



**General Board Meeting  
Monday, June 17, 2024  
Minutes**

**Board Members:**

**Randy Netherda**

**Marie Shubin (Absent)**

**Bob Pahl (Absent)**

**Jon Jackson**

**Tom Bose (Absent) Rick Baker**

**Rich Christiansen (Absent)**

**League Members:**

**11 Attendees (3.6% of 305 Members)**

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**President**

- Survey was completed, results compiled and distributed out to all registrants. The Board is now working through a number of topics (using the survey data, notes from the discussion with the NL players, and various conversations) to help direct its way forward. Overall, our view is the changes should be subtle as opposed to drastic. One size doesn't need to fit all. It's fine to have variations from AL to MAL to NL based on that league's needs.
  - 75% of respondents had a great time in the league.
  - 92% want set days of the week for their games. 82% do not want variable game days. We have also heard that MAL players would like to have an additional day of rest between games. The games days per league will be:
    - AL: Wednesday and Saturday
    - MAL: Monday and Thursday
    - NL: Tuesday and Friday
  - 87% want hot dogs on the Championship Day. We will plan for it.
  - 85% want an End-Of-Season banquet. 75% are proponents of the Board defraying the cost of attendees. We will plan for an End-Of-Season banquet, and we will defray the cost to the extent that the budget can handle.
  - 73% of respondents do not want volunteering to be required. The Board has no plans to require all registrants to volunteer at something.....but if we don't have volunteers, we won't have a league.
  - 73% of respondents do not want an arc (line) in the outfield which outfielders could not cross until the ball is struck. The Board has no plans to implement an arc/line in the outfield.
  - 72% of NL respondents do not want hot bats (1.21) used. We will not be using hot bats in any of the leagues.
  - 69% of respondents want to leave a batted ball hitting a pitching screen as a Dead Ball. The Board has no plans to change this.

- 69% of MAL respondents do not want an optional pitching screen. The Board is not planning to pursue optional pitching screens in the MAL.
- 64% did not want a Home Run Derby. The Board is not planning for a Derby.
- 63% of MAL respondents want 70' bases. We will use 70' bases in the MAL. The NL will remain at 65' bases.
- 60% want the Board to balance the teams across the three leagues. Noted, but the Board will not decide the quantity of teams per league until we see registrations and the associated distribution of ratings. This topic will require a great deal of thought and discussion within the Board before the number of teams per league is decided.
- 59% of the league does not support Video Streaming. There is not enough support to outweigh the cost and issues that would need to be addressed. The Board has decided not to pursue Video Streaming at this time.
- 57% did not want an All Star game. The Board is not planning an All Star game.
- Game duration (aka holding games to a schedule) had varied results:
  - 89% of AL players believe their games seldom or occasionally run too long.
  - 65% of MAL players believe their games seldom or occasionally run too long.
  - 39% of NL players believe their games seldom or occasionally run too long.

The interpretation then is:

- AL needs little to no adjusting to maintain schedule.
- MAL needs little adjusting.
- NL could use some consideration for ways to maintain schedule throughout the day.

The Board is considering the above as we move forward.

- Last year's NL managers submitted a proposal that the NL be drafted before the MAL and AL. After careful consideration and much discussion, the Board has decided not to implement this suggestion. Drafting the NL first would force "tweeners" (those whose rating is near the soft transition point between an upper league and a lower league) to be drafted into the lower league and not give them a chance to play in the upper league. Several players at the NL Discussion on May 1<sup>st</sup> similarly voiced their intent to be drafted "up" if a manager desired them. We acknowledge the merit of the proposal, yet we are taking the path that we feel is best for PCSSA.
- We are still looking at and actively discussing:
  - Umpiring, illegal pitches, respect of the umpires.
  - Managers, their leadership style, and their knack for making the season fun.
  - Ratings and the Eval Committee.
  - Ways to improve the NL experience.
  - One to Waste.
  - Substitutes.
  - Quality pitching in the NL.
  - Rainout games and if they should be rescheduled or cancelled.
  - Maintaining the current playoff format or transitioning to a 4-team playoff.
  - Some miscellaneous items as they pop up or are brought to our attention.
- Recall that the HOA selected Robbins & Stephens Inc (Architect) to generate the drawings for the new Crows Nest. They looked at the existing maps and noted the flood plain and the setback required for Virginia Ave. They have responded to the HOA that they do not plan to generate drawings due to the excessive city, state, and federal regulations that must be overcome to build the new Crows Nest. Randy and Frank Pierce have scheduled a meeting with the architect and the HOA on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss options or possible solutions.

