to note that MF and TJ were not present at this meeting, and GS had left the meeting when this item was discussed. Since 4 Board members were still present, there was a quorum.)*

### 5) HR Rule – Monday League

Our current Monday league rule is 3 HRs, then a walk, with a 1-up provision applying.

BK motioned and MF seconded that our HR rule be changed to 4 HRs and then an out. After discussion, BK rescinded that motion and motioned (MF seconded) that the HR rule be changed to 4 HRs and then an out, with a 1-up provision applying. **Motion passed 7-0.** This requires a change to the league rules.

6) Game Start Times

SB offered that we consider staggering our game start times to 9/10:30 on one field and 10:30/Noon on the other field. The reason to consider this is to make it somewhat easier for managers to pick up players, particularly if they have the early or late game. JH was in favor of making this change. However, general consensus (not unanimous) was that players would rather be able to leave the fields a little earlier and not have to play until mid-afternoon.

7) New Player Rating – Larry Hixson

Player rating committee consisting of (MF/JH/TJ/RS/GS) considered the player rating for new player, Larry Hixson. A couple of committee members felt that Hixson should not be “penalized” with a higher rating to start in the league... would give him more of an opportunity to be picked up, etc. JH felt that this should not be a consideration, and the rating of the player should be indicative of his skill. TJ moved that Hixson be rated a 2 for the Spring 2015 season. During discussion JH stated although he did not see Hixson run, he felt he should be rated a 1. **Motion passed 4-1 (JH.)**

8) Team Awards

SB indicated that \$150 has been allotted for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team award. He indicated that in a discussion with Red Wave manager Mike O'Donnell, that Mike wanted to take the \$150 from the league, and with additional \$ that he would supply do something special for his players. It was discussed that the league did not want managers to have control of the type of award that was to be handed out; that the league wanted to make sure it protected the use of its name and mascot likeness; and that we not get into situations where some managers are able to do more for their team because they can afford it while others might not have the \$ available to do this. JH motioned and GS seconded that the league provide manager O'Donnell with the \$150 allotted for team awards and that he be permitted to take these \$, along with additional \$ that he would provide for his own team awards. **Motion failed 1 (SB) – 6.**

9) Umpires

MF raised concern as to how our umpires are interpreting rules such as foul ball/foul tip to the catcher, runner coming off the bag and reacquiring rule, and others. He's concerned about inconsistency and knowledge of our umps. He believes that a meeting should occur between now and when our season starts on 1/26, to give them a refresher on, at least, certain items. No agreement was reached as to if this is to be done, and if so, by whom. SB will speak to Mike Katz and Jerry Smith to determine if they should be regular umps in our league in some fashion.