EC Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Executive Council

Location: Zoom

Date/Time: **Monday, November 10th, 6:30pm**

Call to Order: Present were EC Members Gene Mehrtens, Rick Bergman, John Wilson, Mike Ferguson, Mark DeBold, Gary Schmitz, Bob Wilson, A.J. Koenig, Darryl Dickerhoff and Chuck Williams.

Purpose of Meeting: Close Out of 2025 Season. In Act Plans for 2026 Season

1. Umpires Contract
   The current 3-year contract with GSLUA expired upon completion of the 2025 season. STLBFL is currently negotiating a new contract. Gary Schmitz and A.J. Koenig will be negotiating on behalf of the league.

2. Driver's License Data Base
   The league will be updating the driver's license data base to a digital format. This will require all members to re-submit a copy of their driver's license. Rick Bergman will investigate expanding the current player's liability waiver to include attaching a copy of a driver's license. The EC will seek a person to administer the new data base.

3. Player's Pool, Possible Expansion
   Bob Wison will continue to run the 43 Division players pool, Mark DeBold the 53 Division players pool and Rick Bergman, the 60 Division and Senior Division players pool. Teams in need were identified and discussed. The EC is not anticipating expansion for the 2026 season.

4. Realignment of Current Divisional Ages
   This item was "tabled" for future consideration.

5. Field Demand
   General discussion on field demand and the ability to secure enough fields to accommodate the league schedule.

6. 60 Division Structure Policy
   The new 60 Division Structure Policy will be inserted into the league By-Laws under Article VII.

7. League Documents on Google Drive
   The 2026 season supporting documents will be backed up onto Google drive and all EC members will have access.

8. Player Game Credit for Partially Played Games
   The EC has attempted to address this issue in past. The issue is complicated by the inability to enter player attendance for partially (Unofficial) games. Rick Bergman and John Wilson have committed to experiment with the HTO website and determine if there is any type of "Work Around".

9. Number of Players per Roster
   In-depth discussion concerning number of players allowed per roster. The positive and negative implications of raising or lowering the number from 25 players was considered. This item was tabled for future consideration.

10. Double Elimination Tournament Brackets
    Rick Bergman briefed the EC concerning the 2025 post season and how there are at least 2 versions of double elimination brackets. The managers will be briefed during the January league meeting and they can decide which version to use.

11. Player Waivers
    The EC approved 2 Individual Player Waivers for the 60 Cardinals and 1 for the 53 Knights.

12. 3 New Proposed Playing Rules for the Senior Division
    The EC was briefed on 3 new proposed rules which will be considered by the Senior Division and possibly the 60 Division West Conference managers.
    - Changing the 5 run cap per inning beginning after a certain time as opposed to an inning.
    - Modifying the "No Steal" of Second Base to address wild throws back to the pitcher from the catcher.
    - Modifying the interpretation of the major league Infield Fly rule to better suit the abilities of Senior Division players.

13. League Capital Fund
    Discussion concerning the possibility of changing the league incorporation to allow for donations and long-term savings for future league uses. Darryl Dickerhoff, A.J. Koenig and Gene Mehrtens will research.

14. January Indoor Workouts
    Gene Mehrtens will coordinate the use of Center St. Louis.

15. January Managers Meeting
    The January league manager's meeting will be held on Saturday January 10th at Piazza Messina's, 9:00 AM. $500 team deposits are due.

16. Winter Warm Up
    Gene Mehrtens will coordinate the league off season party (Winter Warm Up)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.