- Notable Upcoming Dates
  - Summer Pick-Up games are scheduled through June 29<sup>th</sup>. Kudos to Fred Dresser for coordinating.
  - Fall registration will run the month of July.
  - Opening Day will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Draft Week for the Fall season will be the week from Sept 7<sup>th</sup> through Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - AL will be Sept 9<sup>th</sup> (Mon) at 9:00am in the Chianti Room
    - MAL will be Sept 11<sup>th</sup> (Wed) at 9:00am in the EN Ballroom
    - NL will be Sept 13<sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 9:00am in the Palm Room
  - AED Training session will be Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, kudos to Bill Arsenault for hosting the training!
- Notable Tentative Upcoming Dates
  - Bat Day is tentatively set for Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday) from noon to 1:00pm. We will be including the Suncoast and Rawlings/Miken reps.
    - Reminder: the League will not be providing bats this upcoming season.
  - The Jeremy Chandler Foundation Social (dinner & dance) will be in the ballroom and is tentatively scheduled for Nov 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

### **Vice-President**

- The registration form for the upcoming 2024 season is ready. It will be activated on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We have requested people to self-nominate themselves for managing positions next Fall. Please submit by June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- We have ordered and received an additional inventory of umpire shirts and have ordered hats through Lynn Bartol. Delivery is TBD.

### **Treasurer**

- Steve Micatka performed his review of our books and provided his official report. We're in good shape! THANKS to Steve for the review, and Tom for keeping clean books.
- We have ordered and received the softballs for next Fall/Winter. They are currently stored in the Board's humidor. The final cost was \$3,154.61 through D-BAT with a savings of \$1033.60, a savings of 25%.

### **Marketing**

- Woodbury is transitioning to OSAIC Financial. New jersey is in design.
- Hong Dentistry has changed to Goodman Dentistry. New jersey is in design.
- PC Air will not be returning.
- Pain Killers will not be returning.
- Replacements for PC Air and Pain Killers will come from this Spring's pool of new sponsors. We will use the date they signed their contract as the priority order for filling available Fall team sponsor slots. We will not approach the replacement sponsors until we are largely through July and have an idea on the number of teams we need.

### **Director of Player Development**

- Planning for final set of Evals to be week of Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. Planning to do them at our Field. Attempting to have those being evaluated out twice that week.

### **Director of Field Operations**

- We are looking at installing concrete pads under the batting tees in the warm-up area. We will be using donations from The Springer Family (multiple) and John Nicholson to defray the cost. The balance will come from the capital improvement budget line. The Board will consider installing a concrete pad under home plate.
- We expect overseeding to occur between the final week of Sept and Opening Day. The Field will be closed at that time.
- Prior to overseeding, we are planning to re-level the field. We are working to get a quote from Westgro.
  - Will also get a new home mat, and it will be a standard order (not a custom order) using official batter's box dimensions.
  - We will also make sure the bases are placed in the correct location.
- A green card for fixing the awning has been submitted.
- A green card for trimming the bush behind the scoreboard has been submitted.
- A green card for fixing the leaking domestic water service (by the ice machine) has been submitted.
- New seat for tractor is being ordered.

### **Secretary**

- The Board discussed, voted on and approved plaques for Don Wyman and Bill Harris for the Memorial Wall. Plaques have been ordered and their installation will be scheduled with the respective families.
- The "PCSSA Established In 1995" plaque has been received and will be installed (over/near the drinking fountain).
- Reviewing, cleaning up, and organizing documentation. Adding Policies where needed.
  - Thanks to Ron Watters, Manny Maciel, Ron Shubin and Cynthia Schwartz who have volunteered to help here!

### **Wrap-Up**

- Next General Board Meeting is Jul 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in the Milan Room.

*Rick Baker*

PCSSA Secretary