

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 12/23/16

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); J. Hansell (JH); T. Jadwin (TJ); R. Schemp (RS)

GUEST: Mike Feeney (for the Bob Kapeller Memorial Tournament discussion only)

1. North County Player Ratings

- a. Jeff Blakeman – without vote, but by unanimous consensus, it was agreed that Blakeman is a “1.”
- b. Bobby Jones – Jones had been tentatively rated a “2”. TJ/RS believe he should be a “1”, SB/JH rate him a “2”, although a high “2”. So, Jones’ rating will remain a “2”.
- c. Rick Loy – a “snowbird”, previously rated a “2”, who has come back on NC's roster (he played on 12/19/16). Without motion, but by a vote of 3-0-1 (JH), Loy will be rated a “1”.
JH abstained as he is not familiar with Loy.

It was discussed that the Board should give consideration to limiting the official out-of-area team rosters to no more than three (3) “1's”. It was also discussed that if an out-of-area team, with three “1's” is missing a “1”, that they not be allowed to pick up a third one (such as from one of the local teams) as a replacement player. Because there is only one week left for the current season, it was agreed that this would remain an open item to be discussed prior to the start of next season.

2. Bob Kapeller Memorial Tournament

Prior to MF arrival, per SB, there are 11 teams so far: Weekend Warriors 60AAA, Outlaws 65AAA, (NG)2 65AAA, Top Gun Mavericks 65M, OTE 65M, Git-R-Done 70AAA, Top Gun Olde Dawgs 65AA, Cal Connection 75M, Fairway Ford 80M, Hemet 1 - Rec, Hemet 2 – Rec.

TJ indicated that his team Bob's Posse 55M will be added.

Per MF, 5 other teams have been added: Sons of Pitches 70M, Top Gun Nomads 65AAA, GRD 80AAA (AAA verified by SB subsequent to meeting), Menifee 1 - Rec, Menifee 2 - Rec. This gives us a total of 17 teams. With a maximum of 20 available slots, that leaves 3 openings. MF indicated that 4 teams have paid.

(Subsequent to the meeting, per SB, 4 other teams have been added:

Top Gun Classics 75M, SoCal Crush 70AAA, Brandon's Diner 65AAA, Git-R-Done 75AAA.

This now gives us 21 teams.)

NOTE: ALTHOUGH 21 TEAMS ARE CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED, THE FULL AND FINAL LIST OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL BE PREDICATED ON THOSE TEAMS PAYING ENTRY FEES IN A TIMELY FASHION.

SB prepared a preliminary accounting for the 2017 tournament, showing a tentative surplus of \$4,913. That will be modified as we get closer to the tournament date.

MF mentioned that we need to get some volunteers to “person” the main table at the tournament. This table is where raffle tickets are purchased, sign-ups for the home run derby occur, etc.

3. SSUSA Rule Changes – Including Batter Sun Rule

SB stated that, effective 12/1/16, SSUSA made a number of rule changes. A number of the changes were simply cosmetic. Five changes were worthy of bringing to the Board for consideration. Rule 1.13 Chopped Ball, 8.4 (1) Batter Runner Reaching First Base, 8.8 Commitment Line, 9.1X. Dead Ball, and 6.16B Wind Or Sun Affecting Both Pitchers Or Sun Affecting Batter. SB discussed the changes for each rule with the Board. The changes to 1.13, 8.4(1), 8.8, and 9.1X were simply clarifying existing rules. In the case of 6.16B, SSUSA repealed the provision that they approved last year regarding the sun affecting a batter. That portion of the rule pertaining to pitchers remains intact. SSUSA indicated that the batter portion of the rule was repealed because: 1) it is not a safety issue with the sun in the batter's face/eyes; 2) a pitcher's "rhythm" gets upset when having to move up to 6 feet in either direction from the rubber; and, 3) the pitcher is "disadvantaged" because of the change in angle of the home mat he's faced with when he has to move. Regarding the change in the last rule, JH stated that the rule is applied so sparingly that the game becomes a mockery in extreme sun positions without such a rule; and that he's seen a few batter's "wrench" their back/shoulder swinging at pitches they could not see when the rule doesn't exist, that there should be no harm in MVUDSS retaining the rule. SB motioned and RS seconded that we adopt all rule changes approved by SSUSA effective 12/1/16, except the repeal of the batter portion of the sun rule.

We will retain our existing sun rule regarding batters. **Motion passed 4-0.**

JH indicated that our existing batter sun rule needs to be modified to reflect certain language that was contained in the previously approved SSUSA rule. At the time MVUDSS adopted the batter sun rule, we only included "clarification" of the batter sun rule related to the movement of our pitching screen, since SSUSA does not have rules relative to a screen. We followed the detail of the batter sun rule from the SSUSA rule book, and did not incorporate all the details of that rule in our local rules. That needs to be changed.

(Subsequent to the meeting, it was incorporated into the local rules on our league website.)

4. Rosetta Canyon Sports Park

Glenn Stevenson alerted the Board to a possible alternate field for BLD rainouts. SB said that Glenn indicated the park is called Rosetta Canyon Sports Park. It has 4 fields w/turf outfields. However, apparently the infields are dirt, so we are not certain how viable these fields may be for rainouts. The fields are located at Ardenwood Way, Lake Elsinore, near Hwy 74/15 Fwy. Contact number is 951-674-3124. The contact person is Beau Davis, 951-245-0442, x405. SB/JH will follow up on this between seasons. This remains an open agenda item.

