

CDSSL Board of Directors Meeting October 22 2012 Amended Version

Attendees:

Officers: Tom Shields Pres.; John Healey VPres.; Clarence Vivlamore Secr.

Mgrs. and Reps.: Jerry Smith, Barry Plunkett, Mike Kernan, Joe Byra, George Laya, Bill Kloc, Joe Difabio, Bob Curley, Tom Ricci, Jay Campbell, Gary Palmer

Division Reps.: Don Roberts Craig; Dale Meyers Falzo; Nick Walsh (Falzo 2013)

Teams not represented: Snyder's, New Country Toyota

Meeting called to order by President Shields at 7:00 P.M. at Sportsmen's Club

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting held on Aug.01 2012 read by Secretary Vivlamore. Motion to accept minutes made by Jay Campbell, seconded by Joe Difabio. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

President Shields read Treasurer Bob Kibbey's up to date treasury report for Treasurer Kibbey who was unable to attend this meeting. The current balance in the treasury is sufficient to fund any outstanding bills along with expenses that will and/or need to be incurred for the remainder of the 2012 season and the start of 2013 season. Motion to accept the treasury report made by Barry Plunkett and seconded by Dale Meyers. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Committees:

A banquet committee was established for the 2013 annual banquet. It will have as chairman Jerry Smith with Mark Galeo, John Healey, and Gary Palmer as members. All three divisions being represented.

The Hall of fame committee did not meet for 2012. Next year it will reconvene and will consist of 7 members: President Tom Shields, each division representative and three Hall of Fame members, one from each division, as selected by President Shields. This in accordance with the new constitution.

Old Business:

Results of voting on revised constitution

President Shields reported the results of the voting by the membership as follows: 119 in favor, 49 against, and 25 abstentions. He urged the board to consider this as passed since to do otherwise would render the effect that the abstentions would count as *no votes*, if the required 2/3 plurality was based on total membership, estimated to be 193. A rigorous discussion ensued.

Three league members principally entered into the discussion. Gary Palmer and Mike Kernan urged the board to examine the language of existing article 6 section 3 of the league constitution which requires a 2/3 vote of ALL MEMBERS in order to amend the constitution. Mike stated the vote of 193 members, based on Treasurer Kibbey having extended that many invitations to league members, was 119 in favor, 49 against, and 25 abstentions. Therefore, the vote needed to carry the amendment would be 127 or 2/3 of the membership. Gary Palmer questioned why President Shields, after standing up to the board at the August 01 2012 meeting by insisting that the vote proceed in compliance with the constitution, would then, when the votes were in, choose to disregard the constitution in his determination of whether the 2/3 threshold was met.

During the discussion a proposal was made to reject the current amendment in favor of a separate amendment modifying the amendment process. Mike further pointed out that the amendment of the existing constitution was lacking in proper procedure. Mike feels adequate notice of the amendment was not provided to all directors. There was only one day's notice of the meeting and the revision of the constitution was not publicized as being on the agenda (which was incorrect). Gary invited anyone present to name one thing the league was prevented from doing by this constitution. Dale Meyers then responded that a lot of things could now be done within the new constitution and bylaws since we were currently not in compliance. Someone asked what was the harm in replacing the constitution? As an example, Gary gave the response that the board would be empowered to change the league to an over 40 league if they chose to do so. Barry Plunkett then stated that previous administrations, of which Barry was a part of, had made numerous attempts at bringing the constitution and by-laws in a more up to date version which more closely reflected what was actually being carried out by the league. He pointed out that the original provision in the constitution was based on a much smaller membership. He made reference to the fact that Dale Meyers in particular had put very much time, work and effort into proposed new constitution/by-laws document. Barry strongly urged the board to pass this new constitution/by-laws revision in order that the league can move on with its business. At this time a motion was made by Jerry Smith and seconded by Bill Kloc to accept the yes vote count as a 2/3 majority need to pass the proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws. President Shields then called for a roll call vote. Results were as follows: Jerry Smith Anaconda yea, Joe Difabio Mohawk Electric yea, Bill Kloc Sportsmen yea, Tom Shields American Legion (Falzo) yea, John Healy KB flooring yea, Joe Byra Edwards Jones yea, Jay Campbell Seton Health yea, Clarence Vivlamore MVP nay, Gary Palmer American Legion (Craig) nay, Mike Kernan Circle Diner nay, Tom Ricci PCI nay, Barry Plunkett Best Paving yea.

No representation Snyder's and New Country Toyota.
Motion was carried. 8 for 4 against.

New Business:

Sponsors for next year:

Snyder's and Sportsmen are questionable in the Lozano division and Circle Diner in the Craig division is also questionable. All Falzo sponsors will be returning as far as it is known. Mark Galeo has volunteered to be a sponsor in Falzo, if so needed.

New division Representative for Falzo division

Nick Walsh will be the Falzo division representative as approved by the Falzo managers. Nick will replace Dale Meyers

Condition of equipment, tractors, etc.

Per Jerry Smith, both tractors will be needing yearly maintenance and one of the tractors is getting very old. A proposal was entered to allocate an amount in the budget each year for the eventual replacement of one of the tractors.

Future budgets will allocate \$1500.00 yearly, if possible, toward tractor replacement. Its been a couple of years since field maintenance has included adding soil master and we will most likely need to do it this year(approx.\$2500.00)

Anaconda out as supplier

A question had arisen as to the status of Anaconda as a supplier of our supplies and equipment. They have closed their store and warehouse in Clifton Park. Jerry Smith spoke with Anaconda Sports personnel and for the next three years the league should not have a problem using them as a supplier.

Updating the website

We will need to arrange putting the new constitution on the website and eliminating the old constitution as soon as possible.

Awards for winning teams

The league will need to decide exactly what winning teams are to receive as awards at the next meeting. In particular, what is to be done if the same team wins both the division and the playoffs. It will be brought to a vote at that time. In making a case for awarding both prizes to a dual winner(regular season and playoffs), Bob Curley made a point that what we have are not actually playoffs, but a short tournament at the end of the season.

5 Run Rule

John Healey said he would like to see some changes in the 5 run rule as it is currently in effect. This is a divisional rule and will be decided within each division.

Friday night league games

Jerry Smith brought up the fact that little leaguers will not be using the fields on Friday nights and the league may want to consider scheduling games on Friday nights. This also would be a division issue. A decision needs to be made by December 1st 2012.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Difabio and seconded by Bill KLoc

Clarence Vivlamore Secretary CDSSL