

EC Meeting Minutes



Type of Meeting: Executive Committee

Location: Uncle Bills Pancake House - 3427 S Kingshighway Blvd

Date/Time: **Saturday 9:30 AM - December 6, 2014**

1. Call to Order

- a. Present: Gene Mehrtens, Darryl Dickerhoff, Rick Bergman, Rick Francis, George Newton, Matt Saputo, Gary Schmitz, and Bob Paarlberg

2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

3. Old Business

- a. EC member responsibilities.
- b. 60+ Managers Liaison withdrew request for division autonomy where the 60+ managers would like ""all matters within the division which the 4 managers agree would not need EC approval if the agreement does not directly affect the other divisions or negatively affect the finances of the league."

4. Chairman Reports

- a. President
- b. Treasurer
- c. Rules and Umpires
- d. Schedules and Fields
- e. Coaches Liaison
 - i. 60+ ML reported a 5th team on 60+. Steve Eckard will manage the Knights 60+.
- f. Communications
 - i. The blog at <http://strategicbaseball.com/blog/> will be reinstated.

5. New Business

- a. New teams, disbanded teams.
 - i. New teams include Dodgers 53+, Knights 60+. Withdrawn are Owls 53 and Browns 45.
- b. Number of games for each division but no decision made
- c. Post season play was discussed and will review comments on blog.
- d. Regular Season Start Date submitted to managers via blog.

- e. Non-league games – discussed but no action. At this point left it to each team/manager to work out details with independent teams. We are reviewing the insurance and liability issues related to this.
- f. Legal bats – discussion resulted in no modification of the existing bat rule.
- g. Managers meeting: tentatively scheduled for Saturday December 13, 2014 at Spazios in Westport.

6. Assignments

- a. Gary Schmitz will document motions passed in October:
 - i. Change By Laws Article 3 Government and Meetings Section A from "league President and a seven-person Executive Council." to "league President and a five or more person Executive Council.". This will allow us more flexibility to staff the EC based upon our needs and availability of volunteers.
 - ii. Add to By Laws Article 5: Duties of Executive Council section G. which says "The EC may, based upon its own discretion, expand, contract and realign the roles and duties of the EC.
 - iii. Motion to redefine the Manager's Liaison role as one for each active Division. This would create a Manger's Liaison for 45+, 53+ and 60+.

Should any division elect not to be part of STLBFL then their Manager Liaison board position will be eliminated.
 - iv. Remove By Laws Article 3 Government and Meetings Section B from "In order to be eligible to serve as president, CFST, CC, (or) ML, CUR or AL, a nominee must have been a player or manager during the inaugural season of the age division in which he now participates or have met STLBFL postseason eligibility requirements for at least five seasons.". We all know people that would not qualify under 3.B that would make excellent board members.
- b. Darryl will add Matt Saputo to the bank signature card.
- c. Gary Schmitz, with an assist from Rick Bergman, will update the Rules and ByLaws for the changes noted at this meeting.

7. Motions

- a. Passed: Game length changed from 2:45 to 3:00 for all games.

- b. Passed: Removed automatic suspension following an ejection from the game. Each ejection will be reviewed by the CUR and he will make recommendation to EC. Rule 6.03 will be updated to reflect this change.
- c. Passed: Rule 6.02 will be amended to show that the manager should contact his ML within 12 hours of his player being ejected.
- d. Passed: Will update the ByLaws/Rules to reflect the Extraordinary Relief for Heat policy. (wording attached below).
- e. Passed: Removed rule prohibiting suspended player from attending a game.
- f. Passed: A team may have a courtesy runner (last out) for the catcher with 2 outs. This is not required but is offered as a courtesy to keep the game moving along.
- g. Adjourned 11:48 AM

Supplemental Items for discussion or assignment:

1. Review Potential Rule Changes
 - a. Fees
 - b. Player Receiving Game Credit When on Suspension
 - c. Managers and Game Stats
 - d. Players Pool Procedure for expansion teams.
 - e. 60 Division - General Rule review.
 - f. 60 Division - 5 run per inning rule cap during long time period games. i.e. 7th inning?
 - g. Amend Rule 9.00 - 2 types of forfeits, (One in which Cancelled well ahead of time and one where players from both teams are present). What stats are entered and who receives game credit?
 - h. Require Player Receiving Game Credit Only Wear Jersey Top Rather Than Full Uniform.
 - i. "Player present for 3 innings in uniform".
 - j. Lindenwood 60+ Tournament

Hot Weather, Heat Policy

It is the policy of the STLBFL not to allow any League games, or any part of games, to be played between the hours of 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. on any day that is subject to a Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). In addition, the STLBFL empowers all managers with the

unilateral right to cancel, without fear of forfeit or penalty, any game scheduled during a Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning issued by the NWS. During games already under way during a Heat Advisory or Heat Warning, managers may agree to reduce the number of innings to 7 from 9. Also, in the absence of a Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning, any manager may cancel or halt any game, citing any safety reason (including heat), and will not face penalty or forfeit unless it is determined by the Coach's Liaison at a later date that the reason was unjustified. Rulings by the Coach's Liaison may be appealed to the full Executive Council.

The League commits, to the best of its ability, to reschedule any game a team refuses to play under the circumstances covered by the policy above.

This policy encourages teams, managers and players to take whatever additional precautions they may deem necessary to prevent heat-related injuries or illnesses during play.

The League encourages all teams, managers and players to always exercise their own judgment on matters of safety, and to never participate in any League activity at anytime if they feel unsafe.