

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Dec 29, 2023 2:00 pm, Englewood Sports Complex**

A quorum having been established; the meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

**BOD Attending:** Mark Johnson, Commissioner; John Anjos Vice Commissioner; Scott Maresh Treasurer; Bill White, Secretary; Peter Salvatori At Large

**Others attending:** Bob Arndt, Greg Brezicki, Rudy Davis (Zoom), Bob Dika, Joe Gasparino, Mike Geddes, Dennis Girard, Tom Hertzler, Nick Kotzalas, Dan Kett, Dale Mason, Mickey Muzevich, Eric Nelson, Jeff Paradise, Bill Rice (Zoom), Carmen Rivera, Rick Silva, Dave Tacey

### **New Insurance Form**

Mark Johnson presented copies of the new insurance form and spoke on why the new form provides more protection for the league. Every player in the league will be required to complete the new form.

**November 8, 2023 BOD Meeting Minutes** - Approved – approved by 5-0 vote

### **Treasurers report –**

Scott Maresh provided the Treasurer's report showing a Net balance of \$665 after all December payments are completed. League Insurances have been paid to date. With registrations expected new income beginning in January of 2024 will be approximately \$7000

- The total cost for rental of North Port fields was \$206.25.

### **Remaining Calendar**

Discussion centered around reassigning Gold /Silver players that will not be selected by Gold Managers. Every Gold Division team was represented, and each manager stated "yes" to move the player or "no" to keep the player in the Gold tryouts. Required 100% "yes" to move any player. The result was 8 of 13 G/S designated players will move to Silver. Those players are:

Jim Donaldson, David Graham, Robert Guffey, Hans Picinich, Peter Sargent, Bob Scherer, Pat Valerio and Bill Ward.

### **Roster Concerns -**

#### **Trades**

Mark stated that trades can be made from November 1 to December 15

#### **Trades after December 15**

Mickey requested that players asking to be traded remain on the team in undefined category until the trade is completed. Since the player is "draft eligible".

Discussion was tabled without motion.

#### **Designated Roster Size –**

Gold division protects 11 players while Silver protects 12. Mark provided rationale on reduced roster sizes with one of the reasons to protect less players in Gold was to "force" managers to protect only the

strongest players which may result in players dropping to Silver that might ordinarily stay in Gold due to friendships rather than skill.

Scott Maresh suggested that both divisions should have the same number of players protected. The

Dan Kett stated that he thought Shipwreck Pub had Pick #'s 1-5-11 in the draft and was not informed that the rule was no pick until after every team has completed their DRS picks.

Designated Roster Size (DRS) needs to be defined.

Discussion Tabled -

### **Inactive/Active**

The definition of Active, Inactive, and Injured or IR were clarified. **Inactive** is a player that is **out for the year**. Active is any player that is eligible to play whether injured or not.

### **7 - Games Inactive**

There is no longer a category of player that can be out and return in 7 games. They are either active or out for the year.

### **Supplemental Draft (Jan. 29)**

A team with 14 players can participate in the supplemental draft but cannot select before teams with player need. Existing teams can go to 15 after all other teams have their 14.

A question was asked what League Commissioner Mark Johnson thought about the current issue of draftees stating they can't play certain days of the week. Mark brought up drafting Terry Thompkins even though he wouldn't play 1 day a week. Draft at your own risk.

The league will make a better effort to encourage and prepare for supplemental draftees to practice before draft day.

Teams still lose the first pick in the draft if they keep their supplemental draft pick the following season.

Tom Dillman expects to hit every game but not play the field

### **Upcoming Draft Issues**

Gold (Need 20) players from a pool of 27

Silver division needs 24 players from an ever-changing pool of 44

There was more discussion on the need to keep 5 outfielders and 12 players on the field in Silver. Discussion was tabled.

Bronze division needs at least 8 players.

- Attendance Mandatory (BOD Granted Exceptions)
- 70 Year Mandatory Gold Participations (BOD Granted Exceptions)

### **Silver Expansion Draft Plan**

John Anjos presented the three options the silver managers presented.

Number One:

The Silver stays with 8 teams and the players not drafted would be assigned to the Bronze Division. This was a split vote.

Number Two;

9th team picks 6 players and a manager before the start of the silver draft.

It doesn't get a pick in the draft's 1st round. The 1st round of the Silver draft doesn't change. The 8 teams draft according to their established draft order.

9th team gets 1st pick in round 2. 9th team gets 1 pick in round 3, pick number was not specified.

With these picks the 9th team has a total of 9 picks. In the following rounds (probably rounds 4 &5) 9th team gets an additional 5 picks to reach the minimum roster size of 14. Pick numbers were not specified.

Managers voted 5 to 3 in favor

Number 3

Silver teams can freeze/protect 5 or 6 players. (9th team gets to select one unprotected player from each team. A team can only lose one player. )9th then gets to pick 6 players from the draftee list.

This was a split vote.

**League Fees** Were set at \$315 (Gold), \$600 (Silver) and \$600 (Bronze)

**Umpire Fees** - \$27.50 were increased from \$25 per game to \$27.50 for 2024

**2024 Schedules** – Gold schedules will be completed by the draft date. The Silver and Bronze drafts cannot be completed until determination is made on size of divisions.

**NEXT BOD MEETING** - JANUARY 3

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 3:40 PM