

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 7/1/16

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

GUEST: M. O'Donnell (MOD)

1. MOD

MOD voiced his concerns to the Board about Brandon's Diner (BD) playing with unauthorized rosters, ineligible players, and an illegal player; North County (NC) playing with an illegal player; favoritism being shown to out-of-area teams regarding scheduling; problems with the schedule where games end up being scheduled in the worse possible heat conditions and not scheduling doubleheaders to alleviate some of the scheduling issues; and getting no response from the Board on some of his e-mails. JH stated to MOD that there was no reason to rehash the roster/illegal player issues, as these had been dealt with by the Board some time ago, and there was nothing productive about going back that far. It was explained, however, the discipline that was given to the illegal NC player, as well as some of the recent changes the Board has imposed on the out-of-area teams both in terms of roster limitations, player ratings, picking up new players, and picking up replacement players. SB explained that one of the concessions made very early to the out-of-area teams, was to schedule their games back-to-back and in the early time slots. He also explained, now that some time has elapsed, we are (have) given split doubleheader times to out-of-area teams, and will continue to do so. SB also explained that MOD apparently did not have SB's correct e-mail, which would explain why he did not receive response to some of his concerns. SB also explained to MOD his rationale for setting up the schedule in general as relates to games scheduled for later in the year. He also indicated to MOD that we would be discussing the schedule for 2016-2017 season, which would, hopefully, address MOD's issues/concerns.

2. Meeting Venue After BP At Spencer's Crossing

Without vote, but by unanimous consensus (JH not yet arrived) it was agreed that Board meetings would be held at the Pizza Factory in French Valley after batting practice at Spencer's Crossing.

3. Player Ratings

SB stated he would like to see some modification to the rating of players, post-draft, in order to more quickly allow new players to be placed on a team when there is an opening. His concern is more specifically related to those players whose rating is not absolutely clear. SB motioned and JH seconded that new post-draft, players, whose rating, as determined by the Board is "unclear," will be given a provisional rating until consideration for being placed on a team is imminent, at which time a final rating will be determined by the Board for such a player. The motion further indicates that there is to be no equivocation by a Board member when assigning a rating to a new player. **Motion passed 4-1 (TJ)**

4. Game Schedules for Fall 2016/Spring 2017 Seasons

SB suggested that we revert back to a short fall season and longer spring season and had a tentative schedule for that predicated on nine (9) teams. JH reminded the Board that while we could make this change, we would have to vote on such a change, as some time back in a prior Board meeting we had voted to have balanced 14-game schedules for the fall and spring seasons on a go forward basis.

After reviewing a “tentative” fall 2016 player listing, in which SB indicated we have 80 possible players for the fall 2016 season, that number was whittled down to 74 players, including possible new players Andy Bullington and Ed Nicholls. Although no final decision was made, the general conclusion is that we will not have a sufficient number of players to generate a seventh (7th) local team. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, SB was contacted by Phil Romero who indicated he wants to participate in the fall 2016 draft. This would leave us at 75 players tentatively.)

The general sentiment expressed by the Board is that we go on hiatus for the fall 2016 season prior to the Christmas/New Year holidays, and that we make every attempt to complete the spring 2017 season by mid to end of June, if not earlier, by including doubleheaders if/when necessary.

RS suggested we consider two balanced 10 games seasons with two divisions and all eight teams participating in the playoffs.

TJ motioned and JH seconded that we retain the existing season schedule scheme: two balanced 14-game seasons, complete the spring season by mid-June, include doubleheaders as needed to fulfill the schedule, and the top four teams to compete in the playoffs. **Motion passed 5-0.**

5. Proposed New Rules

a. Limit the Maximum Number of Pickups during Playoffs

This issue was discussed briefly and it was decided by general consensus of the Board, without vote, to leave the pickup player policy as is.

b. No New Players after 75% (?) of Regular Season Completed

SB raised this issue to prevent teams, particularly out-of-area teams, from loading up on new players at end of year and during playoffs. JH indicated that if we intended to deal with this issue for this season, we should have raised this earlier. It was agreed by general consensus of the Board, without vote, that we would not formalize anything regarding this issue at this point in time and that it would remain an open item.

6. Automatic Flip-Flop

At the beginning of this year, SSUSA revised their flip-flop rule to make it mandatory for all games, including seeding games. Shortly thereafter, this Board reviewed that change and decided not to incorporate that change since run differential could have an impact on playoff standings. JH and SB received an e-mail complaint from player Ron Martel a while ago in which he asked that the Board consider adopting the SSUSA revised rule.

7. Managers for Fall/Spring 2016-2017

TJ indicated that we need to start recruiting managers for the upcoming seasons. With the exception of RS, it appears that none of the remaining five “local” managers will be returning to manage.

After a review of all league players, the following names were identified as possible managers; RS; BK; JH; Frit Swain; Glenn Stevenson; Larry Littlejohn; Roger Waite; Donnie Sternberger; Bob Olsen.

8. Greg Brandt

The question was raised as to whether pool player Greg Brandt made himself available as a pickup player only for certain managers/teams and whether he was available to play full time. After discussion, it was determined that Brandt was not exclusive to only certain teams. TJ will contact Brandt to determine if Brandt will be available for the fall 2016 draft.

9. Out-of-Area Pool Players

JH raised the issue with the Board that four former Brandon's Diner (BD) players were shown in the player pool. One, Tom Jelks, had subsequently moved to Hemet, had been placed on a "local" team, and was not a concern relative to this issue. The other three were problematic. JH referenced the 2/12/16 Board minutes in which the Board limited the out-of-area teams to a maximum of 14 players on their roster and the 3/14/16 minutes in which the Board declared, without vote, but unanimously (SB dissenting), that out-of-area teams could not place former players in the player pool. SB indicated that he spoke to BD manager D. Gutierrez about this, as well as the three players in question. He indicated that he told them that they would have to agree to be available for pickup by all teams and that they would be willing to come to play for one game, or stay over for a third game if playing as a pickup player on the same game day as BD. SB said all agreed. JH indicated that this didn't matter since the practicality is that these players would only be available to the out-of-area team and that the effect of this is to give them a larger roster, thus negating the 2/12/16 Board decision regarding roster limitation. JH indicated that he had seen one of the players, Guy Swick, play for BD on two separate occasions in recent months. By Board consensus, with SB dissenting, SB was asked to inform BD manager Dan Gutierrez that these players were being removed from the pool and that he could not add terminated players to the pool. SB will inform him that, according to existing policy, these pool players could permanently replace current roster players who leave his roster, but again the replaced players could not be added the player pool.

10. Riverside Community Office on Aging Exhibition Game

TJ indicated that there will be a 6-inning game on Friday, August 19 at Villegas Park in Riverside for players 55 and older. The game is scheduled to run from 9-11:00 a.m. There is some potential conflict with the San Clemente tournament which begins on Friday, 8/19 which may impact some of the "younger" players. TJ will put together a roster of 26 players comprising two teams.