

MINUTES SCIFL LEAGUE MEETING **September 25, 2010**

*Recap of last meeting by Robert Hernandez & David Carrillo

In attendance: David Carrillo, Robert Hernandez, Leo Lambert, Michael Sherman, Cecillo Smalling

Note: The Board members present made the motion and approved to have Leo and Michael be able to proxy vote

1) 2010 SCIFL Season

- Robert gave a brief recap of the season
 - Taft tournament relocated due to no support from Central Cal teams. Then cancelled due to rain.
 - Trash was an issue during the season as teams were not picking up after themselves. Santa Fe Springs in particular has not enforced the "Trash Removal Fee" that most have to pay but it could be an issue next year. Teams improved but players need to continue to leave the park clean. It was also suggested to have the park place additional trash cans available.
 - If trash problem continues, the league may have to charge each team a trash fee.
- Liberty FP, Pala Braves and the Palm Springs express all attended the NAFA "A" World Series in Des Moines, IA

2) 2010 Expenses

- Robert reported that the league has \$9,300 in the bank; however the league is still awaiting 5 invoices from Santa Fe Springs. Requests have been made for the invoices. After the estimated costs the league should have about \$6,400 in the general account.
 - There is one outstanding debt of \$425 from a team for the final tournament of the season. The manager will have until October 29, 2010 before players are suspended from the league.
- Robert explained that \$3,500 will need to be held in the account to start business next season
 - Santa Fe Springs is updating their reservation system and will require deposits when reservations are made
 - In lieu of prizes for championship teams (see below) it was voted that Santa Fe Springs be offered payment in advance to keep tournament costs low
- All expenses and taxes have been paid for the 2010 season that have been received to date
- Robert suggested purchasing hoodies with the SCIFL logo and tournament champions for teams that won an event. Teams that won multiple events would receive one hoodie for each person on combined rosters. This was voted on and was defeated 4-1. A second vote was then taken and it was approved that the money be used for field reservations for the 2011 season.
- It was also suggested that the money for prizes be used for better fencing
 - Robert will investigate the cost for the fencing and report back

- It was recommended that if we have to buy the fencing in stages that would allowable
- Due to the amount of unusual amount of bad checks, Robert motioned that a \$25 non-sufficient fund fee be included in the by-laws and that any player on the roster not be allowed to play until the debt is paid in full
 - The proposal was amended to state that players can pay their portion of the fee to be included in future tournaments. The fee per player will be determined by the Tournament Director depending on the number of players on the roster. The proposal passed.

3) 2011 Proposed Tournament Schedule

- The proposed schedule was made available with 8 locations
 - Dates and locations will be updated on the website as they are confirmed.
- Robert brought up cutting the schedule and only playing once a month and this motion was defeated
- The first tournament was slated for Santa Barbara and there was discussion of the cost of traveling there as well as there is not a team from the area playing in the league.
- A representative from Valleywide Park District in Hemet contacted Robert and asked if a tournament can be schedule for their new 8 field complex. It was voted that Robert contact Valleywide and get more accurate costs for running a tournament at the park for the following reasons:
 - Costs are competitive to parks the league uses now
 - Located in an area to benefit the travel of players
 - Hotel costs are lower than Santa Barbara
- It was recommend that a ninth tournament be placed on the schedule and played on the weekend of August 5-6
 - Locations would be Soboba or Palm Springs
 - Fields in Los Angeles are no longer available due to football and soccer commitments
 - Robert will secure a field for the date
- Robert informed the group that Santa Fe Springs, with their new reservation system, will have a fee increase again this year. He hopes to be able to work out a non-profit fee with the park to help reduce the cost but it would take council approval.
- Las Vegas
 - Reservation request will be placed in October for the using the parks the first weekend of April
 - Depending on the amount of teams, the tournament will start on Friday afternoon in 2010 to allow for more teams and earlier completion times on Friday and Saturday night so people can enjoy Las Vegas.

4) Formats

- The same format of three-game guarantee on Saturday and single elimination on Sunday will be used again for most tournaments with the same bracketing that was used in 2010
- Robert brought up that some complained about teams playing the same teams in both the round robin and single elimination.

