



**General Board Meeting  
Monday, May 15, 2023  
Minutes**

**Board Members:**

<b>Scott Beseda</b>	<b>Randy Netherda</b>	<b>Tom Bose</b>	<b>Rick Baker</b>
<b>Scott McCoubrey (excused)</b>		<b>Bruce Drinkwalter</b>	<b>Rich Christiansen</b>

**League Members:**

**23 Attendees (Approx 8.5% of Members)**

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**Meeting Topics:**

**Media Day:**

- Thanks to Fred Dresser for his leadership of a very successful event.
- Board working to have another Media Day event on Opening Day of Fall league.

**Spring League:**

- Overwhelming positive reaction from American League players regarding 70' bases. Has also resulted in shorter game times. Will continue for rest of Spring League.
- Final 6 games will test whether 4 runs / inning further reduces game times and by how much. Steve Gaines will record times for last 9 games to compare.
- New sponsors will be invited on June 10<sup>th</sup> for the season ending Pizza Day.
- The Grove Community will visit games on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to make them feel welcome.

**Summer Projects:**

- Fence replacement funded by HOA. Waiting on final approvals. There will be no changes to current footprint.
- Warm Up Area improvements/timeline are an HOA decision.
- Storage Shed / Crows Nest proposal being finalized for HOA funding requests/approvals.

### **Fall/Winter 2023-24 Registration:**

- Begins Jun 1<sup>st</sup> thru Aug 15th
- New sign up form to include:
  - League Designation request along with anticipated days each division will play.
  - Volunteer sign up for umpiring, announcing, scoring, etc.
- Incremental registration fees will be added to Capital Reserve Fund for Improvement Projects. Fee structure for 2023-24 will be:
  - \$160 for full-time players
  - \$100 for non-playing Managers
  - \$60 for subs that need new uniforms
  - \$40 for existing subs that have approved uniforms
  - Volunteers will have to register for liability purposes but will not have to pay any fees.

### **League Division Designations:**

- Board adopted three divisions (American, Mid-American & National) because of anticipated increased registrations which will increase widening gaps of experience, skill and safety concerns.
- **Depending on number of registrations**, there could be an increase of 2 to 3 teams which could have the following alignments:
  - American 8 teams
  - Mid-American 8 to 10 teams
  - National 6 to 8 teams
- Managers will be selected by the Board once registration is complete. Next monthly update will again request anyone interested to please contact a Board Member so they can be considered.

### **2023-24 Fall / Winter Draft:**

- American League draft is Sept 11th
- Mid-American draft is Sept 13th
- National draft is Sept 15th
- Ratings for new players will be conducted on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Any player signing up for a specific League who is not drafted in that league will automatically drop down to the next league.

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- If a player opts to not play in a lower league, they can withdraw from the next draft by contacting a Board member before noon the day prior to the next draft. A full refund will be provided if you withdraw before that deadline. If you are drafted and decide to not play then no refund will be given.
- All registrants will be drafted. Ghost players will be used in National League if there is a need.

**Miscellaneous:**

- National League rules modifications are being considered (pitching net, fly ball in grass, etc.) by the sub-committee and will be decided by Board after registration is complete.
- Uniform sub-committee to recommend team colors and league designations after registration.
- Bat requirements and information on types is now on website.
  - League will not continue to provide NEW bats
  - Currently 11 bats per side are being provided per team in each game. Attrition could cause this to drop as low as 4 per team.
  - Everyone is encouraged to start researching a bat to purchase. Mark Pollock and Jan Hangen are approving authorities for all bats (new and old) and are available for any and all questions on bats.
- Currently looking at all options for how to reschedule rain out games. Could possibly be off-site and/or other options.

**Opening Day is October 21<sup>st</sup>!!!!**

Respectfully Submitted

*Rick Baker*

Secretary