



PSSNL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Monday, April 3, 2023

Location/Time: Hive Industries, LLC – 10:30AM

Attendees: Rick Kulek, Larry Strohmaier, John Viviano, Denny Mauricio, Scot Howard

Call To Order: 10:30AM

LEAGUE OPERATIONS/BUSINESS ITEMS

- Denny Mauricio was elected to the PSSNL Board of Directors
- The Board accepted a motion to survey all members of the 2022-23 Winter Season regarding their likes and dislikes during the past season and request feedback on ways to improve the player experience moving forward. Survey will include: Likes / Dislikes / Player Draft / Tracking Stats / Ways to Improve Overall Playing Experience / Returning for Future Season(s)
- A motion to eliminate Top-Of-Line for MVP and MIP and allow each team to select their own MVP and MIP was presented and discussed. The motion passed. In-Favor: 5 / Opposed: 0 / Abstentions: 0
- A motion to suspend the Field Officer during the upcoming Summer Season was presented and discussed. The motion did not pass. In-Favor: 1 / Oppose: 4 / Abstentions: 0
- A motion to suspend tracking individual player stats was presented and discussed. The Board decided to review results from the player feedback request before taking a vote.
- A motion to transfer website management to the Secretary was presented and discussed. The motion passed. In-Favor: 5 / Oppose: 0 / Abstentions: 0
Post Meeting Addendum: Since managing the Marketing/Recruitment drive being launched this Summer is the reason behind this motion, Rick and Scot discussed and agreed all the Secretary actually needs is shared administrative access to the website. Landin is doing a fine job keeping the website updated and should continue to do so.

2023 SUMMER SEASON

- The 2023 Summer Season will begin Saturday, June 3rd.
- Registration Fee for the Summer Season has not been determined yet.
- The Board has decided to review feedback from the player survey before determining the draft process for the upcoming season.
- The Board anticipates at least 3 teams, including a request from the LA Thunderbirds (a USA Softball 50+ team to play, as a team). The Thunderbirds have proposed playing the “second” game of the day against an “all-star” team comprised of layers from the other 2 PSSNL teams. Based on the number of season participants/teams, the Board will present the proposal to team managers for discussion.

MOTIONS TO AMMEND PSSNL RULES

The Board received multiple motions to the PSSNL Rules Of Play from players. Each motion was discussed and voted upon, as follows:

- **Courtesy Runners – Bat-Around Rule:** Allow a courtesy runner to run a second time for the same batter should a team bat around in the open inning. After discussion by the Board, the motion was amended to allow a Homeplate courtesy runner only to run for the same batter should a team bat around in the open inning. The amended motion passed.
In-Favor: 5 / Opposed: 0 / Abstentions: 0
- **Homeplate Courtesy Runners:** Homeplate courtesy runners must begin at the backstop, in-line with Homeplate. The motion passed.
In-Favor: 5 / Opposed: 0 / Abstentions: 0

- **Subbing:** If a sub is obtained from an existing team roster, then that player must be at least one line lower than the missing player. Furthermore, if a sub is obtained off the official sub list, the Sub can then replace the missing player line-for-line. The motion failed.
In-Favor: 0 / Opposed: 5 / Abstentions: 0
- **Delay Of Game:** Once a game has started, the umpire shall assess a ball/strike penalty for any team, at the umpire discretion, is intentionally delaying the game. The motion passed.
In-Favor: 5 / Opposed: 0 / Abstentions: 0
- **Between Innings Rule:** Field warmup is permitted during the first inning only. The motion passed.
In-Favor: 5 / Opposed: 0 / Abstentions: 0
- **Distance Between Bases:** Move bases from 65 feet to 70 feet. The motion failed.
In-Favor: 0 / Opposed: 5 / Abstentions: 0
- **Excessive Absent Player Replacement:** A coach/manager may request from the Board a permanent replacement player from the sub list for any player missing an excessive number of games, only if both the “absent” player and coach are in agreement. The motion passed.
In-Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 / Abstentions: 0

The Board also receive multiple suggestions for amending team selections, the player draft, and establishing a roster review after a set number of games, amending rosters as necessary for balance. The Board decided to review and include feedback from the player survey before further discussions on these proposed amendments.

Next PSSSNL Board Meeting: TBD

ADJOURNMENT: 12:10PM