

## CDFSS Board of Directors Meeting 02-21-2012

### Attendees:

Officers: Tom Shields Pres. Bob Kibbey-Treasurer Clarence Vivlamore Secretary  
Mgns and Reps: Don Roberts, Bob Swayne, Jerry Smith, Joe Difabio, Joe Byra, George Laya, Dale Meyers, Bob Janes, Jay Campbell, Mark Galeo, Bob Curley, Blaine Berner, Gerry Ryan, Paul Danner, Bill Martone, Stu Kaplan

Other: UIC Lenny Lofrisco

Meeting called to order by President Tom Shields at 6:35 p.m. location Sportsmen 's Club

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting held on Nov.21 2011 read by the secretary Clarence Vivlamore. Motion to accept minutes made by Jay Campbell seconded by Paul Danner. Motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's report

Treasurer Bob Kibbey read his up to date treasury report. The current balance in the treasury is sufficient to fund outstanding bills along w/expenses that need to be incurred in preparation for the 2012 season. Bill Martone made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report seconded by Jerry Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

### Committee reports

Under reports of committees, the chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee Dale Meyers stated he plans on having a meeting during the month of May. The banquet committee chairman Bob Kibbey stated he is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. He would like to move on this shortly. Any one interested please contact Bob.

Sponsorship committee, the three division commissioners, stated so far only MVP and the American Legion (a 2 team sponsor) have sent in their checks. George Laya stated three of the four Craig sponsors are on board to sponsor again this year. Previous president Bill Martone furnished Craig commissioner Don Roberts the proper information to contact Seton Health, the only non-responder.

The chairman of the status of the Craig division committee Mike Kernan was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Craig commissioner Don Roberts is not sure who will and will not be returning but is optimistic that they will be able to field four teams as in previous years with the same schedule as last year. George Laya noted that Ray Vallee has drawn up a temporary schedule. An option of going to a sub list from the other modified division the Falzo is a possibility.

## Old Business

Under old business Jerry Smith stated that we need to collect the sponsor fees before ordering hats and uniforms. The Lozano division is on its second year so will not be needing new hats except for the new sponsor. The Falzo and Lozano divisions are all set on uniforms. The Craig division is due for replacement uniforms but that is on hold until final determination of the status of the Craig division.

Under field status, Jerry Smith said the work day will be dependent on the weather and the town of Clifton Park. Jerry will be working with the town on that. He will try and have the work day on a Friday before the try outs, which are tentatively scheduled for the 14th and/or 21st of April. Jerry said he will need to order soil master, approximately 4 and a half tons. This is a budget carry over item estimated to cost \$2,800.00 dollars; exact price to be determined.

In discussing the availability of the fields for make-ups Jerry Smith stated the fields are usually available Sundays and Friday nights after the little league season is over. Jerry will check on availability. The Craig and Falzo Divisions should try and play make up games within a week or as soon as a field is available. The Craig Division could use Tues. and Thurs. mornings for make up games. Rules of the Craig division state that make ups must be completed in eight days or else forfeit. The Falzo division will decide on make ups definitely before the next meeting. One suggestion was the option of a seven inning double header which is done frequently in the Lozano division.

Umpire pay raise proposal ...

Umpire in chief Lenny Lofrisco went into great detail as to why he felt his umpires deserve a pay raise of \$10.00 per game; \$30.00 as apposed to the present \$20.00 per game. This would cost the league about \$2400.00 additional for umpires. A raise of \$5.00 a game amounting to \$1250.00. Among Lenny's points were the rising cost of gas. Lenny also pointed out that for him to get good quality umpires he would have to increase their pay. Umpires from outside the league of which we presently have two, would be reluctant to do our games any longer at the old rate as they could make more money in other leagues. The raise in pay would cover all three divisions. Discussion also centered around the fact that doing the plate was much more difficult and involved a more stressful situation having to make a decision on every pitch. This is the reason why some umpires will only do the bases and are reluctant to do home plate. A motion by Dale Meyers and seconded by Jay Campbell stated to raise the umpire fee from \$20.00 to \$30.00. The vote was 12 nays and 1 yea. The motion was defeated. After more discussion about plate versus base umpiring, a motion was made by Bill Martone and seconded by Gerry Ryan to raise the plate umpire pay to \$25.00 and keep the base umpire pay at \$20.00 dollars. The vote was nine yea's and four nay's. The motion was passed.

## New business

Under rule changes, the Falzo division made a rule change that states the ball is dead if pitch is not hit by the batter. Stealing is not permitted.

Bob Curley , the league liaison with the webmaster , passed out a sheet explaining the proper procedure for managers to report game results.Bob stressed the importance of getting the information to the webmaster in a timely manner; preferably the day after the game.Bob also answered questions concerning the website . Updating is needed to reflect the change in sponsors for this season.

Previous president Bill Martone approached the subject of privacy concerning the web site.Bill was adamant that certain information should not be available to the general public.Information such as league finances and player's personal information should only be accessed by league members.Bill suggested that a pass word be implemented to access the web site.President Shields and Bob Curley will look into this matter with the webmaster.

Jerry Smith stated that he and Bill Kloc are currently running an ad in the Community News advertising for new players in all three divisions.Thus far they have gotten a very poor response ,much less than in previous years.Jerry feels this may be due to a reduced circulation of the Community News.He intends to run ads in the Times Union and Schenectady Gazette hoping to reach a wider range of applicants.There will most likely be a small fee associated with this but may be well worth it in the long run.

#### Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Jay Campbell and seconded by Joe Difabio.

Clarence Vivlamore Secretary CDSSL