

## MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 6/12/15

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

### 1. Re-entry Rule

A recent game where Mean Joe Green (MJG) team brought in a substitute was raised. It was agreed that MJG handled the substitution correctly and according to SSUSA rules and that there is no issue.

### 2. Illegal Player Policy

This issue involved recent games, in which a new player on Brandon's Diner, Jeff Iannone, was subsequently determined to be an illegal player.....not 55. JH had agreed to speak to Dan Gutierrez (DG), Manager of Brandon's Diner, which he did on 6/1/15. In that conversation, DG indicated that he had asked Iannone when he was going to turn 55. Iannone indicated November of this year. On that basis, DG contacted SB to verify that Iannone was eligible to play in the Monday league. Based on the "facts" presented by DG to SB, SB indicated that Iannone was eligible to play. Iannone subsequently played two games for Brandon's Diner, resulting in one win and one loss. Subsequent to the games being played, DG determined that Iannone would not turn 55 until November of 2016, which would have made him ineligible to play. DG stated to JH that Iannone lied to him. To close that conversation, JH told DG that this issue would be brought before the Board and that both the games in which Iannone played and Iannone's status would be discussed. JH indicated to DG that some form of disciplinary action was possible. As an aside, the conversation that JH had with DG was identical to a prior conversation that SB had with DG on the same subject. Also, SB subsequently conferred with SSUSA and determined that Iannone does not turn 55 until September 2016.

BK motioned and MF seconded that Brandon's Diner forfeit the one win in which Iannone played.

**Motion failed 1 (BK) – 5.**

TJ motioned and MF seconded that Jeff Iannone be ineligible to play the first round of games when first eligible to play in the Monday league and when he actually first plays. This motion was amended to state that Jeff Iannone be ineligible to play the full season, plus playoffs when he first is eligible and actually plays in the Monday league. **Motion failed 1 (BK) – 5.**

RS motioned and TJ seconded that Jeff Iannone be ineligible to play six (6) games when first eligible to play in the Monday league and when he first actually plays. **Motion passed 5 – 1 (SB)**

SB was requested by the Board to inform DG of above discussions. (SB informed DG of above subsequent to the Board meeting.)

### 3. Number of Monday League Board Members

This subject was included as an agenda item as a result of the recent resignation of Glenn Stevenson as a Monday league Board member. While on this point, it was determined that GS had not submitted his resignation in writing. The Board requested that SB obtain a written resignation from GS. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, SB contacted GS requesting that he submit his resignation in writing.)

JH stated that while he supported the move in 2013 to increase the Board from its original five to seven members, that, in his estimation, it simply has not worked as effectively and efficiently as he had hoped. His feeling is that too many meetings were unduly and unnecessarily lengthy and contentious, not exclusively because of a seven member Board, but primarily because of this. With that in mind, he indicated that he was not in favor of filling the seventh Board position and that he hoped that the Board would, over the course of time, get back to its original five member body. Unless and until that might happen, he is fine with operating a six person Board. JH had researched the Monday Board meeting minutes and shared with the Board that the Board operated successfully in a significant number of Board meetings with only six Board members present. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, JH sent the Board members the statistics which supported this observation.)

RS, felt that the reasons we increased from five to seven Board members were still viable, and that he would like to see us replace GS as a Board member. He feels that having younger members on the Board allows the Board to be more approachable by players, in a league which is continuing to get younger. He feels that having some younger representatives on the Board gives the Board a broader perspective as to those issues which might be on the minds of younger players. He also feels it is appropriate that there be more Board members whom players can contact.

MF motioned and JH seconded that the Board maintain seven Board members and that it immediately look at candidates to replace GS. **Motion failed 2 (MF/RS) – 4.**

### 4. New Player – Javier Montano

Montano was assigned to WTWT many weeks ago, and after many repeated attempts by WTWT manager, Ed Rushing, to try to get in touch with him (phone calls, e-mails and texting), to no avail, he was removed from the White team, who picked up subsequent new player, Ray Sikes. After all of that transpired, the Red team lost a player and Montano was placed on the Red team. He ended up playing one game for the Red team, but again, was not forthcoming about informing his manager of his status week to week. Without being aware that Montano had actually played a game for the Red team, SB removed Montano from the Red team roster. In discussing all of this, the Board instructed SB to add Montano back to the Red team roster. Montano did show up for the two games on Monday, 6/15 and played both games. He also paid SB \$25 for his pro-rated league fee.

### 5. New Players Subsequent To The Draft

RS shared a concern expressed by some Monday league players of the inequities resulting from new players coming into the league, post draft, and being placed on teams. G. Bronner and M. O'Donnell were two players specifically voicing concern on this matter. RS indicated that one solution to address some of this might be to hold two drafts and to balance the playing seasons in terms of numbers of games. MF suggested that this item be tabled for discussion in the future prior to the fall 2016 draft.

## 6. New Players Getting Rated

A concern was expressed by a couple of Board members as to the manner in which new league players are getting rated, if at all. There is a Player Rating Committee (PRC) which now stands with four members with the resignation of GS. The PRC consists of : MF/JH/TJ/RS. It was the consensus of the Board, without vote, that at least three (3) of the four PRC members, MUST evaluate any new player coming into the league before a rating is assigned to that player. It will be up to SB, who is the normal initial contact for new players coming into the league, to coordinate with the PRC members to ensure that this is done.

While on that subject, the rating for new player, Ray Sikes was discussed. Sikes had been rated as a four (4), but not by the full PRC. It was the consensus of the PRC members at this meeting, without vote, that Sikes be rated a three (3).

## 7. Local vs. Out-of-Area Team Rules

SB prepared, and handed out a comparison of current rules for local teams and out-of-area teams. His comparison included seven different items. With one exception, league fees, there were no changes to the first four items which were: league fees; schedule; residence; draft. In regards to league fees, the consensus of the Board, without vote, was that out-of-area teams would pay an additional \$20 fee per player beyond twelve (12) This is primarily to cover any awards for these larger roster teams.

With item five, split doubleheaders, it was the consensus of the Board, without vote, that the out-of-area teams have three (3) split doubleheaders during a season. Heretofore, none of the out-of-area teams have had to face split doubleheaders.

Item six, max players for teams and pool players will remain unchanged. 12 players maximum and unlimited local pool players for local teams, and unlimited players/team and no pool for out-of-area teams.

For items seven, player ratings, JH motioned, and MF seconded that the Monday league PRC rate all the players on the out-of-area teams based on the Monday league 1-6 criteria.

### **Motion passed 4-2 (JH/TJ)**

Item eight, pick-up players would remain the same with both local and out-of-area teams being able to pick up any player.

The last item, awards, has no change for local teams, which is 12 individual awards. The consensus of the Board, without vote, for the Spring 2015 season awards, is that the out-of-area teams, if award eligible, will receive 12 awards. The consensus of the Board, without vote for out-of-area teams for awards subsequent to Spring 2015 season, is that the out-of-area teams will receive awards based on their submitted team roster for which they have paid full and complete fees.