EC Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Executive Council

Location: Zoom Call

Date/Time: **Sunday, July 5, 2026 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order
   Present: EC Members Gene Mehrtens, Darryl Dickerhoff, Rick Bergman, John Wilson, Mike Ferguson, AJ Koenig, Mark DeBold, Bob Wilson, Chuck Williams & Gary Schmitz. Also present were Steve Eckhard and Joe Wallach, as consultants to the EC, both accountants.
2. This meeting was called to discuss the possible switch from a 501-C7 organization to a 501-C3 organization for the purpose of becoming a true non-profit.
3. Steve Eckhard explained the generalities of becoming a non-profit. To pass IRS scrutiny, we would need to operate the league more formally, with organized annual meetings with minutes, perhaps create a "Secretary" position within the EC, approve and document charitable contributions to and from our non-profit, and manage/invest money reserved for charity.
4. Steve Eckhard explained the process to obtain approval from the State of Missouri, filing Articles of Incorporation and creating new By-Laws.
5. It was discussed that a C3 organization would not allow year end reimbursements of excess funds back to the teams.
6. After much discussion, it was unanimously approved for Steve Eckhard to prepare the Articles of Incorporation and a draft of the By-Laws and forward them to the EC for review with the goal of submitting the Articles to the State of Missouri for approval.
7. At this point in the meeting, Steve Eckhard and Joe Wallach left the zoom meeting.
8. An age waiver was requested and discussed for the 53 Dodgers for Ken Urban. The Dodgers have 5 out with injuries and have difficulty fielding a team. Their record is 1-11, after winning no games last year. Ken just turned 51. The waiver was unanimously approved (Gene Mehrtens recused).
9. Age waivers were requested and discussed for three players by the 60 Pirates. The Pirates have removed 4 from their roster including 3 exemption players and have a record of 2-10. Six other players are injured and playing time is limited. Their only catcher is playing injured.
   Barry Mitchell – turns 57 this year. Plays catcher which Pirates are in dire need of. Waiver was approved unanimously for the 2026 season only.

Eric Becker – turns 59 this year. Plays outfield but will be available only on a part time basis. Waiver was approved unanimously.

Jeff Kruse – turns 59 this year. Plays infield but will be available only on a part time basis. Waiver was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.