

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 11/12/23

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); R. Barnhart (RB); J. Hansell (JH); E. Rushing (ER); G. Stevenson (GS)
Guest: C. Yap (CY) – (Near end of meeting)

Last Board meeting 8/7/23 (Fall draft).

1. Action Items

On 8/8, JH/SB collaborated on an email sent to the 7 players not drafted. **Item closed.**

2. Open items from previous meetings

SB/GS - Our website, which had been hacked, has now been rebuilt. GS pointed out that although he has “built” some firewalls to protect our data, it does take ongoing effort/monitoring to ensure that our website does not get hacked.

Item closed.

3. 2023 Fall Season

Projected Balance: per SB

\$341.86 - from 8/7/23 meeting

+ \$55.00 - added 1 league fee; Team F has 12 full-time paying players, not 11

+ \$50.00 - 1 less field due to 8/21 rainout; Schedule - REV. 1

-\$100.00 - 2 more fields due to 10/2 field maintenance from “overfeeding” on all fields; Schedule - REV. 2

+ \$80.14 - decrease cost of “tournament” awards

-\$120.00 - purchase 2 doz. more Dudley NCS softballs @ \$60/doz. (see agenda item 11. below)

\$307.00 **Item remains open.**

4. Field Designations

Effective October 23, approximately 2/3 of our playing dates will be scheduled on the minor league fields and the remaining dates on Yankee and Dodger. Field designations are identified on the Schedule. JH pointed out that there was a field “problem” on 11/6/23. We were scheduled to play on Durham and Pawtucket. Those two fields were not prepared on 11/6 and we were moved to Yankee/Dodger. **Item closed.**

5. Rule 22. Playoffs and Tournaments

SB indicated that SB/JH initiated clarifying language for the Monday league rules regarding “playoffs” and “tournaments”. The league website was updated accordingly. **Item closed.**

6. Picking up the same full-time player to replace one particular player who'll be missing numerous games

JH pointed out that, at times, teams have been picking up players from other teams for extended periods of time, and that while this was precluded with pool players (there is language in the existing Pool Player Policy which precludes this), there is nothing preventing this from occurring based on Rule 8, Pickup Players. The following is the first two sentences from Rule 8. *“All teams may “pick up” players until they reach 12 players. A pickup must be a waiting list, pool, or full-time player. Players are BOD-rated 1 (highest), 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.”* JH motioned and SB seconded that the following sentence in **red font** be added after the second sentence of Rule 8. If approved, this would be similar language as contained in the Pool Player Policy. **A pickup player is to be available for ALL teams to pick up as a replacement player but is not to become the personal province of any one team. Motion failed 2 (SB/JH) – 3.**

JH noted to the Board since this motion failed, the Board should address the aforementioned Pool Player Policy which has language almost identical to that which was just denied in this motion.

ER motioned, and GS seconded, to delete the following sentence from the Pool Player Policy:

“A pool player is to be available for ALL teams to pick up as a replacement player and is not authorized to become the personal province of any one team.”

Motion passed 3 – 2 (SB/JH). SB to modify the Pool Player Policy to reflect this change. **Item remains open.**

7. Bob Kapeller Memorial Tournament (BKMT7) - 2024

- a. On 9/6, Tom Lowry/BLD approved scheduling BKMT7 for Wednesday, February 21, 2024; and a makeup date, if necessary, for Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

RB to confirm these dates since they did not appear on the BLD/Perris 2024 tournament schedule.

On 9/30, SB emailed an announcement with a flyer to Nicholas Francois/SSUSA to be posted under 2024 Recreational Tournaments. Posted on 10/2. Link: <https://seniorsoftball.com/?event=1952>

On 9/30, SB emailed an announcement with a flyer to last year's team managers and about 25 additional teams.

- b. Significant discussion around changing BKMT from a charity tournament to one for in which the proceeds would benefit the Monday league. ER expressed strong feelings that the proceeds from this tournament should be directed to offset league costs such as: defibrillator repair/replacement, pitching screen repair/replacement, purchase of balls, etc. JH's position is that this tournament, originally the Wounded Warrior Tournament (WWT), was started by league co-founder Bob Kapeller as a 100% charity tournament and has been operating as such by the Monday league between the WWT, and our present charity 4 Paws 4 Patriots for over 10 years and that we should, rightfully, honor Bob's wishes and legacy and maintain tournament proceeds distribution as it has been for 10+ years. SB mentioned that during the course of the life of this tournament that we have communicated to all participants that 100 % of net proceeds (after paying tournament expenses) go to the charity. SB also indicated that the balls purchased/used for the tournament do inure to the league. JH also stated that covering league expenses, even those unexpected/unanticipated, has never been a serious issue for the league.

