

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); R. Barnhart (RB); D. Bates (DB) J. Hansell (JH); G. Stevenson (GS)

MANAGERS/ASSISTANTS: SB/JH; R. Braun/R. Martel; D. Hunt (via phone)/J. Prybylla; J. Leavitt/DB;

M. O'Donnell/B. Olson; C. Yap (CY)

## 1. Action Items

### a. Equipment Responsibility

- (1) SB told the managers that Board members have shared the responsibility for getting equipment out to the field(s) for BP and for the start of games. With 2 Board members, RB and GS, not participating in the draft and, consequently, not available to share equipment responsibility, this left only DB and JH to handle this (SB returns all equipment after games), which is an unreasonable burden, and impractical given variability of game start times. SB indicated to the managers, that the Board had discussed, and voted, to give the managers, on a shared basis, that responsibility. SB further told the managers that keys were made for each manager, and that access/use of the equipment would only be for MVUDSS league games.
- (2) DB told the managers that he had five (5) keys made for the five managers who did not have keys. He provided the keys to each manager.
- (3) JH told the managers that he would be providing, to the managers, both a schedule of when each manager had equipment responsibility and a sheet outlining the specifics of what a manager has to know about the process of getting the equipment to the field(s). He briefly told the managers: the equipment is located in the orange storage bin, which is located outside and behind the BLD main office building at the point of the building facing right field of Yankee Stadium; there is a collapsible wagon in the storage bin in which to move the equipment; the equipment is to be taken to the field(s) in time for BP; and, of course, games. Lastly, JH cautioned managers that they may have to be patient regarding when the gates are actually opened, whether 7:00 am for 8:00 a.m. starts or 8:00 am. for 9:00 am. starts. They may have to wait/flag down a field worker with keys. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 8/10/24, JH emailed an equipment responsibility schedule and equipment responsibility guidelines to all managers). **Item closed.**

b. SB provided managers with lineup cards and stressed that these must be filled out prior to the start of each game. **Item closed.**

c. SB indicated that in the 7/28/24 Board meeting, the Board agreed to use Onyx 44/375 balls for the upcoming 2024-2025 seasons, and will trade 12 doz. Dudley Hardcore softballs in its possession for 12 doz. Onyx softballs from Chris Yap. The Onyx balls may not be available on opening day, in which case we will use the NCS Dudley Thunder 44/525 balls, that were used during the 2023-2024 seasons, until the Onyx balls are available. **Item remains open.**

## 2. Open items from previous meetings

### a. Revisit SSUSA Rule Changes 1.5 Batters Box and 7.3 Batting Position

This rule change was **not** adopted by MVUDSS at the 12/27/23 board meeting. See MVUDSS Rule 30. It will be revisited after the SSUSA Rules Committee Meeting in December, 2024. SB informed the managers of this decision by the Board. **Item remains open.**

### b. Teams Loading Up With Replacement Players

SB briefly discussed this issue with the managers, indicating the issue in question and the issues being discussed by the Board. They were informed by SB that RB and DB have collaborated on a proposal which will be discussed in a subsequent Board meeting. **Item remains open.**

## 3. 2024 Fall Season

### a. Projected Balance:

\$639.62 - from 7/28 meeting  
- \$38.93 - new managers' gifts  
-\$150.00 - (Subsequent to Board meeting, Flournoy, Ziemer, Crozier dropped out. League fees will be returned.)

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\$450.69

- b. On 7/30/24, SB emailed the game schedule to Tom Lowry (TL)/BLD requesting his review and approval. SB shared this information with managers and indicated confidence that this would be approved. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 8/7/24, SB texted TL asking if we had the OK to start games on 8/12/24 at 8:00 am., with gates opening at 7:00 am. TL texted his approval same day.) **Item closed.**

#### 4. Important Dates

SB reminded managers that August 5, 2024 is the player draft and August 12 is the start of the 2024 Fall Season.

#### 5. Player Draft – SB reviewed pertinent items for the draft and the 2024 Fall season.

- a. # of draftees: 72
- b. Managers: (1) John Leavitt/Asst. David Bates; (2) Mike O'Donnell/Asst. Bill Olson; (3) Chris Yap/Asst. Greg Abejon; (4) Dennis Hunt/Asst. John Prybylla; (5) Robb Braun/Asst. Ron Martel; (6) Steve Baranick/ Asst. Joe Hansell
- c. The 2024 Fall Season league fee is \$50/player payable to Steve Baranick (not MVUDSS) on August 12.
- d. SB briefly reviewed the fall schedule and indicated the schedule is posted on the league website.
- e. SB told the managers that they needed to provide a team name either at the meeting or text him with a name as soon as possible. He also indicated that team colors would be selected at the end of the draft and that selection would be in reverse order of draft order.
- f. SB spoke to the managers about public urination at the BLD facility, reminding them that over the course of a number of years, including this past season, players have been caught urinating on BLD property. He informed managers that BLD has no more tolerance left with MVUDSS on this issue and if this happens again, this could well cause BLD to remove us, permanently, from playing at BLD. SB also informed managers that if any player/umpire/coach/manager is caught doing this, he will be immediately, and permanently, removed from the league. SB asked the managers to relay all of this to their players.

