

## MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 7/27/16

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

### 1. Riverside Community Office on Aging Exhibition Game

TJ is having difficulty getting in touch with the tournament director, so there is some uncertainty regarding the event. The game is scheduled for Friday, August 19 at Villegas Park in Riverside. TJ intends to contact 24-25 Monday league players in an attempt to field two teams for the exhibition game.

### 2. Player Resignation Policy

SB indicated that he feels that we need to slightly modify our existing player resignation policy to give consideration to players who must resign from the league for work-related reasons. As such, he submitted the below existing policy in *italics* with the proposed change in red font.

*A player who resigns from a Monday league team for reasons other than personal medical reasons, or serious family/medical reasons, or other reasons as determined solely by the Board such as, but not limited to, seasonal employment or the like, will not be eligible for consideration to return to the league for the balance of the season in which he resigned plus the following full season.*

After a brief discussion, the change was approved unanimously by the Board, but without official vote.

The subject of former player Bill McPhillips return to the league was discussed. McPhillips resigned from the league during the fall 2015/16 season. As such, he did not play in the league for the remainder of that season plus the spring 2016 season. Based on existing policy, he is eligible to return to the league and has expressed a desire to do so. JH motioned and RS seconded that Bill McPhillips be permitted to return to the Monday league effective with the fall 2016 draft for the fall 2016 season. **Motion passed 4-1 (TJ)** SB will inform McPhillips of this decision.

### 3. Fall 2016 Season (assuming no rainouts)

SB offered below a.-d. in *italics* as possible seasons/schedules predicated on either an 8- or 9-team league. It was decided that the Board needed to approve one of these schedules in order to give SB sufficient time in which to prepare a schedule and determine proposed league fees. While it looked as if there might be enough players to consider forming a 7<sup>th</sup> “local” team, it now appears that we will NOT have enough players to give that strong consideration at this time. As a result, no discussion took place regarding schedules c. or d. and, instead, concentrated on schedules a. and b. The Board spent some time discussing the merits and limitations of schedules a. and b.

TJ motioned and JH seconded that the Monday league adopt schedule a. below for the fall 2016 season. **Motion failed 2 (SB/TJ) – 3.** JH motioned and TJ seconded that we adopt schedule b. below for the fall 2016 season. **Motion passed 3-2 (SB/TJ)**

Based on the approved schedule, SB will prepare a formal schedule for Board review at a subsequent Board meeting. The schedule will include a proposed fee schedule.

*a. 8 teams, fall regular season Sep 12 - Dec 12, 4-team SE Dec 19 - 2 divisions: 10 regular season games, no doubleheaders for local teams*

*b. 8 teams, fall regular season Sep 12 - Jan 2, 4-team SE Jan 9 - no divisions: 14 regular season games, two doubleheaders for local teams*

*c. 9 teams, fall regular season Sep 12 - Jan 2, 4 team SE Jan 9 - 2 divisions: 11 or 12 regular season games, one doubleheader for local teams*

*d. 9 teams, fall regular season Sep 12 - Jan 2, 4 team SE Jan 9 - no divisions: 16 regular season games, four doubleheaders for local teams*

SB indicated that we have a \$194.28 surplus after spring 2016 season.

SB requested that the tentative dates for the upcoming draft Monday, 8/29/16 and Wednesday, 8/31/16 be made official. Without vote, but by unanimous consensus, these dates were made official.

#### **4. Local Players in the League – Fall 2016**

SB and the Board reviewed the tentative roster of available players for the fall 2016 season.

John Birtcher, who tore his ACL/MCL will be out indefinitely. The Board reviewed a tentative list provided by SB. It appears, at this point in time, that we will have 69 players for the draft.

(Subsequent to Board meeting, SB received notice from Bill Bennett that he wants to be included in the draft. This puts our current total at 70 players.)

#### **5. Proposed New Rules – Roster Limitation**

SB suggested that we consider adopting a new rule whereby no new players could be added to a roster after 75% (or some other number) of regular season games have been completed. Concern for this was centered around teams “stacking” their roster at season/playoff end. After discussion, SB motioned and JH seconded that new players cannot be added to a roster (or pool) for the playoff roster. **Motion failed 2 (SB/BK) – 3.**

#### **6. Managers for Fall 2016/Spring 2017.**

We currently only have two managers committed to the upcoming seasons, Mike O'Donnell and JH.

JH indicated that he was releasing Ed Rushing from his commitment to co-manage with him. Both BK and RS indicated they would manage only if absolutely necessary. SB will talk to Jim Ganley to see if he will manage a team, even though he will not be physically ready to play, at the earliest, until spring 2017. RS suggested as an incentive to get guys to manage a team, that we consider waiving the league fee for managers. Discussion was held, but no decision made.

(Subsequent to Board meeting, Donnie Sternberger volunteered to manage a team.)

## **7. Out-of-Area Teams**

SB indicated that there is still a feeling, on the part of a very few players, that further “tweaking” may be needed to the out-of-area teams to ensure they are balanced when compared to local area teams. He did not feel that it is necessary to do this, citing the record for the out-of-area teams this past season/year and the fact that they have only won the league one time. RS discussed the idea of having the out-of-area teams come to the draft and draft their roster by rounds, thus making their numerical ranking of players match the local area teams. Although not unanimous, and not by formal vote, the consensus was to make no change.

## **8. Player Ratings/Draft List**

SB indicated that we need to rate each individual league player (1-6) as a guide/tool for managers to use during the draft. This will be done at a subsequent Board meeting prior to the draft. SB will provide the sheets with existing/prior ratings on players. SB also proposed that we re-rate non-drafted players between seasons. He stated that after initial ratings, some players improve/decline from original rating. Without vote, but by general consensus, it was agreed that we would handle these cases on an individual basis.

## **9. Draft Placement of Managers**

There was discussion suggesting that managers be placed in the first round of the round in which they are rated by the Board, rather than in the second round of their rating level where they have been placed by past practice. Concern was for highest rated players who serve as managers, like Mike O'Donnell, and the advantage this would give them if they received a high draft pick number (e.g. 1, 2). Although not unanimous, and without vote, the consensus was to leave the manager placement as is.

## **10. Incorporation of League**

JH raised the question of whether the Monday league should consider incorporating as a non-profit organization. He raised this same issue a few years ago. Consideration for this centers solely around potential legal risk faced by Board members in the event of a suit. Incorporating as a corporation and securing insurance protection such as D&O (Directors and Officers) coverage is a strong consideration. Of course, incorporating and obtaining insurance would cost. No formal decision was made, but it was the consensus of the Board that JH will research this issue further and report back to the Board at a future date.

## **11. Draft Order Selection**

JH mentioned that there was some concern expressed last year when the draft order selection was completed a week or so before the first day of the draft. After, discussion and by general consensus, without vote, it was agreed that the draft order selection will be done on the first day of the draft.

## **12. Managers Trading Draft Selection Order at Draft**

BK suggested that if managers want to swap their draft order that they be allowed to do so. While this has not yet happened during any one of our drafts, there is nothing to preclude it. By unanimous consensus, but without vote, it was agreed that managers could swap their draft order pick prior to the start of the actual draft.