

MIBL Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Present: John Linden, Brian Schueller, Chad Osler, Jeremy Turgasen, Brent Henderson, Todd Thomas, Jeremy Green, Curt Gomes, Pat Scholer

Cris Anderson dialed in

Absent: Joe Smith, Bert Dalmer, Bobby Williams, Ken Roberts, Bob Thornton

-Welcome

- Recap of last season's standings and champions
- Specials games and tourney recaps

-Open Positions

- Curt G. and Bobby W. want to retain their positions
- Bob T. is not seeking renewal

-Sam Cole interested in joining the board

- manager of the Twisters
- background in data science, past President of ISU Baseball Club

- Motion to approve Sam and renew Curt and Bobby W. – Chad O.

Second: Pat S.

Motion passes unanimous

-Umpire Update

- Rick DeMatto resigned (he did a great job remotely from Tulsa, OK last summer)
- Discussion on future director...need someone to step up.
 - Discussion on flat rate on director fee

-Website Options

- Game On Mobile (App was used for the Phoenix World Series in fall of 2023. Being offered to all MSBL leagues across the country at a reduced rate.)
 - Schueller joined a Zoom demo in January. Many updated features that would be crucial to our league are being launched in a Version 2.0 dropping in early February. May sent up another Zoom for some board members to review before making a decision on a possible conversion.
 - \$300 annual cost offered to MSBL organization leagues (\$600 savings from current site)

-Fields

-Fields discussion

- Norwalk turf complex should be completed
- Holiday Park could be an option
- Altoona Little League reached out as they made field improvements
- Grimes complex could be an option down the road
- Colfax could be added
- Goal is to find more local options in the Des Moines metro which could help recruit additional teams.

-Treasurer Report

- Ken R. would like to step down from the Treasurer's role. We would need a replacement? Anyone in the league with a financial/tax background would be ideal.

-Teams - Divisional Counts

- 18+ 6 teams
- 30+ 6 teams
- 40+ 4 teams
- 48+ 4 teams

-Conversation about "Spring Training Schedule for 40/48 divisions". Idea is to have a short spring season where players are placed into a pool and drafted. We would advertise to find new players at these age levels where they could "get their feet wet". Revert back to regular teams for 2nd season & hope some new players stick.

-HOF update

-Schueller reviewed where things stand. Currently have our next ballot ready and committee members will vote soon for the 2023 class. Establish a commissioner's committee (Tim Kirgan, Brian Schueller & John Linden) to review other eligible nominees after the vote to ensure worthy nominees are not overlooked. (Idea is to not miss someone that committee members may not know or may not have seen play in the early to mid-90s.)

-Free Agents

-Committee to troubleshoot options. Need to make sure the growing list is serious & has options to form teams together. Post the list on the website.

-T-shirts

- Will be a large order with the 30th year shirt order

-John McLaughlin passing

- Motion from Schu to do provide a \$300 donation to the charity of choice listed in John's obituary
- Second: Pat
- Passes unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

-Start Times of situational delay

- Meeting in February to hash out the rule on moving fields in case of inclement weather

-Changes - Maybe cross divisional in the 40 and 48

Manager's meeting discussion

-30 year Shirts

Adjourn:

- Motion: Jeremy
- Second: Todd
- Motion Passes