- There was also a suggestion that the tournaments be played in a bracketed two- game or three-game format. The issue died on the floor due to lack of a motion.
 - The Las Vegas tournament will continue to use the NAFA three-game guarantee format
- Robert motioned that round robin games not exceed 9 innings. Games that are tied after the completion of 9 innings will end in a tie and each time will receive half a point. Motioned passed 5-0
- Robert motioned that championship games have a time limit of 2 hours and this motion was defeated.

5) Team & Pitcher's Lists

- The Classification Committee will review the current lists and make changes as necessary for the 2010 season
- The results will be posted on the website as soon as available
- Michael Sherman was recommended to be added to the Classification Committee and was approved unanimously.

6) Master League

- The league consisted of six teams this past season with five attending the NAFA Masters World Series. The So Cal Rounders were the champions in the 40 & Under Silver Division.
- The league will start in 2011 at the end of February

7) SCIFL & NAFA Boards

- Nominations and Election of Officers
 - a. Clyde Bennett resigned in June as the UIC and his position was temporarily filled by Robert and Kalani Ongasis. The league would like to thank Clyde for his contributions to the league and fast pitch in general.
 - i. Robert recommended that we wait until the January meeting to elect a new UIC. No one had any opposition to this recommendation.
 - b. All other positions are currently filled
- Rules, Constitution & By-Laws

The following By-Laws were edited or deleted by unanimous vote:

 - a. Article 1, paragraph 4 - Remove paragraph as it is no longer valid
 - b. Article 3, Classification Committee - Assign a new person Michael Sherman
 - c. Article 6, bullet item 4 - Remove as we no longer have play in separate divisions
 - d. Article 10, bullet item 8 - Remove the words "speak to" as they are redundant
 - e. All other rules, Constitution and By-laws remain as written

8) 2010 NAFA World Series

- Robert informed the group that NAFA has not yet awarded the 2011 tournament as of yet. Rockford, Il is one of the locations considering putting in a bid. Dates will be sent out as soon as they are available.

9) Hotels

- a) Buena Parks Inn Suites was this years past hotel host at a cost of \$50 per night. Robert will remind teams that travel to try and use the hotel as much as possible.

10) Sponsorships and Non-Profit Status

- Robert will work on getting sponsorships from various sporting good manufactures
- Robert suggested having a Stateline turnaround to help the league and teams defray tournament costs
 - a. Cecillo Smalling will chair the group to organize this fund raiser
- Robert also suggested obtaining Dodger or Angel tickets for a SCIFL night or day. More info on this one in the future.
- There are also various methods that a company or organization can help the league by sponsoring a tournament of advertising on the web site. For more information on this please contact Robert.

11) Open Discussion

- a) Robert brought up that during the season scorers were tracking the DR different ways. If the DR was used the original batter would remain as the runner in the book. Some were moving the person running as the player on base. It was agreed that the original batter would remain in the scorebook and take whatever stats the runner earned.
- b) Robert recommended and it was voted on unanimously in favor that the following equipment be purchased with the tournament surplus for the 2011 season with the total not to exceed \$1,200:
- a. Replacement fencing to repair existing fences
 - b. Drills – purchase two (2) quality drills for installing the fences. Currently the league rents a drill from Fernie Ramierz
 - c. Field drags to help cut down on the time it takes to prep fields in between games.
 - d. Dig out tool for when bases get dislodged and the hole needs to be dugout
 - e. Chalker machine to put down baselines
 - f. Radar gun to obtain the proper speed of pitchers in the league and to assist with classification
 - g. Mini-score units to be hung by and updated by the scorers.
- c) Robert wanted it in the minutes that each team is responsible for providing their own first aid and ice for injuries. The league, due to liability issues, does not supply basic first-aid and can only call 911 for medical assistance. It is strongly encouraged for teams to purchase a basic first-aid kits and ice packs.
- d) Additional Meetings - David Carrillo proposed the addition of board meetings during the season to address fundraising action items. It was decided that the Board would meet if necessary. Currently issues needed to be discussed by the Board are completed by email or phone.
- e) Women’s Division – Robert informed the group that there was a possibility of adding a women’s division to the SCIFL. Although there were initial inquires by women’s teams, as of now it does not appear feasible for the 2011 season.