

West Coast Fantasy Baseball Association

Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2009

Present: Doug Rusch, Mark Gemello, Ray Mialovich, Doug Penney, Rob Weber, Michael Simon

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved and will be posted on the website.

The Officers were designated for the year 2010.

President Mark Gemello

Treasurer Doug Rusch

Secretary Michael Simon

The next election of Board Members will be November 2010. Michael Simon and Doug Rusch will have completed their current terms on the Board.

It was discussed and approved that Matt Schmuck will link Jim Realini's blog to the website.

Doug Rusch presented a Financial Recap of our events. The league ran a small surplus. Participation was up, pool fees were up and we were given a free date at Alberts Field due to the field conditions the prior weekend.

The league banquet will be in February 2010. Steve Bennett is coordinating the event. The league has a surplus of beverages that Doug Rusch will provide to Steve.

There was a discussion regarding the structure of the league for the 2010 season. It was decided that Michael will communicate with Mike Mello and Don Luis (representing the A's players) that all players will be in the league player draft and that all players will be eligible to play as pool players for all teams.

Mark Gemello was commended for his excellent efforts in a thankless job. Several specific instances were addressed where players had questions regarding pool assignments. Mark will be providing a detailed listing of the criteria on how pool players are assigned.

Rob discussed that Bakersfield no longer appears to be a tournament option. It was proposed by Neil Adams that we try Fresno or Santa Barbara. The Padres will have a tournament March 7th in Lake Elsinore, but the Giants may only be invited to bring one team.

Carl Cardinalli and Bob Ford are working on the 2010 Palm Desert Tournament. Mike Weir is confirming San Diego. Ray is working on getting a field of the Napa League Weekend. JC has renegotiated with the Ports regarding the Banner Island cost for 2010. Joe Matlen will be the primary contact regarding the Stockton Tournament.

JC is running the Mesa Tournament. We currently expect 2 or 3 Giants teams, 2 Cubs teams, Padres, Blue Sox, Reds and possibly Mariner's teams.

A list of manager volunteers for 2010/2011 was reviewed. Jim Realini, Greg Terra, Lorne Johnson, John Haines, Dave Montellato, (Rich Weil) and (Mike Shaffer/Keith DaCosta) had expressed interest in managing. Michael will be contacting the A's (see above) for any volunteers.

A rule change was proposed that any pitched ball that gets past the catcher and hits the backstop allows all runners to advance one base. (This will be tried in Mesa and at Riordan for further review).

A rule change was proposed that a batter no longer will get a runner from home plate. Batters over 70 and with injury designations can't be thrown on balls that are hit and reach the outfield grass. Plays may be made on all other runners.

A clarification was made that on any dropped third strike where the batter may advance to first base, it is a live ball and any runners may advance at the risk of being put out. No return to tag the base before advancing is required.

A clarification was made that the umpires will enforce balks that are deceiving to the baserunner(s). For example, a pitcher coming set and then going into a windup will not be called for a balk (unless he/she attempts to throw to a base) and the runner (s) may steal at their own risk.

The WCFBA code of conduct was reviewed and approved by the Board. It will be published as a separate document.

The pool coordinator must be e-mailed by 6:00 pm the day of the game with an explanation if a player no shows for a game (flat tire, illness, etc.) The player should be contacting the team manager before the game (if possible).

The pitching restrictions for pool players were reviewed from our by-laws. The pool coordinator will list any of these restrictions on the weekly pool player team assignment announcement.

The WCFBA has been invited to play at AT&T in early July. The cost will be approximately \$ 235 per player per game. Rob will send an e-mail to get an initial sense of interest. There will be a deadline in January for sending in the funds; which will be non-refundable.

Ray will be investigating some people to serve as the umpire coordinator for 2010.