#### 6. AED Training Course

SB informed the managers that an AED training course will be held on August 12, 2024 during a break between the 8:00 am and 10:00 am games and encouraged managers to have their players attend.

The training will be conducted by David Olivas.

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. games, Dan Olivas conducted an AED training session, with approximately 35 players in attendance). **Item closed.**

#### 7. Draft

##### a. Draft Order with Team Names and Team Colors

Team A – O'Donnell - ?/Carolina Blue

Team B – Hunt - Jokers/Purple

Team C – Braun – Red Zeppelin/Red

Team D – Baranick - White On !/White

Team E – Leavitt – Greyhounds/Grey

Team F – Yap – Rawlings/Royal Blue

- b. Draft – 72 players selected. SB posted, on league website, spreadsheet with positions drafted for all players. **ATTACHMENT** included with minutes. There were no trades consummated during the draft.

- c. (Subsequent to the draft, D. Flournoy, a “6”, selected by Team F/Rawlings, had to drop out due to physical issues, leaving Team D eligible to pick up a “4”, “5”, or “6” rated player, if available. E. Rushing will be picked up as a pool player to replace Flournoy, and Rushing will determine if he will be able to play full time.

Additionally, J. Ziemer, a “5”, Team E/Greyhounds had to drop out due to physical issues leaving Team E eligible to pick up a “4”, “5”, or “6” rated player, if available and B. Crozier, a “3” had to drop out due to family issues leaving Team D/White On! eligible to pick up a “2”, “3”, or “4” rated player, if available. All 3 teams now have 11 players).

**BELOW ITEM WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN THIS BOARD/DRAFT MEETING**

**8. 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):

- 8/6/24: Dave Flournoy (6) quit Rawlings/Team F
- 8/7/24: Jim Ziemer (5) quit Greyhounds/Team E
- 8/15/24: Brian Crozier (3) quit White On!/Team D

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

c. Injured List (IL):

- 7/23/24: Bill Newman (2) --- PT on knee, possible return 2025 Spring Season
- 7/11/24: Don Finn (1) --- ready in November

d. Miscellaneous Changes:

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MENIFEE VALLEY UPPER DIVISION SENIOR SOFTBALL  
AUGUST 5, 2024 – FALL 2024 DRAFT**

DRAFT ROUND	DRAFT POS.	TEAM A Bella's Bombers		TEAM B Jokers		TEAM C Red Zeppelin		TEAM D White On !		TEAM E Greyhounds		TEAM F Rawlings		DRAFT POS.	DRAFT ROUND
		Mike O'Donnell		Dennis Hunt		Robb Braun		Steve Baranick		John Leavitt		Chris Yap			
		Carolina Blue		Purple		Red		White		Gray		Royal Blue			
#1	1	Doc" Burke	1	Hays	2	Carreon	3	Roach	4	McCasland	5	Loard	6	1	#1
#2		O'Donnell	12	Baptista	11	Hixson	10	Robertson	9	Leavitt	8	Dean	7		#2
#3	2	Randolph	13	Brunschmid	14	Skidmore	15	Lilley	16	Cruz	17	Tom Olsen	18	2	#3
#4		Vasquez	24	Medeiros	23	Camou	22	Chip Harkey	21	Halldorson	20	Villareal	19		#4
#5	3	Pickett	25	Prybylla	26	Lopez	27	Brasch	28	Morrison	29	Abejon	30	3	#5
#6		Felix	36	Hunt	35	Kurianski	34	Crozier	33	Alonzo	32	Yap	31		#6
#7	4	Katz	37	Baker	38	Martel	39	Herrera	40	Preszler	41	Jerry Harkey	42	4	#7
#8		David Olivas	48	Newman	47	Braun	46	Skog	45	Bates	44	Borroel	43		#8
#9	5	Allamby	49	Cortez	50	Regalado	51	Shepard	52	Buyak	53	Patterson	54	5	#9
#10		Bill Olson	60	Bivin	59	DelaRosa	58	Hansell	57	Zierner	56	Kerby	55		#10
#11	6	McWhorter	61	Jankowski	62	Bob Olsen	63	Younker	64	Trisler	65	Flournoy	66	6	#11
#12		Donato	72	Gingerelli	71	McCoy	70	Baranick	69	English	68	Smith	67		#12