

July 12, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at via Conference Call.

Board members present: Steve Quinn, Ron Kunert, Ed Tworek, Dick Smith, Dave Dye, Chuck Grubb, Dave Janda and Dave Banghart.

SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Per the current schedule, the final night of summer season play is Wednesday, July 27, 2011. There are currently 5 games scheduled for that night as well as the Championship game. As of the current date there are 3 to 4 teams in contention for playing the Championship Game; in the National division: Brewers and Marlins; in the American division: Orioles, Athletics and Royals. The Marlins, Orioles, and Royals will have completed their season play on Monday, July 25. This leaves the possibility of the Athletics and/or Brewers having to play a double header if they should qualify for the Championship Game. Since there are 5 remaining nights of schedule play the standings will have to be monitored one game at a time until we reach the date of Monday 7/25. Dave Banghart has discussed with LaVista Sports Complex the option of using Field #5 on Tuesday 7/26 playing early games if needed to avoid any team playing a double header on 7/27. A motion was made by Dave Banghart and 2nd by Ed Tworek: If needed, to avoid a potential doubleheader game on Wednesday, 7/27, final league games for possible candidates for the Championship Game would play the scheduled Wednesday, 7/27 game on Tuesday, 7/26 on field #5 at 6:15 and/or 7:30. The Summer Championship game between the leaders of each division will be played at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, July 27, 2011. Board members voted 6 in favor of the motion, 1 abstaining (Tworek); the motion carried.

SUMMER LEAGUE MEETING & COOK OUT: The summer league meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at the Elmwood Park Pavilion. Ed Tworek has spoken with Joe Beninato and we have the park pavilion reserved from 6:00-10:00 pm. We are allowed to arrive 3 minutes early and should have everything cleaned up and be out by 10:30 pm. A fee of \$600 is being paid to reserve the pavilion. This cost includes \$250 for the pavilion, \$100 for the beer permit, & \$250 refundable security deposit. Gary Kruse has volunteered to be in charge of getting the necessary food and grilling. Steve Quinn and Ron Kunert will provide assistance to Gary. A major agenda item for this meeting will be the election of 2 board members. The 3 year term of Dave Banghart and Ed Tworek will end at the conclusion of the fall banquet. The nomination committee will consist of Dave Banghart, Ed Tworek, and was also suggested to ask Bill Smuck and Duane Carolus to assist them. Any league members interested in submitting their names for consideration for election to the board should speak with any of these gentlemen, or any other member of the current Board of Directors. Interested candidates will need to submit and Board election application form.

FALL 2011 REGISTRATION: Registration for the Fall 2011 season has opened. The deadline for submitting your registration and fees for the Fall season is 7/31/11. As done for the spring registration players will have the option of submitting their registration online or printing the registration form and mailing to the appropriate address.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Dick Smith – All jersey issues have been resolved. We currently have an inventory of 96 balls, which should be enough to get us through the remainder of the summer season, and all of the fall

season. We also have 12 Pool Player shirts and caps available to players until they are permanently assigned to a team.

- Ed Tworek – The player ejection rule: A motion was made by Ed Tworek and 2nd by Ron Kunert to update the wording in the player guidelines in the event of a player ejection. “If a player is ejected from the game by the umpire, the player must leave the premises. When his spot comes up in the batting lineup it will be a recorded out. The team is not allowed to draft a replacement player for the ejected player. A team’s EH batter is allowed to fill the ejected player’s defensive position. (*) If a current roster player is present but has declared himself hurt and/or unable to play prior to the start of the game, he will not be allowed to reverse his declaration and enter the game to fill the defensive position of the ejected player. Board members voted 7-0 in favor of the motion, the motion carried.
- Dave Dye – Dave has sent an e-mail out to all current managers to gage feedback of players returning for the fall season. He has currently heard back from Blue Jays (7), White Sox (10), and Twins (9).
- Chuck Grubb – Current ticket sales for the Storm Chasers night are 122 for party deck and 12 box seats. Chuck has already received a check for \$750 from Ed Tworek paid to the Storm Chasers. The balance due for all tickets is due 7/29/11. Chuck will be accepting ticket requests up to 7/20. Date of the event is Tuesday, August 9, game time is 7:05 pm and gates open at 5:30. Those with tickets for the party deck will receive a 90 minute buffet of hot dogs, burgers, chips, ice tea & lemonade. A cash bar for beer will also be available. Chuck has been discussing electronic scoreboards with Scott Stopak of LaVista parks. Chuck has contacted a company in Canada that could provide electronic scoreboards which measure 9’L x 2 ½’H with wireless remote and RF radio frequency box. Approximate cost would be \$6,000. Scott thought there was existing conduit to both fields 3 & 4. Chuck has also been working with Superior Lighting on the issue, and they have informed him there is conduit for field #4 at the left field fence, but none on field #3. It would be easy enough to run a trench from field 4 to field 3 to add the additional conduit, but would need approval from the city of LaVista. Chuck is expecting to receive an approximate estimate \$5000 from Superior Lighting. He is looking for a Corporate Sponsor to help fund the project and has approached Joe Haines of DLR. Joe found it to be a very interesting idea and will bring it up to his partners.
- Dave Banghart – Noted that not all the managers are posting the umpire ratings on the website. Would like to see more participation, as this is a valuable tool for evaluating the current umpires and determining if we will be interested in continuing to invite them to officiate games for our league. Dave asked if we should proceed to set up pre-assigned umpires for the fall season using the umpires from the summer season, or do we want to look at inviting some new umpires to officiate games. It has been suggested that we should look at some of the umpires from Bellevue and invite them to officiate the league. Dave will contact some of those recommended and get feedback on their interest. He will move forward to set up 6 pre-assigned umpires for the fall season, utilizing the spring evaluations provided by the managers.
- Ron Kunert – Requested to address the issue of intentional walks to heavy hitters in the league. There has been some feedback that players are discouraged when they are intentionally walked (to avoid a possible homerun) and are not given a chance to swing the bat. His initial suggestion was that a batter should receive at least one (1) strike before the pitcher can intentionally put them on base. The general consensus of the other board members was against this suggestion. However, further discussion suggested limiting intentional walks to players, using the fun tournament format: if the batter is walked they stay at the plate and another player enters as the base runner, the walked

batter remains at bat until he puts the ball in play. This may be an item for discussion on the summer league meeting.

- Steve Quinn – Has been discussing with Alan Hardt regarding the availability and capacity allowance of the Elk Ridge Village for the fall banquet. At this time we are penciled in on their calendar, but there is a concern about enough space. It is believed that we had approximately 180 guests at the banquet last year, and how many more can they accommodate. Dave Banghart has also discussed the matter with Alan and was told they can accommodate over 200.

On a final note, everyone commented that although they were concerned with the format of this evening's meeting, all found that the Conference Call worked very well. The board will consider using this method again in the future if necessary

A motion was made by Dave Banghart and 2nd by Dave Dye to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Sue Kunert

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