



Board Minutes 2/20/2010

The Board of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Softball Association met on February 20, 2010. The following members were in attendance:

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

Update from Winter Meeting

John L. informed the board about the NAGAAA the winter meeting, noting that nothing directly impacting the league took place. Changes were made to the player rating system, however, and a general policing of the IOG took place.

If you would like further information, please visit the link here to the NAGAAA Instruments of Governance <http://www.nagaaasoftball.org/documents/IofG.pdf>. More information about the ratings system is available on the MAASA site under documents.

Finance

Ronnie L. provided a detailed analysis of the league's current finances. With approximately \$2,300 in our account, we are financially sound for the upcoming season. We project approximately 65 players to pay their dues this year, and at a rate of \$70.00 per person, the league should receive \$4,550.00. The board also discussed past and future fundraising opportunities for the league.

Registration and Player Fees

All players should register online. Ronnie B. will make online registration available in the coming days. Managers will alert their teams once the site is ready. This gives MAASA access to contact information as well as answers to questions regarding insurance. All team captains should encourage their players to register as soon as possible so that their players can receive updates from MAASA. If needed, a laptop will be brought to the fields on opening day (April 18) to allow players without computer access to submit their information. A Kick-Off Registration Event will also take place to allow new players to register as well.

The cost of dues was discussed, and the board decided that players must pay online. Players who pay online on or before March, 31 will pay \$70.00, while those who register after that time will pay \$75.00. Exceptions would be made if necessary.

Team Insurance

Just like in 2009, **each team will be responsible for paying its own insurance – \$281 per team**. Each player may contribute to the team's overall cost, or the teams may organize fundraisers and donations as necessary

Players need to know that when they step on the field, the supplemental insurance is in effect. If they are injured on the field and they have insurance, then the supplemental insurance will go into effect only if needed. If they do not have insurance, then the supplemental insurance will go into effect immediately. When players register on the MAASA website, they will be asked questions regarding insurance. Those questions are not personal in nature and are intended to assess the extent of one's existing coverage.

Schedule

The season will begin on **Sunday, April 18** and will continue on the following dates:

May 5 and May 16

June 6, June 13, and June 27

July 11 and July 25

Note: If needed, May 23 will be used as a rain date.

Sunday, August 8 will be the league's **Annual 1-Pitch Tournament/Annual Membership Meeting/League Cookout Day**.

If there are 4 teams in the league, then we will begin the games at 9:30 AM. If another team is added, the schedule will be adjusted as needed.

World Series

The World Series this year will be held in Columbus, Ohio from August 16 through August 21. MAASA must register by July 15 and pay all fees by August 1. The coach position is currently vacant; however, Dan B. has expressed interest and will let the board know by the next board meeting. **Any player who is interested in being on the World Series team must pay a \$75.00 non-refundable deposit by June 14.** Considering that Columbus is a short 8-hour drive away, we anticipate many players wanting to be part of this experience. See Article 19 of the Bylaws for any questions/clarification of procedures pertaining to the GSWS.

New Players/Fund Raisers

We will host a new player meet-and-greet at 11 AM on Saturday, March 20 at Ingelside Elementary School to give new players a chance to meet the board of directors, team captains, and other players. Ingelside Elementary School is located at 976 Ingelside Rd. in Norfolk. John L. said that he would hold a practice for the Breakers beforehand so that new players would see the players in action and experience part of what MAASA is all about. All information about the league will be provided to these new players and contact information will be recorded. The rain date will be March 27.

Dan B. has ordered the business cards that we will use to promote the league. He will hand them out this week. These cards have been successful in the past in recruiting new players and sharing information about the league.

Richmond hosts a Fourth Friday event every month where the community patronizes a “straight” establishment. This would be a great opportunity to share information about MAASA and hand out business cards to those who might be unfamiliar with our league.

Additional Information

The next MAASA Board meeting will take place at 6 PM on March 8 at the residence of John L. The Board will also meet on March 29, if necessary (again, 6 PM at the residence of John L.).

The Board will also re-visit the responsibilities of each officer at next meeting and make any necessary changes.