

Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League  
Post Season Meeting  
Wednesday, September 30, 2015  
Cedar Lane Park  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.
2. All teams were represented.
3. A review of the season received favorable remarks as a good year. The double elimination playoff tournament was very exciting and a lot fun for everyone. In the future this tournament will no longer be called the playoffs. instead it will be called our Post Season Tournament.
4. The Commissioner gave kudos to the following:
  - a. Bowie Gold for enjoying a very successful season and for winning the tournament in the "C" Division.
  - b. Howard County, Glen Burnie and Glenelg for winning the regular season championship in their respective divisions
  - c. Howard County and Glen Burnie – for winning the tournament championship in their respective divisions.
  - d. Mark Gerring for assembling a quality group of umpires for the tournament
5. Teams placed orders for softball s for next season. A total order of 21 dozen balls were placed.
6. 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.
7. Other items that were discussed were as follows and requires implementation by all managers and will be discussed again at the Spring Meeting:
  - 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 31** in order for a player to be eligible to play in the post-season tournament.
  - d. There was discussion about the availability of DeMarini white/black steel bats. It seems the manufacturer is having problems acquiring the materials to fabricate the bat and probably will not be available this year. There was also discussion about using

composite bats and protective screens for the pitcher, but no decision was made at this time.

- e. A motion was put forth to allow teams to recruit players from adjacent states, with a limit of two players per team, on a trial basis beginning this year. The vote was 16-3 in favor of this proposal.
  - f. Two teams had problems with an umpire at one of the sites and discussion followed concerning the conduct of both the players and the umpire. Teams involved were directed to solve the problem.
  - g. Since the meeting it was suggested that we consider starting games during the first two weeks of the season at 11:00 a.m. to avoid the cold mornings. This will be queried on a separate email message.
  - h. The regular season will begin on Monday, April 25, 2016.
8. League Alignment – As a result of their respective performances during the season, team movements will be as follows: There will be no change in the “C” Division until team assessments are made as to their viability. November 1, 2015 is the deadline for reporting out. Glen Burnie will move from the “B” to the “A” Division and Catonsville will move from the “A” Division to the “B” Division. That means that the configuration will be same as this year of 6-6-7 teams in the respective divisions.
9. To contact the Commissioner use the following methods:  
Home 301-236-9130 (Preferred)      Cell 301-787-3894      [jimganz@verizon.net](mailto:jimganz@verizon.net)
10. Trophies and Plaques were presented to the winning teams.
11. The Spring meeting will be held sometime in March of 2016.
12. Meeting adjourned at 11:25.

Respectively submitted:

Jim Ganz

Commissioner