



Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting

- A. Issue: confirmed number of paid players. 133 paid on roster; 20 paid – not on roster.
- B. Issue: Refreshments – summarized YTD revenue v. expenses. Break-even is OK. Collecting less than retail.
- C. Issue: Cost of uniforms.
Outcome: agreed to provide pants only for \$8. Shorts available a player cost - \$35. No change in dues or fees. **We are exploring options to improve the quality of the pants – pending.**
- D. Issue: provide Adirondack chairs for spectators.
Outcome: **we postponed the vote pending a survey Pete was going to conduct.**
- E. Issue: Budget – confirmed 2 tournaments in budget – Labor Day and Veterans Day
- F. Issue: Parking Lot – discussed safety issue...speed
Outcome: no action required. Joe will include statement in Sunday missive.
- G. Issue: Running rule...Joe recommended that we return to the rule as stated prior to 1/1/21. Solicited feedback from attendees.
Outcome: Board voted 5-2 to return to old rule. Player can only run one time per inning. Manager can make the decision re: who runs when. REC / Sidewinder are exempt. **Revert to old rule effective 2/15/2021. All Commissioners will be responsible for discussing with managers not to allow abuse of the Courtesy Runner rule.**
- H. Issue: Tie games – should games end in a tie?
Outcome: No change to current rule – games can end in a tie. Rules committee will continue to consider options.
- I. Issue: Rule changes
Outcome: Rule changes will only be considered at the beginning of each year or between seasons. Exceptions – rules to address emerging safety issues.
- J. Issue: Sponsorship update...Revenue will hit at the end of the year due to 10/1 common renewal date. Consider removal of “payment in kind” banners.
Outcome: Joe will confirm banners to be replaced. Tim will take the lead on designing and obtaining new banners.
- K. Issue: Tractor repaired under warranty.
- L. Issue: Field maintenance – removal of pesky weed.
Outcome: Brad meeting with Complete Landscaping on 2/10 to discuss options.

M. Issue: Discussion of replacement / repair of batter's box. Timing in April 2021.

N. Issue: Rules of play – adopt USA rules.

Outcome: agreed that Rules Committee would review all rules and exceptions to assure consistency with USA rules.

O. Issue: Rules committee currently working on the following: #4, #7.6-e (half swing rule), and rule relating to the final inning (number of runs) – limit length of games.

Submitted by Steve Pede