5. Equipment Responsibility

Missing pitching screens and defibrillator have become somewhat of a greater problem lately. It had been somewhat "understood" that the home team manager of the last game on a field would be responsible for seeing that the screen gets to the right party for subsequent BPs or Monday games. This is not working. The AED Program Manager (now Mike Fagan (MFA)) is responsible for knowing the whereabouts of the defibrillator at all times. The Board agreed unanimously, but without vote, that SB would send an e-mail to all managers citing their responsibility relative to pitching screens. This e-mail would indicate that the home team manager would see that one of the Board members is given the pitching screen. It was also agreed that MFA would be invited to our next Board meeting to discuss the handling of the defibrillator.

(Subsequent to the meeting, SB sent an e-mail to the team managers.)

6. General Liability/D&O Insurance

On 12/9/16, JH had a discussion with Stephanie Hopkins (SH) of SSUSA, who handles SSUSA's team insurance program. SH indicated that the general liability coverage they offer is considered secondary coverage. They require to be named as additional insured on "field" policy where the tournament games are played. She further indicated that there is \$2MM liability insurance for each occurrence, with \$3MM aggregate. She also indicated that there is \$25K of medical coverage included with a \$2,500 deductible. She said the term of coverage is January 1 to January 1. Cost is \$45/team. Coverage includes umpires. Must provide names and specific information on umpires. She said that SSUSA does not offer D&O coverage, but would put JH in touch with their insurance broker.

On 12/20/16, JH had a discussion with Peter Sessoyeff (PS), an insurance broker with National Certified, Inc. (broker). PS stated that, for the most part, the lowest limit of D&O coverage is \$1MM each occurrence, with \$1MM aggregate. There would typically be a \$10K retention (similar to deductible or self-insurance) with a \$1MM policy. PS said he might be able to get a quote for \$500K each occurrence, with \$500K aggregate. He has to send to underwriter at Philadelphia Insurance Companies. (Philadelphia Insurance Companies underwrites the D&O, as well as the GL coverages.) He indicated that premiums are based on financials. JH told him that we are a small organization, and that our "financials" are our bank statements. He said this would not be a problem. He couldn't provide anything specific in terms of what "ball park" a quote might be in, other than to say he's seen premiums at \$1K annually for a \$1MM policy.

JH also asked him about general liability coverage for clarification. He said that SH was accurate: \$2MM each occurrence general liability with \$3MM aggregate. He also indicated that there is umbrella coverage of an additional \$2MM each occurrence and \$2MM aggregate for a total of \$5MM general liability coverage. He said the umbrella coverage was covered under the base premium that had been quoted by SH.

An application has to be completed, and sent to Philadelphia Insurance, for the D&O coverage only. JH is in receipt of the application.

JH sent a follow-up e-mail to PS on 12/21 to clarify whether the aggregate coverages were annual or lifetime. He responded back to say that all the aggregate coverages were annual.

JH indicated to the Board that using the current roster maximums, the \$45/team cost for general liability coverage would amount to \$3.60/year/player, or rounded to \$4/year/player. Further broken down, this would amount to \$2/season/player.

After some discussion about both coverages, the Board is uncertain, at this point in time, whether to pursue either coverage. JH stated that he feels if we attempt to secure a D&O quote, that the premium will not be something affordable by the league. Some uncertainty was also expressed about whether our league, in spite of the waivers we sign at BLD are, in fact, covered by their GL policy.

At this point, the Board decided to leave this as an open agenda item.

7. New Board Member

No discussion. Issue will be dealt with after the first of the year. This remains an open agenda item.

8. Bob Kapeller Celebration of Life (COL)

JH prepared and sent e-mails to the Menifee Tuesday/Thursday and Monday leagues regarding the COL for Bob on Sunday, January 29, 2017. While there has been some response, that response has been limited. JH indicated that he would send out another e-mail on this issue in the next week or so to the Monday league players.

9. Steve Staley (SS) Injury

SB indicated that SS injured his ankle, and would miss the remainder of this fall season as both a player and a manager. SB will be taking over as interim manager of the Blues Brothers.

10. Pitching Screens

TJ will review all three league screens to determine what parts need to be ordered for repair of the screens.

11. League Games Scheduled 1/2/17

SB had a conversation with Jim Mangiapane (JM) from Brandon's Diner (BD) in Dan Gutierrez's (DG) absence that BD would be missing at least 5 players on 1/2/17; and might have to forfeit their games. SB mentioned to JM about picking up substitute players and JM said that SB should talk to DG. SB had that conversation; and DG is going to check with his players and get back to SB by 12/28/16. In the event BD has to forfeit its games, SB prepared the following revised schedule of games for Monday, 1/2/17.

	<u>BLD1</u>	<u>BLD2</u>
9:00	F-D	NC-C
10:30	E-B	A-NC

(Subsequent to the meeting, DG contacted SB and indicated that Brandon's Diner would not be able to field a team on 1/2/17.)

12. Safety Kits

JH stated that he did not have a team safety kit. He had previously been in possession of one of the BP safety kits, but had turned that into SB when one of the other team managers did not have a safety kit. He never received a replacement kit. RS indicated he has an extra kit which he will provide to JH.