EC Meeting Minutes

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Type of Meeting: Executive Council

Location: Zoom Call

Date/Time: **Thursday January 18, 6:30pm**

1. Call to Order
   Present: EC Members Gene Mehrtens, Darryl Dickerhoff, Rick Bergman, John Wilson, Mike Ferguson, AJ Koenig, Mark DeBold, Gary Schmitz; and EC Advisor Bob Wilson. Not present: Chuck Williams.
2. This meeting was called to discuss the possible new 43 team (Padres). Dave Smith, manager of 43 Heat last year joined to the zoom call to explain the latest Heat news to the EC. Dave said they have 4-5 players after those who left to the potential Padres team, and others who are "retiring".   We informed Dave that 2 players who were supposedly leaving to the Padres were waiver players who could not transfer their waiver status to another team.
3. After Dave left the zoom call, a motion was made and seconded to disapprove the formation of a new Padres team as it would be detrimental to the league because it would decimate a current team. The motion passed unanimously. Gene Mehrtens will send an email to Jay Poplowski and Dave Smith to inform them of the decision, and inform them the Heat deposit of $500 was due before Feb 1.
4. Rick Bergman briefed the EC about an informal proposal for a Patriots "B" team. After discussion it was agreed that players could not double roster between the 60 upper and 60 lower division, so any new Patriots team in the lower division could not share players with an upper division team. The main reason for this decision is that this first year of separate 60 divisions is considered an "experiment" that may or may not occur again the following year.
5. The EC considered a request from the 60 Pirates to grant a variance for Luke Eggering. This would be a 1 year variance, as Luke will turn 60 in 2025. Given the situation for the Pirates, who have struggled, and lost several players to retirement or transfer, it was deemed that exceptional circumstances warranted the waiver.   Waiver was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:15pm.