

CDSSL Board of Directors Meeting October 5, 2016

Attendees

Tom Shields, John Healey, Bob Kibbey, Dan Kittay, Tom Ricci, Chris Hansen, Don Roberts, Mike Sansone, Gary Hunter, Don Fitzpatrick, Gerry Ryan, Mark Stewart, Bill Schmick, Marty Stalker, Mark Galeo

Meeting called to order by President Shields at 7:07 p.m. at the American Legion, Grooms Rd., Clifton Park N.Y.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting held on March 30, 2016, read by Secretary Kittay.

Financial Report

Financial report read by Treasurer Kibbey. The net cost to the league for the end of year Banquet was \$952.36, under the budgeted \$1,000. The league will end the fiscal year with \$2,000 more on hand than last year. The Board voted to put \$1,000 into the Tractor Fund, on a motion by Chris Hansen and second by Mike Sansone. Gary Hunter thanked the league and those individuals who donated in memory of his late son.

Banquet Reactions

President Shields reported that those he spoke with were generally happy with the banquet. Some said they would like more appetizers. There were about 100 people who attended. Those at the meeting who attended the banquet agreed that it was a good setting, and a good way to socialize with players. Don Roberts asked the Board to consider holding next year's banquet at the Legion in Wynantskill, which sponsors one of our two Legion teams.

Committees

In the wake of Jerry Smith's decision to resign as Lozano Division Rep and questions about whether he will return to the league next year, President Shields brought up the fact that the league will need have other people handle the jobs that Jerry has handled in recent years. They include dealing with the Town of Clifton Park about the fields, purchasing equipment, and handling the mid-season BBQ. Committees will be set up to handle those functions. President Shields is scheduled to meet with Jerry soon to get contact information of those he dealt with.

Sponsors

There will likely be at least 2 sponsors we will need to replace, as we've been told that Anaconda and Dog Cabin will not likely sponsor teams next year. Secretary Kittay will update the sponsor form on the website, so that division reps can download and print it.

Division Reports - Awards

Lozano and Falzo have ordered their player awards for the 2016 season. Craig has already received and distributed its rewards.

Work on Fields

We are hoping to have the town bring some dirt before the winter comes, so that we can do some work on the fields.

Advertising

We had a lot of inquiries from the notice on Time Warner Cable last season. We will ask Gary Withey whether they can continue running it for next year.

Safety: Softballs and Equipment

There was an extended discussion about whether the league should purchase equipment to help enhance the safety of pitchers, catchers and umpires. The biggest concern is pitchers getting hit by batted balls. Secretary Kittay noted that bats are getting more powerful, while the reaction times of pitchers slow as they age.

The issue is complicated by whether the league would mandate any equipment, such as facemasks, and if so, how pitchers would react to that. The Equipment Committee will look at what equipment is available, and the Board will discuss this issue more at the next meeting.

There was general agreement about buying masks and shin guards for umpires. We also discussed chest protectors, although no decision was reached.

Lozano Division Rep

Lozano managers will meet to vote on a new Division Rep.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M., on a motion by Marty Stalker, second by Don Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Kittay, Secretary CDSSL