



Board Meeting Minutes 04/7/2010

The Board of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Softball Association met on 04/07/2010. The following were in attendance:

John L. - Commissioner
Ronnie B. - Assistant Commissioner
Ronnie L. - Treasurer
Charlie H. - Secretary
Dan B. - Ex-Officio
Dan W. - Coach of Sting

The Agenda was set by the Secretary.

Meeting is called to order at 6:30 PM.

The Sting

Dan W., the coach of The Sting, approached John L. with concern that he would not have enough players for opening day. The board discussed various ways of reaching new players and even some previous players that have yet to sign up for this season. The board decided to take 3 additional steps in attempting to bring more players into the league.

- 1st - An email is to go out to all currently registered players and ask them to spread the word and challenge them to bring a friend into the league.
- 2nd - Social networking. Ronnie B was to join as many "gay" friendly networks as possible and attempt to post information on these sites.
- 3rd - The board decided to place an ad in the Virginian Pilot, if and only if it could get in the Sunday 4/11 edition and if the cost was under \$300.00.

Player Dues

All players must be paid in full before they are able to step on the field on opening day. The discount no longer applies, and the Registration Fee is now \$75.00. Since players are no longer able to pay online they should mail their payment to the Treasurer at the following address:

MAASA
440 Maryland Avenue
Portsmouth, VA 23707

The World Series

The board discussed the possibility of MAASA sending a B team or a C team to the 2010 World Series. Since the rating guidelines have recently changed, it would be good to know what type of team we will be sending before players register to go. The board chose ten names of possible players and decided to rate them individually. Members of the Board will be conducting these ratings with observations from opening day as well as prior knowledge. Once complete, the ratings will be combined for an average score. This information will help determine the type of team(s) we send to the 2010 World Series.

IRS

The board needs to complete paperwork regarding IRS Tax-Exempt Code 501(c)(3). IRS code 501(c)(3) states that "to be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual." It was agreed that John L and Dan B would work together to complete the additional information request of the IRS.

The Garage Fundraising

On April 16th, the MAASA board will be selling shooters at The Garage to raise funds for the league. We will begin by preparing the shooters on Thursday, April 15th and then sell them on Friday, April 16th. All funds collected will go to the league's general account.

Players who wish to attend the 2010 World Series will also have the opportunity to sell shooters at The Garage in May and July. All funds collected by these players will go into an account benefiting those 2010 World Series players who participate in the fundraising.