

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 11/28/16

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

GUESTS: Mike Feeney (MF)/Mike Fagan (MFA)/Mike O'Donnell (MOD)

1. New Player Inclusions/Ratings/Player Terminations

Butch Newman added to player pool on 10/29/16. He was rated as a 3 by the Board prior to the fall 2016 draft. Jason Medeiros was added to the player pool on 11/4/16 and had previously been rated as a 1 by the Board.

Bill Wilkins (Eight Balls and rated a 6) dropped out of the league as a result of a broken finger. Hank Alberts, rated a 5 on the waiting list was added to the Eight Balls roster replacing Wilkins. Marv Ruddell (Eight Balls and rated a 5) dropped out of the league as a result of a shoulder injury. Bob Kapeller (Eight Balls and rated a 6) passed away on 11/22/16. There are no waiting list players, at this time, to replace either of these two individuals.

2. North County (NC) Player Ratings: Jeff Blakeman (1)/Bobby Jones (2)

In the 10/28/16 Board meeting minutes, SB had an assignment to determine ratings of the players Blakeman and Jones replaced. SB determined that Blakeman replaced Kevin O'Reilly who was rated a 1, and Jones replaced Ernie Vargas who was rated a 2. SB also indicated that Ken Perez, rated a 3 by NC, replaced Gary Harris, rated a 3, on the NC roster. In discussion in today's meeting, TJ believes that Jones is a 1. Neither JH nor RS have seen Jones play sufficiently to make a determination. JH stated that he also had not seen Blakeman enough to confirm his 1 rating. **(In a subsequent e-mail to the Board, JH indicated to the Board that in the 10/28/16 Board meeting, without vote, but by unanimous consensus, the Board had agreed that Blakeman would be a 1 and Jones a 2.)** Despite the ratings agreed to in the 10/28 meeting, it was agreed that all Board members would try to observe these two players on 12/5/16 when NC plays a double header.

SB reiterated what he stated in the 10/28/16 Board meeting that Rick Loy, who has previously played for NC and was rated a 3 in the fall 2015 season, will be joining NC in December, and has been re-rated by NC as a 2. He would, then, become NC's 14th roster player.

3. Waiting List

SB indicated that there are currently two players, both rated 1, on the waiting list: Hank Alonzo and Brian Allen. Dan Cotterel (4 rating) has been removed from the waiting list and the pool player list.

4. AED

Mike Feeney, who previously was the AED Program Manager for the Monday league, brought in extra pads and training material to give to Mike Fagan, who will take over that role. It was agreed that Mike Fagan would conduct a refresher training course on the operation of the AED. This will be done on Wednesday, 12/14 after BP. The goal is to have in attendance all those previously trained who are still around, any others who are interested, and either the manager or at least one representative from each Monday league team.

5. Rainouts

Now that Torrey Pines is no longer available for make-up rainout games, the Board discussed various alternatives. SB gave the results of the "survey" of each team as to whether Wednesdays would be a possible fallback day. While the results were not completely conclusive, there seems to be enough players that would be available to play on Wednesdays for us to consider using that day as a rainout backup. SB motioned and JH seconded that the immediate (if possible) Wednesday following a Monday rainout would be the formal designated rainout makeup day. **Motion passed 4-0.**

6. Disabled Veterans Tournament

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 has been confirmed for our next veterans tournament, with Wednesday, March 1, 2017 serving as backup date. SSUSA has also been contacted, and they will be placing this tournament (under recreation tournaments) on their website.

Last year, the tournament had its capacity of 20 teams. There was some discussion in this meeting to restrict the teams to those 65 and older, since Marv Ruddell holds a similar tournament in March for the “younger” players. Although not unanimous, and without vote, the general consensus was to not limit teams based on age, other than teams/players had to be 55 or older. It was similarly agreed that the home run derby be handled as last year with 3 separate age categories.

To honor Bob Kapeller, whose idea it was for the league to host a charity tournament to benefit Wounded Warriors, MF suggested that we consider naming the tournament in Bob's honor. It was also offered that we remove the word disabled from the title in order to give us flexibility in the future should we want to support veterans that are not disabled. RS motioned and JH seconded that we name our annual tournament The Bob Kapeller Memorial Tournament Benefiting USA Veterans.

