

Senior Softball Board Minutes

Unofficial

January 15th, 2018
Sean O'Caseys Pub
6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Steve Quinn called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

Steve Quinn, Mark Opfer, Steve Bessey, Dave Dye, Bill Weller, Tom Holder, Ron Frank
Gary Kruse via skype

Board members absent: none

Guests present:

Roger Hein, B.J., Bob Maertz, Dave Janda, Chuck Trofholz, Danny Fields, Suzy Voller

Motion to approve December minutes was approved unanimously.

Board member discussion

Dave:

- survey results... 144 out of 185 responded
- question #1, double header question, 49-51%
- question #2, 3 fields, 95% and ditch the 9:30 games
- question #3, jerseys, 51-49% for major/non-major jerseys
- question #4 format of banquet 62% this year vs 38% previous year
- question #5 68% buffet vs. 32% sit down dinner

Comments and discussion about survey results: some can't/didn't attend banquet yet they couldn't skip the question, different factors for question #4, should have had separate question for banquet question, buffet line-no brainer as well as no more 9:30 games.

Tom:

- working on the senior bat sticker
- working on the rules
- suggested an agenda before next meeting- agenda will be sent out to board members

Bill:

- closed 2018 books with a positive account balance
- Choice Hotels commission checks and rain out games helped leave league in the positive
- Chuck has registration on computer. Bill can get in and see it. Zack will help Chuck.
- suggestion to invite Chuck to next meeting to see what he wants to do for web site
- 2019 budget proposals need to be turned into Bill ASAP from board members

Ron:

- 3 fields—the fields will be the same price as they were last year
- dates around the CWS are available
- other dates will be found out on Wednesday, January 16th
- gap in fence on field 4 is an ongoing discussion

Mark:

- copy of adjusted schedule handed out, last year's schedule moved one week later (this is a rough draft)
- 22 games last year
- discussion to add more days
- Dave also has a schedule draft suggestion
- both will put up options and board will vote next meeting
- change deadlines, etc. for registration
- hard date set for everyone to register- vote was taken and ALL IN FAVOR of one date set for everyone to register (this previously excluded new players)

Gary:

- communication wise—all ok, will put more on web page
- discussed U-trip foul tip rule and whether we would want to use it, ASA rule to be checked after meeting
- buffet not a problem at German American Society if we want that option and venue
- advertising and league sponsors were discussed
- suggestes we get Choice Hotel code available on website

Steve B:

- Steve B. vs. Gary shirts
- passed samples around of both Steve and Gary's samples
- discussion of styles, colors, prices from both parties
- discussion going out of town vs. local for vendor
- shirts and hats were put on agenda for follow up discussion

Steve B:

- copies of proposed 2019 budget handed out
- 26 dozen balls still at home
- discussion free logo if purchase 50 dozen softballs
- discussion if league should order extra defibrillator pads, decision wait until needed
- discussion to purchase new lock and keys for shed, motion made and voted and passed. New lock and keys will be made for the shed and given out accordingly

Tom:

- replacement rule discussion
- # players on team, 11 players on team and can play with 10

Dave:

- not enough managers
- discussion of possibly assistant manager, pick ahead of time, pros and cons, #'s can't be the same # draft pick as manager plus no trading draft position also discussed
- discussion manager can't pick a first rounder so why have an assistant manager
- board agreed to shelf this discussion of assistant manager until next month

Idea was put forward to waive registration fee for managers in order to encourage more managers to volunteer. Motion made to do that, seconded and vote was in favor with one Nay.

-input 11 man rosters—motion for 11 man rosters with remainder 10 man rosters

-11 man team with 10 man rosters with volunteer coaches or assigned

-11 man teams must play with 10 or 11 players and 10 man teams must play with 9 or 10 players
Motion was seconded and vote was unanimous Aye.

Guest discussions:

B.J.:

-field #2 should have adjusted time for the sun

Chuck:

-wants rules mandatory for field #2 for face masks

Roger:

-will be turning 64 this year

Bob:

-at meeting to make sure all players get a fair shake

-would consider being an assistant manager if league goes that way

Danny:

-first meeting attended, positive feedback to board members and a good meeting

Tom:

-liked the new location for the meeting

Next meeting will be held the 2nd Tuesday of February at 6:30 pm at Sean O'Casey's Pub

Motion to end the meeting at 8:52—all in favor!

