

CDSSL Board of Directors Meeting February 11, 2014

Attendees:

Tom Shields, John Healey, Bob Kibbey, Dan Kittay, Jay Campbell, Walt Williams, Tom Ricci, Jerry Smith, Bob Curley, Chris Hansen.

Meeting called to order by President Shields at 7:12 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Grooms Rd., Clifton Park N.Y.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting held on November 13, 2013, read by Secretary Kittay. Motion to accept the minutes made by Jay Campbell, seconded by Jerry Smith. Passed unanimously.

Financial report:

Treasurer Kibbey read the financial report. The league finished 2013 with a slightly smaller balance than 2012. The only likely increase for 2014 will be for umpiring costs related to Falzo Division switching to an expanded playoff system. Motion to accept the report made by Jerry Smith, seconded by Walt Williams. Passed unanimously.

Umpire Fees:

Vice President Healey proposed that umpiring fees be changed so that both the home plate umpire and base umpire get \$25 per game. Currently the base umpire gets \$20. The increase would cost the league about \$750 more for the season. Since there was no quorum present, action was postponed until the next meeting.

Sponsor Status

Falzo and Lozano report that they anticipate having all their sponsors in place soon. Craig has 3 of 4 in place, and is waiting to hear from PCI.

Shirt and Hats

Jerry Smith said that all orders for replacement shirts were made in the fall, and that we were awaiting delivery. He said that we were limited in what we could get in the future of the type we are using now, as they are closeouts and the supply is dwindling. Jay Campbell suggested we order extras of each type, to have as replacements for those that get damaged or don't get returned. Jerry said we order 15 for each team now, and no team has 15 players, so there are extras.

Hats will be ordered as soon as the sponsors are in place.

There was general discussion of whether the league could expand teams if more players applied to play. With limits on field availability, and with the Craig Division playing only on Saturdays (except for make-ups) , it would be difficult to add many more teams that we have now without additional fields .

Tryouts

Tryouts are scheduled for April 12 at 10 a.m., with a rain date of April 19. Opening day is scheduled for April 26.

Work on Fields

The league plans to rent a roller before opening day, weather permitting. Jerry Smith will talk to the Town about a delivery of dirt, so we can manicure the fields. There had been questions in the past about getting a water supply to help groom the fields during the season. President Shields said there are logistical questions involved, and also that the league is not the only one that uses the fields, which means we could spend time and money and then have someone else damage the fields.

Newspaper Ads

President Shields said an ad would be placed in a flyer put out by a local over 50 basketball league that many league players take part in. Jerry Smith said there would be ads in the Schenectady Gazette, and that the local Community News would also put in a notice about looking for new players.

Bats

The issue of using approved bats came up last year when a Craig player was found to be using an unapproved bat. The only approved bats are those with ASA 2004 and 2013 seals on them. Managers need to stress to players that they must use legal bats, and umpires can remove an illegal bat and take away a hit that was made with one.

Committees

Treasurer Kibbey will head up the Banquet Committee, with help from Vice President Healey and Walt Williams. Jerry Smith will head up the BBQ Committee.

Website

Bob Curley asked that references to MVP be removed from the website and registration form, since the company no longer sponsors a team. President Shields agreed. Shields also asked that the icon that links to the registration form on the home page be moved higher up the page.

There was no other New or Old Business presented.

The next meeting will be scheduled for April.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Dan Kittay, Secretary CDSSL