



**General Board Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2023
Minutes**

Board Members:

Scott Beseda	Randy Netherda	Tom Bose (Absent)	Scott McCoubrey
Rick Baker	Bruce Drinkwalter (Absent)		Rich Christiansen

League Members:

12 Attendees (Approx 4.5% of Members)
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Meeting Topics:

Fall/Winter 2023-24 Registration:

- **Closing date for registration has been moved up to Aug 5th.** The Board needs this extra time to determine # of teams, secure sponsor commitments as well as finalize managers and assigned sponsors. Please register as soon as possible and encourage anyone you know who wants to play to register as soon as possible. Numerous communications are being sent out to remind everyone of the need to register now, including Board Members personally calling active players who have not yet registered.
 - ***Register now. Pay by Sept 1st.***
- Currently 221 players are registered with a target of 264 players needed to achieve 24 teams. Every division will have a roster of 11 players.
- There will be an "Open draft" for all three divisions, regardless of rating, with "no floor".
 - Managers in all three divisions will draft with the intent of combining competitiveness with team chemistry.
 - Any player registering for the American Division is eligible to be drafted in that division.

- Players not drafted in the American Division will be added to the draft pool with those registering for the Mid-American Division.
 - Players not drafted in the Mid-American Division will be added to the draft pool with those registering for the National Division.
 - All remaining players will then be drafted.
 - If necessary, "ghosts" will be used to get teams to the target number of 11 players per team. The Board will decide how many ghosts are included in the draft and which divisions will include the ghosts. For example, if six ghosts are needed, three may be in the American Division and three in the National Division.
- Game days are set for all three divisions:
- American Division Wed & Sat
 - Mid-American Division Tue & Thurs
 - National Division Mon & Fri
 - Playing these days because only 4 games can be played to allow for mowing.

Sponsors:

- 19 of 22 team sponsors from last season have confirmed they will remain with the league this coming season. One (Gale Baldesare) has to drop because of personal commitments with two others (Suncoast Dental and Big O Tires) securing management commitment to continue. There is one confirmed new sponsor with 2 others expected to confirm very soon.
- Banner Update
- 23 current sponsors need renewal
 - 2 confirmed new sponsors
 - 5 strong potential new sponsors
 - 10 more new sponsors are on a prospect list
- Scott McCoubrey is constantly sourcing sponsors and has done a great job tracking down leads. Please use your connections and contacts to see if any vendor you know or use may be interested in sponsoring a team or banner. Contact Scott McCoubrey with any prospects.

Summer Projects:

- Meeting with HOA in early Aug to discuss Long Term Capital Expenditure initiatives.
- HOA is exploring options for adding up to 30 golf cart parking spaces along Virginia St gravel area.
- Three projects slated for completion this summer:
 - Waiting on final bid approvals/schedule from HOA for fence completion.
 - Final decision on improving soil mixture around outfield/warning track area to match infield improvements from last season will be made once HOA determines start date.
 - Warm Up Area expansion has begun with removal of shrubbery.

Miscellaneous:

- Thanks to Fred Dresser for his leadership in organizing the Summer Pick -Up games. Four more games remaining in a very hot season.
- Pitching Clinic for those interested will be conducted on July 26th. This can be an opportunity to explore your potential ability and learn some of Bobby Q's secrets.

Fall League Opening Day is October 21st!!!!

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Baker

Secretary