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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 6, 2022 1:00 pm, Englewood Sports Complex**

A quorum having been established, the Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

**BOD Attending:** Mark Johnson, Commissioner; Rudy Davis, Secretary & Gold Division Coordinator; Peter Salvatori : Ed Wilson, Treasurer; Ray Murphy, Silver Coordinator

**Others attending:** John Anjos; Randy Harrold; Eric Radcliffe; Bill White; Jeff Clark; Hans Picinich; Bill Ernst; Dale Mason; Mike Geddes

**Action Items:**

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 4 previous meetings were approved unanimously.

**Meeting objective:** Mark & Rudy announced that today's meeting was to hear end of season input and address some issues where necessary, but primarily to provide transitional input to the new board that will be elected on May 5.

**Amended Bylaws:** The results of the Bylaws vote were officially entered in to the Board record, with 84% of players voting approving the amended Bylaws. Mark noted that the attorney will receive and keep a notarized copy of the new Bylaws. Director election date of May 5, 2022 was set with Survey Monkey as the voting vehicle.

**Gold Division review:** Season went well, teams with excess funds either used them for jerseys and hats, balls, etc, or returned the funds to their sponsor. Rudy reported Gold division managers discussed draft rule changes at their managers meeting as three teams tied for 7<sup>th</sup> place with identical records and only one will receive two first round picks. While sympathetic, he advised them to take the topic up with the new board. He cautioned to be cognizant of the rule of unintended consequences in making a change as this year's outcome was the first anyone could remember such a 'tie' happening where AR Differential was need to set final position.

**Silver Division review:** Silver season went well with 9 teams, a few hiccups. Silver managers would like to go to 10 teams. They would like to have a 15minute pause between draft tryouts and player selections, and announce draftees as selected so they can remain and meet their managers (Gold does this). Early pinnie assignment was proposed as was closing the drafts to walk-ons 15 to 30' after draft starts. Silver was advised to make sure they take these issues up with the new board.

**Bronze Division review:** The Bronze division was \$350 short of covering their direct costs to play, which may lead to increased fees next year. Team skill imbalance was discussed with a decision that teams need to be better balanced so that one team doesn't dominate regardless of the impact of a donation by benefactors.

**Trades:** A discussion about the timing of trades ensued in that several trades were made over the summer, making transparency with other players and managers difficult. There was support for imposing a moratorium on any trades between April 1 and December 1. This was believed to be a matter or the new board to determine, but in the interim, the current board voted unanimously to place an indefinite moratorium on trades.

**Player Classification:** Discussion was held on the problem of having overqualified players in Silver and Bronze that would otherwise be suitable for Gold or Silver. Several suggestions were made, including having an age level for Gold and Silver at or under which the player MUST try out for either Gold or Silver, regardless of current division standing or preference stated for the (re)-entry draft. Rudy noted that he intends to address this and other draft related issues and suggestions in a memorandum to the new board as he has requested and received input from several managers and players in all divisions.

**Umpiring:** Results of the player survey response for the Gold division is a 75% preference for keeping volunteer umpires. Several suggestions to improve performance and scheduling were made. In the Silver

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survey, 74% indicated a preference for paid umpires. Bronze respondents were happy with the paid umpires they had. Approximately 50% of players responded in each division. This info will be provided to the new board for determinations about next Winter season.

**Covid:** Mark reported that the COVID survey was overwhelmingly in favor of requiring a negative test for any player to return to play if they tested positive for Covid. The current Board recommends no change in policy.

**Banquet:** This year's banquet was a success with a net after costs of \$578 dollars, \$302 from the 50/50 raffle. Approximately 125 players and friends attended.

**Spring/Summer/ Fall:** Mike Geddes and Ray combined to report that the three off seasons will cover their direct and indirect costs. Mike estimates that the three seasons will result in a profit to the league of approximately \$700 from player fees.

**Financial Report:** Ed Wilson reported that the leagues current balance is \$6,621 with field rentals still to be paid for summer and fall. With other expenses to be paid thru the end of the year, he projects an end of year balance of ~\$4600.00. Ed will provide a copy of the balance sheet and income statement to Rudy for attachment to these minutes.

**League Rules & Regulations:** Proposed rules changes were deferred to the next board, except for a change in the scoring line rule. Effective immediately, under a 4-0 vote (1 abstain) of the current board, the scoring line will now run from the secondary home plate to the backstop fence. The line from the batter's box to the secondary plate is eliminated. Mark will inform the grounds crew of the change; Bill Ernst will inform all umpires and Rudy will announce this to managers via email.

**BOD election:** Finalized as being held on May 5, 2022 with one day for voting, between 12:01 AM and 11:59 PM that day. Players will be notified by an email from QuickScores which will direct them to Survey Monkey where they may vote. Multiple communications will go out prior to May 5<sup>th</sup> to explain the system, and efforts will be made to make sure QS has correct emails and that players are receiving them, as there are several reports of players not 'receiving' emails from QS. Rudy will coordinate this effort with Division managers and with Mark re QuickScores. (NOTE: First email sent to managers April 6, 2022). Results will be formally announced May 6.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rudy Davis, Secretary