

PASS (Portland Area Senior Softball) League Board Meeting
February 16, 2022
Delta Park Pavilion

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Tidd called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members: Ray Anderson, Dick Johnson, Steven Kapka, Bill Tidd
Team Managers: Ron Browne, Larry Bue, John Hyde, Tom Mayer, Rick Mitchell,
Randy Rice, Robbie Roberts, Bob Schomann, Bill Taylor, Dennis York
Guest: Eric Johnson

3. OPENING REMARKS – Bill Tidd

- The fields for this coming season have been reserved at both Delta Park and North Clackamas.
- Hoodview is not a possibility for this season but negotiations are ongoing to secure it for the 2023 season.
- Two issues may impact the use of the Delta Park fields:
 - a. A possible use of the fields for “camping out” June-August
 - b. Potentially being charged an hourly rate

4. REVIEW OF RULES, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- Open-Inning Run Rule (Section 6H) was amended as follows:

There will be a five runs per inning rule with the exception of the final (open) inning. In the open inning, if the visiting team goes ahead by 10 runs, their half inning is suspended and the home team is allowed to bat. Note that if the tenth run is scored on a home run, any other runs batted in by that home run are included in the score. If the home team ties or goes ahead in their open half inning, then the visiting team is allowed to resume from the point where play was suspended. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the game will continue for one additional inning. At the top of the extra inning, the team at bat will place their last batter on 2nd base. The team at the bottom of the inning will follow this same procedure during their at bat. The game will be considered concluded after ONE extra inning.

- After discussion of a change in policy to make team managers eligible to vote, Dick Johnson moved that the division commissioners will vote according to the majority votes of the managers in their respective divisions. This motion was passed.
- The minimum age requirement for each of the three divisions was confirmed as follows:
 - a. Delta Park Recreational: 65 or older
 - b. North Clackamas Recreational: 62 or older
 - c. North Clackamas Competitive: 61 or older
- Bill Taylor expressed his concern that the rules for making on-the-field calls and for resolving disputes are often not followed. Existing rules call for the two managers to resolve conflicts and for the commissioner to be involved if necessary. However, Bill Tidd emphasized that the commissioner can get involved even if his participation is not solicited.
- The Bylaws will be amended in Article 3 Section 1 for the league to accept players “not currently receiving pay”.
- The Policies & Procedures will be amended by removing the sentence, “Applicants who were registered...are needed.”
- The Rules in Section G were corrected for several minor grammatical errors.
- Jack Smith initiated a discussion of the courtesy runner rules. According to the rules, managers must identify the players who will use courtesy runners prior to the game. In practice, this is not always done. In addition, courtesy runners were used, especially in later innings, for players who previously did not have one, in violation of this rule. Managers should be more aware of this rule and see that it is followed. There was also some discussion of the “Jerry Rule” and how it can alleviate the need for courtesy runners.
- Bill Taylor asked if the competitive division games could be played back-to-back to avoid playing on the field with the shortest outfield fences. Bill Tidd will make inquiries to see if this is feasible.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Softballs have already been purchased for this season and they are the Trump-Stote softballs.
- Bill Taylor moved that the Competitive Division Commissioner be allowed to select the softballs for Competitive Division use. The motion was seconded and passed.
- The VMSS player evaluation system was sent out by email for review and comments. Many of the attendees had not reviewed it so Bill Tidd will re-send it for future review.
- The current player evaluation is on a 1-10 scale. Bill Tidd asked if it should be changed to a 1-5 scale. By a show of hands, the current system was voted to remain in place.

6. PASS WEBSITE

- Eric Johnson has been developing the Portland Area Senior Softball (PASS) League website with coordination by Bill Tidd and Steve Kapka. Eric used a laptop and projector to display the current status of this project.
- A recommendation was made to incorporate a banner near the top of the website to alert users in the case of a rainout.
- Ron Browne moved and Dick Johnson seconded a motion to provide a budget of \$400 to continue the development of the website by Eric. The motion passed.
- A motion was proposed and passed to secure the domain name "SeniorSoftballPortlandOregon" for the PASS League website.

7. CALENDAR

- The board meeting scheduled for March 1 was canceled.
- The "stuffing party" is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9. Volunteers include: Tom Mayer, Ron Browne, Dick Johnson, Bill Tidd, and Steve Kapka.
- Volunteers are needed to oversee the player tryouts in April.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Steven Kapka
PASS League Secretary
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