

Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League
Post Season Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017
Cedar Lane Park
Ellicott City, Maryland
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at **10:00 am**.

2. All teams were represented with exception of the Shockers. A call was made for someone to step up and take on the role of Chairman of the Rules Committee. George Harrison, Manager of the Greenbelt team, graciously agreed to take on the responsibility.

3. The Commissioner gave kudos to the following:
 - a. Bowie Gold for enjoying a very successful season and for winning both the regular season championship and the tournament in the "C" Division along with success of Bowie Bronze and Howard Hitters teams
 - b. Catonsville for winning the regular season championship and the Maryland Oldliners for winning the playoff tournament in the "B" division.
 - c. Howard County and Howard Shockers who were Co-Champions during the regular season and Howard County as Playoff champions in the "A" division. Glen Burnie also had a great season.

4. There was discussion about the large number of forfeits that occurred this year. People sign up to play softball, not to forfeit games. League rules say a team can play with nine players. However, among steps to improve this situation was a plan to allow the team that is short of players to accept help from their opponents in the form of a "Retriever" who would act like a catcher, and throw the pitched ball back to the pitcher. The retriever would not participate in defensive plays at the plate and his position would require an "out" in the batting order of the subscribing team. A right fielder could also be provided at the same cost. This rules change will be further spelled in an email message devoted to that topic. On the issue of expelling Parkville/Perry Hall from the league, the board agreed unanimously to allow them until January 1, 2018 to acquire enough players to compete.

5. Other items that were discussed were as follows:
 - a. Initial rosters are to be submitted to the Commissioner not later than **April 15**. Rosters must be typewritten and be clear and legible. Rosters must also be exchanged between managers at the first meeting of the year between teams.
 - b. Regarding rosters, **any time a change is made to a team's roster, an email message will be sent to all the BBSL addressees by the team making the change.**
 - c. Final rosters are to be in place by **July 1** in order for a player to be eligible to play in the post-season tournament.

10. To contact the new Commissioner use the following methods:

Home 410-381-9693 Cell 410-340-9457 email tomrbrown@verizon.net or
tomrbrown@comcast.net

11. Trophies and Plaques were presented to the winning teams.

12. The spring meeting will be held sometime in March of 2018.

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectively submitted:

Jim Ganz

Outgoing Commissioner