Motion passed 4-0.

MF will continue to act as Director for this tournament. He still has an open bank account for this purpose, and would expect, as in years past, that all monies come in to him. MF reminded us that we discussed the possibility last year of representing 4 Paws 4 Patriots (4P4P) as our tournament charity, but were too far along with Wounded Warriors to be able to make the change. He told us that representatives from 4P4P would like to meet with the Board. MF stepped out of the Board meeting and was able to get in touch with 4P4P CEO Tim LeBlanc. He scheduled a meeting with the Board and LeBlanc for Wednesday, 11/30/16 at BLD at 2:00 P.M.

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, MF, JH and SB met with Tim LeBlanc, and his son Justin at BLD on Wednesday, 11/30/16. The following represent some highlights, in no order of importance, of some of the things discussed with LeBlanc. He founded 4P4P in 1979 and is the company CEO. The company is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) corporation. They have 7 locations in CA (including Temecula, San Diego, Riverside and Orange County) plus 2 locations in Utah. Last year they put 300 disabled vets through his program. He gets the bulk of his dogs from shelters (200 last year), with the balance being brought in by the disabled vet or donated. Depending on the number of vets/dogs in any given training class, it costs approximately \$1,500 to train the vet/dog. It takes about 1 year for the full training of the vet/dog to be completed. He receives approximately one-half of his donations from individual donors and one-half from companies/organizations. He indicated that he runs a very lean organization and that 90% of contributions got to the vets. He said that we could, if we so choose, designate that our donations go to specific individual(s) or location(s). Although all Board members were not present, MF/JH/SB told LeBlanc that we would like to represent his organization in our 2017 event.)

(In an unscheduled Board meeting attended by all four Board members on Monday, 12/5/16, TJ motioned and RS seconded that the immediate above motion be rescinded and that the tournament be named The Bob Kapeller Memorial Tournament Benefiting Disabled American Veterans.

Motion passed 3-1 (JH)

7. League Liability/D&O Insurance

JH contacted SSUSA on Friday, 11/25/16. He received a voice message indicating that they were closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and would not return until Monday, 12/5/16 as they were attending a convention in Las Vegas. JH left a message indicating that he wished to speak to someone regarding insurance coverage.

8. Proposed Injury Rule

SB told the Board of a recent incident in the Menifee Tuesday/Thursday league where a pitcher was hit in the side of the face by a batted ball, the resulting reaction by the batter (he rushed to the side of the pitcher rather than run toward first base), and the subsequent “call” by the umpire. As a result, SB thought that although this is a rare occurrence, that we consider approving a rule for such an event to give our umpires some guidance as well as to make a statement as to safety being the most important factor in our league. JH motioned and SB seconded that the Board approve the following league rule:

“If, in the umpire’s sole judgement, a player appears to be seriously injured during a play, whether or not timeout had been called on the play, timeout will be assumed to have been called in order to permit attendance to the injured player. When play is resumed the umpire may, at his own discretion, award bases which, in his judgement, would have occurred had a timeout not been called.”

Motion passed 4-0.

9. Reschedule 1/2/17 Games

Because of some concern raised by a manager that we consider changing games scheduled on Monday, 1/2/17 because of parade and football bowl games scheduled that day, SB brought this issue before the Board. There was consensus that we try to play games that are scheduled, if at all possible, considering the rainouts we've already had, and the possibility for more. JH reminded the Board that SB had spoken to Adrian Williams well prior to the start of the fall 2016 season as to whether BLD would, in fact, be open on 1/2/17. It was confirmed that it would be, and we discussed the pros and cons of playing on that January date back in August, 2016. JH motioned and RS seconded that we retain the existing 1/2/17 game schedule. **Motion passed 4-0.**

10. New Board Member

The question was raised about replacing Bob Kapeller on the Board. JH said, out of respect for Bob, that he did not want to consider anything on this issue until after the first of the year. Without vote, the Board concurred. This will remain an open item.