



Board Minutes 5/21/2010

The Board of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Softball Association met on May 21, 2010. The following members were in attendance:

John L. – Commissioner
Ronnie B. – Assistant Commissioner
Ronnie L. – Treasurer
Charlie H. – Secretary
Dan B. – Ex-Officio
DeVon B. – EESB Player

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM

Financial Update

Ronnie L. provided a detailed analysis of the league's current finances. With approximately \$5669.69 in our account, we are financially sound for the remainder of the season. It is projected that approximately \$900.00 will be spent on umpire fees for the season. The cost of umpires is \$22.00 per game. Additional withdrawals may be needed to pay for the supplies used during the shooters fundraising at The Garage. This is not clear as of yet. Remaining expenses for the year include the annual banquet and awards.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of MAASA will take place on July 25th after the 3rd game. At this time, the meeting will be called to order. Rule changes will be announced. Elections will also take place as well as any new business. The league Secretary will send out an e-mail to the league informing them of the annual meeting as well as the elections. All players should plan on attending the meeting on July 25th. An e-mail blast will be sent out to the players to remind them of the meeting. This information will also appear on the MAASA website as an event and anyone who has chosen to receive event information will be notified. A flyer will also be created by the league Secretary to hang in the dugouts with this information. If a player would like to discuss an item not on the agenda, they should alert the Secretary by July 15th of their intent and subject matter.

Tentative Agenda for the Annual Meeting

Reports
Rule Changes to Bylaws and Constitution
Elections
New Business

Elections

The **Commissioner** and the **Secretary** position are both open this year for nominations. If any player is interested in running for either position, they will need to notify the league Secretary by July 1st of their intent. Once all nominations are received, the Secretary will contact the nominees to determine their willingness to take on the responsibilities of the position. Once this is established, each nominee will provide the

Secretary with a document expressing their platform and credentials. This will be posted on the MAASA website.

An Election Management Committee will be created from one member of each team who is in good standing. Each team will select their own committee member. Members of the Elections committee shall not be team managers, coaches, or captains and may not be officers of the league. Members of the committee are ineligible to seek office or accept nomination for any post in an election for which they are serving on the committee. At the first elections committee meeting, a Chairman will be selected.

The Elections Manager will create ballots for each of the nominations and also leave a space for additional nominations. Players will vote for each of the positions and place their ballot in the ballot box. Absentee ballots will be provided if a player informs the Elections Manager that they will be absent from the actual voting. These results will be included with the votes cast on Election Day. Once all votes are collected, they will be tallied by members of the Elections Committee, confirmed and announced by the Election Chairman and Manger as soon as possible.

For complete details regarding elections, please refer to *Section 8* of the league Bylaws.

Annual Banquet and One-Pitch Tournament

Unlike previous years, the annual banquet will not take place on a game day. Instead, the board is looking into possibly having an awards banquet either at The Ocean View Pier, as a pier party, or at Hersheys. The tentative start time would be 4 PM. Further details will be provided as soon as they are finalized.

August 8th is a play date and is the one pitch tournament. Players should adhere to the schedule on the MAASA website.

Awards

Awards for the 2010 season will be awarded as followed:

- League Trophies
 - 1st Place Team
 - 2ndPlace Team
 - MVP of League
 - Newcomer of League
 - Rookie of League
- Team Trophies
 - Team MVP
 - Team Golden Glove

The board is in the process of deciding what the awards will look like. Board members will be reviewing awards and making recommendations. The budget for all awards is \$250.00

Players can nominate their teammates for each award. All nominations should be sent to the league Secretary by July 1st.

Hall of Fame – The board discussed the possibility of electing players into the Hall of Fame. The cost of the Hall of Fame trophy is about \$60.00. This player must be someone who has worked with or in support of the league for a number of years. The board will vote on the nominations to decide whether or not the player will be accepted into the Hall of Fame. If a player would like to nominate another player for the Hall of Fame, they must notify the Secretary by July 1st. This award will be presented to the player(s) at the annual banquet. Dan B. nominated Alan R., of the Cavaliers as a candidate for the Hall of Fame.

Rating Committee

The Ratings Committee will meet in June to discuss the ratings for all players. This information will be used to determine whether the league will send a B or a C team to the NAGAAA World Series. Further information regarding the ratings will be provided after this meeting.

NAGAAA World Series

At the present time there is no coach for the World Series team. However, John L. has stated that he will coach a B team, or a legitimate C team.

Once players have been chosen for the World Series, the ratings will be provided to the Secretary who will average the scores and determine whether we will send a B or a C team to the World Series.

The World Series team has the opportunity to have one tournament under their belt by participating in a local tournament on June 12th. Further information will be provided for all World Series team players.

Seaside Showdown

In the application for the 1023 application for 501c3 status, it was stated that we do host local tournaments. The Seaside Showdown would be a great way to attract local players as well as teams from afar. Dan B. will call on Monday, 5/24 and alert the board what weekends are still available in September or October. This will also include the cost of the fields. The proceeds from the tournament will be placed in the league account. Review Board Positions and Responsibilities.

Board Positions

It was discussed at the meeting the various board positions and what the responsibilities for each are. Considering that season is in full swing, no major changes will be made. However, at the board meeting in the fall, positions and their responsibilities will be discussed to create more equal roles and responsibilities. This is also due to the added responsibilities maintaining a website pose that have not been a major responsibility in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.