ER motioned and JH seconded that 100% of the net proceeds from the BKMT be directed toward covering league expenses. ER modified, and JH seconded, that the previous motion to 50% of the BKMT net proceeds be directed toward covering league expenses. After much discussion, and a related discussion surrounding Item 10., ER rescinded his motion. **Item remains open.**

8. Insurance/Certificate of Liability – 2024

JH sent an email on 10/10/23 to Stephanie Hopkins (SH) at SSUSA regarding insurance. JH gave information relative to 7 teams, instead of 9, for 2024. JH received an email from SH, the same day, indicating that she will no longer be handling insurance or “softballs” and that she would forward my email information to Amal (female) who will be handling insurance going forward. **Item remains open.**

9. New Umpire

John Benedict (pool/WL) agreed to umpire the rest of the season or until he replaces a future dropout. **Item closed.**

10. Defibrillator

RB will contact Dan Olivas to determine if Olivas will assume responsibility as league defibrillator coordinator.

RB will also check with Tom Lowry/BLD to see if there is a secure (locked) and temperature-controlled space at BLD that he would be willing to provide to the Monday league. **Item remains open.**

11. Softballs

Per Tom Lowry/BLD, HR balls hit out of the park are being taken by UPS personnel on their break.

SB believes that HR balls remaining in the park are being taken by the ground crew personnel. SB spoke to Lowry about having ground crew personnel hold the balls for the Monday league. A followup with Lowry indicated he forgot to have that conversation. **Item remains open.**

12. Toys for Tots – December 2024

RB will check with Tom Lowry/BLD to determine if there are any dates available in early December 2024 for the Monday league to consider holding a Toys for Tots tournament. **Item remains open.**

13. New Player Tryouts – Prickly Pear Park – 11/12/23 – Dave English/Rawlin Dean

Both players were evaluated by the Board and subsequently placed in the pool/waiting list. **Item closed.**

**14. Roster Changes - REDACT this agenda item only IF NO CHANGES from last board meeting.
(Changes, if any, identified in red below.)**

a. Roster Openings (in roster opening order):

ER informed the Board that Brian Allen (4) will be dropping out of the league due to injuries.

SB indicated to ER, that Jerry Smith (5) would be next up to replace Allen.

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, ER contacted Smith who accepted his assignment to Team C, Blue Bolts.)

b. Pool/Waiting List Players (in eligibility order):

8/7/23: Ed Carroll (6)

10/23/23: Tom Olsen (1)

10/30/23: John Benedict (3)

11/12/23: Rawlin Dean (2), Dave English (4)

c. Injured List (IL):

7/30/23: Bill Newman (2) --- not available until 2024 Spring season

8/2/23: Bill Ward (4) --- knee injury, will let SB know when ready to play

d. Miscellaneous Changes:

8/11/23: Leonard Sanchez (2) replaced Mark Aumann (3) on TP; Aumann -> pool

8/15/23: Greg Cole (6) replaced Juan Guerrero (6) on The A-Team

9/18/23: Roy Alberts (1) replaced Tom Larson (3) on TP

10/16/23: Tom Larson (3) replaced Randy Reynolds (3) on Greyhounds; Randy moved to San Diego

11/6/23: Robbie Baptista (1) replaced Terry Shin (1) on Balls on Base; Shinn -> pool

11/6/23: Herb Younker (6) replaced Dennis McCoy (6) on Balls on Base

11/10/23: Chip Harkey (2) replaced Rod Prather (3) on A Team

11/12/23: Jerry Smith (5) replaced Brian Allen (4) on Blue Bolts

Without vote, but with general consensus of the Board, new players coming into the league as permanent replacements for the Fall 2023 season, with approximately 1/3 of season and possible single-elimination playoff remaining, will not be charged a league fee.