EC Meeting Minutes

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Type of Meeting: Executive Council

Location: Zoom

Date/Time: **Monday, January 27, 2025, 6:00pm**

Call to Order: Present via Zoom were EC Members Gene Mehrtens, Rick Bergman, John Wilson, Mike Ferguson, AJ Koenig, Mark DeBold, Gary Schmitz, Bob Wilson, Chuck Williams. Not Present: Darryl Dickerhoff.

1. Rick Bergman submitted to the EC a letter from 4 managers of the 60 West Division requesting EC action to force a shift of the 65 Patriots from the West to the East conference. Present to speak on behalf of the managers were the following Managers/Players: Rick Francis, Vince Landeck and Russ Davis of the 60 Black Sox; Jeff Lesinski of the Blue Dragons; Doug Weiss of the 60 Grays, and Bill Stewart of the 60 Boomers. Their presentation emphasized the 65 Patriots have picked up two very good pitchers on top of what they already had, which qualifies them to play in the upper division rather than the more recreational lower division.   The EC asked why the managers didn't vote for a different structure at the Jan 4 Manager's meeting, to which there was not a resolute answer.   It was pointed out that in the past the EC has not judged which individual players should play up or down. After further discussion, the 60 managers left the Zoom call, and the EC had additional internal discussions. The final decision was to let the season play out as agreed at the January 4th manager's meeting and the 60 managers will collectively revisit the issue in the fall after having a second season to factor into the debate. The EC will send the managers a written response.
2. A waiver request by the 53 Dodgers was approved for Paul Calvert.
3. A waiver request by the 53 Cardinals was approved for Cliff Brandon and Craig Wood.
4. A waiver request by the 60 Blue Dragons was approved for Dave Van De Riet.
5. A waiver request by the 60 Pirates was approved for Steve Rymer, Mark Robert, and John Voelker. Denied was a waiver request for Chris Wright.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:00pm.