

CDSSL Board of Directors Meeting October 6, 2015

Attendees

Tom Shields, John Healey, Bob Kibbey, Dan Kittay, Tom Ricci, Jerry Smith, Bob Curley, Chris Hansen, Dale Meyers, Don Roberts, Mark Galeo, Mike Sharkey, Gary Hunter, Bill Kloc, Don Canestrari, Neil Hansen, Bill Schmick, Mike Sansone, Gary Withey, Gerry Ryan, Marty Stalker, Dennis Walpole.

Meeting called to order by President Shields at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion, Grooms Rd., Clifton Park N.Y.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting held on April 15, 2015, read by Secretary Kittay. Motion to accept the minutes made by Treasurer Kibbey, seconded by Neil Hansen. Passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Financial report read by Treasurer Kibbey. There was extensive discussion of league finances, in light of declining membership. While a motion had been passed in January authorizing the purchase of a new tractor, in light of increased uncertainty about future player registration levels, the board decided to continue to use the current tractors for as long as they were functional. Jerry Smith indicated they could last 3-5 years.

In order to help clarify league funds, Treasurer Kibbey made a motion to create a separate bank account for the Tractor Fund. The fund would be used to purchase or rent a tractor when the current tractors are no longer able to be used. It can also be used if either of the current tractors needs significant repair above and beyond the approximately \$500 that is spent yearly on tractor maintenance and taken from general funds. The Tractor Fund may be used for other league expenses as needed, pending a vote by the Board of Directors. The motion passed.

A second motion, by Chris Hansen and seconded by Jerry Smith, was made to put \$6,000 into the newly-created tractor fund. The motion passed.

Division Reports

Falzo – Bob Curley reported that at least one sponsor, A&K, will not be renewing its sponsorship next season.

Craig – Don Roberts said that all sponsors were set for next season.

Lozano – Jerry Smith said that he expected to have 5 teams of 12 players for next season.

There will be a draft for all 3 divisions next season. This will mean a purchase of

hats for the entire league. Managers need to let their division reps know ASAP about how many shirts they will need next year.

Equipment Vendor Bids

A committee has been formed to solicit bids from vendors to supply shirts, hats, balls and other equipment for the upcoming season. The committee, which is composed of Vice President Healey, Treasurer Kibbey, Jerry Smith and Don Roberts, will work to ensure that the quality of equipment each vendor bids on is the same as what we currently use. Treasurer Kibbey will go through past receipts to get model numbers, etc., so that all vendors are bidding on the same goods.

Fall Workday

The league wants to work on the fields before winter. We hope to coordinate with the Town of Clifton Park to arrange a delivery of dirt. We will plan a workday around that delivery. Special attention needs to be paid to the third base line on Field 2, and parts of Field 1 as well. An email will be sent to the entire league looking for volunteers for the workday.

Advertising and Recruitment of New Players

President Shields noted that there had been no response to ads the league placed in the Times Union for this past season. Rather than spend \$500 next season, he suggested that we focus on other ways to attract new members. The board agreed. Among the suggestions was to put up flyers in likely places where people might see them, and look for free listings in local community newspapers.

Many felt the best resource is our current players, who can talk to friends about the league. Secretary Kittay suggested that players be given a refund for each new player they brought in, but the board did not think that would be successful. President Shields said he would send an email to the entire league, noting that our membership had decreased, and encouraging players to reach out to friends and family to try to increase registrations for next season.

Craig Division on Field 1

President Shields suggested that Craig play all of its Saturday games on Field 1, as the shorter fence distances are better suited to that division. Craig managers said they did not want to have to move equipment from the sheds to Field 1 all of the time, since it was a farther walk than to Field 2. Craig will continue to alternate with Falzo on Field 1 and Field 2.

Old Business

President Shields offered for discussion a number of ways in which the league might save money next year. He suggested that home teams be required to furnish 1 new ball per game, instead of the current 2. Each team would be responsible for keeping a few balls unused for practice and available to be used for game balls. A motion was made to use 1 new ball per game and was passed.

President Shields relayed a suggestion that umpire fees for players be dropped from \$25 per game to \$15. The consensus from the board was that fewer people would agree to be umpires, and the suggestion was dropped.

New Business

Dale Meyers noted that we needed 2 additional bat racks, and also needed repair of some catcher's masks. The equipment will be purchased/repared for next season.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M., on a motion by Dale Meyers, seconded by Mike Sharkey.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Kittay, Secretary CDSSL