

The September Executive Board meeting was held 9 September and the Team Draft was held 12 September.

Below is a summary:

We have 180 players resulting in 15 teams and 2 new sponsors, Donna Strand Realty and Edward Jones Investments. All team managers are in the process of notifying their team members and verifying uniform information.

Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday 24 October, a week later than originally planned at the request of the uniform vendor to ensure our uniforms would arrive on time.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, there is no formal ceremony planned as in the past, to include no League picture and no picnic. We will have the National Anthem and invocation prior to the start of the first game. Let's focus on the positive that we still get to play!

We will have a 42 game schedule with 3 sessions. The holiday breaks are 25-28 November for Thanksgiving, and 20 Dec - 1 Jan for Christmas. League games will end 3 April. If there is a playoff we will not have a league tournament. Our makeup games will be played on Mondays.

Our Field closes to all use Monday 14 September for annual field maintenance and overseeing and will reopen 24 October. Preseason practices will take place at the Goodyear Fields, Mondays and Fridays, 2 weeks prior to our Opening Day. Those dates are 12, 16, 19 and 23 October. The managers will be provided a schedule once it's completed.

We went with a lighter material for the uniforms and a design change, but team color schemes remain the same. All uniform

information is to be turned in by the managers to Derry no later than Monday 14 September.

The two ASA bats that will be allowed for personal use are a Demarini and a Miken. Contact Derry Davison for details and if you would like to purchase one. A few of the Miken will also be purchased by the league as a test for possible league purchase next year.

One of our long time umpires, Gary Frens will be leaving PebbleCreek, but will continue to umpire until he departs. Gene Page, a past PebbleCreek resident, player and part-time umpire will take his place.

The Rules Summary has been updated and will be distributed to the managers and posted on the website.

The annual HOA Budget Request has been submitted; our request is for new ADA compliant bleachers, new picnic tables, new player benches with attached shelving and Fans. We should know in a few months what if anything was approved.

The league has purchased a new game status board and magnetic name strips as the old one has seen better days.

The COVID 19 protocols were finalized by the Board, but it is a fluid document based on current restrictions. Prior to the start of the season the managers will be provided a copy, they will be posted at the field and on the website. Continuing play and having a successful season will be dependent on cooperation from everyone to follow these protocols.

We have a few less Banner sponsors this year, probably due to COVID, but our budget is healthy. If anyone has any budget questions, please contact Tom Bose.

The fencing project is nearing completion, they are finishing up along the first base side and installing netting on the new gate.

The Board denied an individuals request to add years played under the name plates installed on the memorial wall; we will look into other options, possibly a plaque to be placed in the trophy case.

Jo Comstock, avid pickle ball player and wife of softball player Mike Comstock, will make and sell PebbleCreek softball decals. They sell for \$6/ea, please contact her if you are interested.

There is still the looming question of allowing spectators at the games...that is still to be determined and will be answered as soon as possible.

As always, if you have questions or would like to submit a topic for discussion at our executive meeting, please contact myself or Derry Davison.

Thanks,
Dawn