

## MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 8/10/16

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

### 1. John Birtcher (JB)– Assistant Manager to DS

League player JB suffered a serious leg injury which will keep him from playing softball for some time. As such, he asked DS, who has volunteered to manage a Monday team, if he could assist him in managing his team as a way to keep in contact with the game and league. DS put forward this request to the Board. Without vote, but by unanimous consensus, the Board has approved JB to be a non-player/non-roster assistant to DS for the upcoming 2016-2017 seasons.

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

TJ has sent an e-mail to potential participants for this event, and is waiting for responses. He is hopeful of having a minimum of 22 players for two teams. The game will be on Friday, August 19 at Villegas Park in Riverside, with BP commencing at 8:30 am. and game time starting at 9:00 am. We will have approximately two hours in which to hold the game. It is anticipated to be a 6-inning game or possibly longer if time permits. We are responsible for marking our own commitment and scoring lines and for umpiring our own game. SB is to contact Jerry Smith about umpiring the game. 4 home runs will be allowed with a walk occurring after the fourth home run.

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

SB spoke to Adrian Williams at BLD who has given his OK for all anticipated game dates. Based on the Board's approval in our 7/27/16 Board meeting, SB offered the following (*italics*) schedule and fee for the fall 2016-2017 season.

*8 teams, fall regular season Sep 12, 2016 – Jan 2, 2017; 4-team SE Jan 9, 2017, 56 games + 4 playoff games; No divisions; 14 regular season games; two double headers for local teams \$40/player fee for 8 teams will leave a projected budget surplus of \$563.99.*

JH motioned and RS seconded that the Board approve a league fee of \$40/player for the fall 2016-2017 season.

**Motion passed 5-0**

SB indicated that he also has a 9-team schedule prepared in the event we end up with 7 “local” teams. The fee would remain at \$40 and we would have a projected budget surplus of \$290.49.

### 4. Managers for Fall/Spring 2016-2017

Subsequent to the 7/27/16 Board meeting, DS stepped up and volunteered to manage a team. Additionally, in response to the recent e-mail sent to all league players by SB indicating that we need players to step forward to manage, Ed Rushing and Steve Staley volunteered to manage a team. Prior to the Board meeting, RS sent an e-mail to SB indicating that he would be willing to consider taking a team if Nick Basta (NB) could be his assistant manager. In addition to providing RS with help managing the team, RS also felt it would give NB an opportunity to play more games as a pickup player if rated a 2 as opposed to the 1-rating he held last season/year as a result of his draft position. SB/TJ/BK were not in favor of allowing this “assistance” to RS because the league's responsibility is not to “ensure” that players get selected as pickup players. JH indicated that he was not concerned about this. His concern is to make sure that, within reason, we find ways to help guys who want to manage and that if in doing so someone such as NB also got some additional game playing time, so much the better. JH motioned and BK seconded that RS be permitted to have NB on his team as an assistant for the upcoming 2016-2017 seasons. **Motion failed 2 (JH/RS) – 3.** As a result of the vote, RS withdrew his consideration to manage a team; and TJ volunteered to manage for the upcoming 2016-2017 seasons. All six manager slots are now filled.

## 5. Player Ratings by Board

SB provided a list of players (by rating level) for the Board to review. This is done as a tool for the managers to use during the draft process. The draft position selected will ultimately determine the final rating of a player. The list provided was sorted by rating level. The players listed below, along with the revised (or new in case of new players) rating approved by the Board, are the only individuals for whom rating levels were changed. The rating levels for players not listed below remain unchanged from their most recent rating level.

N. Basta – 2; L. Bratcher – 3; T. Jadwin – 3; R. Shepard – 3; F. Swain – 3; R. Waite – 3; M. Feeney – 4; M. Graves – 4; T. Jelks – 5; B. Steele – 2; B. Bennett – 5; B. Newman – 3; E. Regalado – 3; H. Alberts – 5; M. Bailey – 5; H. Cornejo – 4; D. Haines – 4; B. Kapeller – 4; S. Miller – 5; J. Newell – 5; D. Sternberger – 4; A. Bullington – 4; R. Cruz – 2; M. Litteral – 3; B. McPhillips – 4; E. Nicholls – 4; P. Romero – 4; J. Roach – 1; J. Buss – 4.

