

August 10, 2011 – 2011 Fall Draft Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the LaVista Sports Complex.

Board members present: Steve Quinn, Ron Kunert, Dave Banghart, Ed Tworek, Dave Dye, Dick Smith, and Dave Janda. Absent: Chuck Grubb. Managers/representatives from Athletics (George Scott); Blue Jays (Rod Evans); Brewers (Dick Smith); Marlins (Dennis Steinhauser); Orioles (Ed Tworek); Phillies (Dave Banghart); Pirates (Paul Kwaak); Royals (Gary Dukat); Twins (John Lucash); and Yankees (Gerry Storovich).

Based on confirmed receipt of registrations and payments there will be 37 players in the fall 2011 draft. This allows for 10 teams; 8 teams with 12 player roster and 2 teams with 13 player roster. If there are any registrations received after today, those players will be pool players until they can be assigned to a team based on need. Based on number of returning players from the spring, the White Sox, Cubs, and Cardinals were disbanded for the fall 2011 season. Players from those teams who registered for the fall are included in the player draft. The remaining 10 teams for the fall season are: Athletics, Blue Jays, Brewers, Marlins, Orioles, Phillies, Pirates, Royals, Twins, and Yankees.

The league will continue the fall season with the 2 divisions: American and National. Since the divisions are not balanced; 6 American and 4 National, one American division team will be moved to the National division for the fall 2011 season only. By a random card draw, the Orioles were selected to move to the National division. Since 2 teams will be required to have a 13 player roster, Dave Dye asked if there were any volunteers who would be willing to have a 13th player. Yankees (Gerry Storovich) volunteered. The other team was selected by a random card draw and will be the Blue Jays (Rod Evans). At the mid-point of the draft these 2 teams will make their 13th player pick.

Dave Dye then asked each manager if they had any comments regarding the fall draft sequence. George Scott (Athletics) understands the draft tool that was used and everything looks to be in line. He reminded everyone that the league agreed to a 3 year cycle for full drafts, and should continue with the formula until the next full draft. Ed Tworek (Orioles) doesn't agree with the process, but supports it and will not ask for any changes. Paul Kwaak has no major issues with the process, but feels that it should have been fully approved before tonight's meeting. One flaw with the process is that some players were drafted sight unseen, and in reality may have been drafted higher or lower, and their position in the draft should be re-evaluated. A couple managers requested to swap at least one of their picks, but these requests were rejected by the other managers present. The remaining managers had no objections or comments regarding the process.

Once the draft was completed, Dave Dye suggested that if any managers wanted to negotiate trades, it should be done now. There were none agreed to at this time. The managers were instructed to contact their drafted players as soon as possible.

Dave Banghart is working on setting up the schedule for the fall season. Based on the start date of Monday, Aug 15 and end date of Wednesday, Oct 19; we will have 19 playing dates, allowing the Championship game to be scheduled for the last night. Since only 5 games will be played each night, we have the opportunity to schedule a doubleheader game for the late time slot on the open field. Dave has figured that

he could schedule in 2 nights for makeup games and that would give each team 18 games, playing all other teams 2 times during the season. If we opt to not play double headers, then the open field at the late time slot could be used for makeup games, but fair scheduling would be very difficult. Managers voted 9 in favor; 1 opposed (Tworek) to scheduling double headers. Dave Banghart will work on the schedule and have something for the managers to review by the end of the week.

2011 Fall Draft Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

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