## 6. Possible Additional New Players

BK and RS have seen possible new Monday player Joe Silva during a recent BP. Based on this initial viewing, they believe he may be a 4/5 rating. BK also indicated that Red Simmons from the Hemet league is considering the Monday league. It was strongly suggested that Simmons come out to some Monday BPs so he can be evaluated. Joe Blanchett is also another possible new player. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, SB indicated that Phil Romero, Rob Hellman, Tommy Jelks, Marty Litteral, and Mike Trice will not be in the fall 2016 draft. Mike Feeney and Larry Wood will be in the draft. We presently stand at 73 players.)

## 7. Job Descriptions

SB prepared job descriptions describing the various duties performed by the different Board members. JH gave SB some additions to add as did TJ relative to his repairing pitching screens. A brief discussion was held regarding the obvious imbalance of work performed by the league President as compared to the other Board members. Nothing was decided regarding reassigning some duties to other Board members, but this will remain an open agenda item.

SB spoke to league player Mike Fagan, who has agreed to take over the responsibility as AED Program Manager for the Monday league. This position was formerly held by league player Mike Feeney.

## 8. Draft Order Modification – Serpentine Change

The majority of the Board members expressed strong concern for the present process by which team positions not filled during the draft because of an insufficient number of players in the draft, get filled subsequent to the draft; and how this unfairly benefits the teams with “early” draft numbers because of the serpentine procedure of selection. When there is less than 72 players in the draft, the teams in the 12<sup>th</sup> round (on the right side of the draft board) receive the last 1, 2, 3, etc. players in the league. The teams further to the left on the draft board subsequently receive the benefit of, most likely, a new player to the league with a “4” rating. If 72 players are part of the draft, all teams in the 12<sup>th</sup> round would have a “6” rated player. The greater majority of the Board did not feel this was fair. JH took the position that this is all the “luck of the draw.” He indicated that to consider “flip-flopping” this “advantage/disadvantage” makes no sense. It's simply, potentially switching an “advantage” from one group of teams to another. He also feels that such a change penalizes the lower draft team numbers simply because they were lucky (unlucky?) enough to draw these lower numbers and because there wasn't 72 players in the draft. RS motioned and TJ seconded that based on a 6-team “local” draft, if more than 66 but less than 72 players are part of the draft that the draft order will be modified in a way that the team(s) with the lower draft pick numbers will first draft the balance of players in round 12 of the draft.; e.g. if there are 69 players in the draft, teams 3, 2, and 1 (in that order) will get the 3 players in the 12<sup>th</sup> round. If there are 70 players in the draft, teams 4, 3, 2, and 1 (in that order) will get the 4 players in the 12<sup>th</sup> round. In the first example, teams 6, 5, and 4 (in that order) would receive a new player entering the league (according to league policy). In the second example, teams 6, 5, 4, and 3 (in that order) would receive a new player entering the league (according to league policy). **Motion passed 4-1 (JH.)**

## **9. Incorporation of League/D&O Insurance**

This issue was raised during the 7/27/16 Board meeting. JH has the responsibility to research this item and report back to the Board at a subsequent Board meeting. Nothing has been done at this point in time. This remains an open agenda item.

## **10. First Day Draft Order Selection**

SB indicated that he would like to only draft round one on the first day of the draft, 8/29. This was discussed briefly and it was decided without vote, but by general consensus, that two rounds will be drafted on the first day of the draft.

## **11. Board Meeting Venue Selection after BP at BLD**

RS indicated that new Monday player Jack Buss owns the Pizza Factory in Menifee. He suggested that because the restaurant offers good discounts and patronage by our league/Board would help a league player, that we hold Board meetings at this location after BP at BLD. Without vote, but by unanimous agreement of the Board, this was approved.