

# **MINUTES SCIFL LEAGUE MEETING**

## **January 30, 2010**

\*Recap of last meeting by D. Carrillo and R. Hernandez

### **1) SCIFL & NAFA Boards**

- The order of the agenda was moved to allow some people that were still on the way to the hotel.
- Robert introduce the Board members present at the meeting
- Benjie Hedgecock has appointed Robert as the State Commissioner for the So Cal area
- Rules, Constitution & By-Laws
  - a. Robert announced that there were no updates to the Rules, Constitution or By-Laws

### **2) 2010 NAFA World Series**

- The dates for the World Series to be held in Des Moines, Iowa were provided in the schedule handout. These are the dates after adjusting to allow flexibility to teams to allow them to play in multiple tournaments/championships.
- WS Championship Game tentatively planned for 2:00 PM, with the "IF" game to immediately follow if necessary
- The Open will be held July 24-25 in Middleton WI

### **3) Hotels**

- a) Buena Park Inn & Suites hotel offered to keep the rate (\$50/night) the same for this season for tournaments to be held in Santa Fe Springs.
- b) The Comfort Inn was requested to be checked as it is closer to the park. In the past pricing has been appx. \$69/night. Robert will inquire about pricing before the first tournament.

### **4) Sponsorships and Non-Profit Status**

- Discussion was held on how teams could benefit from the leagues non-profit status
  - a. If they receive a sponsor check it is required that it be made out to the SCIFL
  - b. The league will mail a letter to the sponsor with the appropriate information
  - c. If the amount is more than a tournament, the league will keep track of the funds to be used at future tournaments
  - d. The league will not provide money back to the teams from the sponsorship money as it would be a major infraction of our non-profit status
- Various sponsors will be contacted this season for donations to the league, they include
  - a. Worth
  - b. Schutt
  - c. Mizuno
  - d. TAI Sports (Elite Sports?)
- The league is willing to generate links on the webpage to highlight/promote sponsors.

## **5) 2009 SCIFL Season**

- Scheduling
  - Robert went over the schedule for the season as all parks have been confirmed
  - At the meeting, Robert explained that the Billy Bash tournament to be held in Taft may be relocated as a result of only one Central California team entering.
    - The managers at the meeting agreed with this decision and Robert will contact the remaining Central California teams to determine if they are planning on playing
    - Calls to the teams found that none would be playing in Taft and the tournament will be moved elsewhere.
    - The league will continue to use the "Billy Bash" tournament name if Billy Pilgrim will allow it and he has first option to run the snack bar for his team needs.
    - At the time of this posting, the tournament has been moved to Santa Barbara
  - Costs
    - The majority of parks have raised their prices the past couple of years and the league has not changed much.
    - This year Santa Fe Springs raised their prices and the league is forced to raise the entry fees as well
    - In addition, the umpires fee was also raised by \$3 per game
    - Robert presented a spreadsheet that shows the difference costs for the parks that are used as well as parks that have been recommended by others to try and play at
    - Robert made the motion that the entry fee be raised to \$410 per tournament, a \$35 increase. The motion was seconded and was voted unanimously (13) in favor of by the managers at the meeting.
    - Santa Fe Springs is still the best option for the league and will be the used for five of the seven events
    - The entry fee is still the lowest fee for a tournament in California
  - Format
    - The format will remain the same, round robin seeding teams into single elimination
    - NOTE: this season all teams will play in a single pool and then be placed in the single elimination based on record/seeding.
- Rosters
  - Classifications
    - The current pitcher and team lists were handed out at the meeting and have been placed on the web site as well
  - Players changing teams
    - The league will keep the same policy on players. Players who wish to change teams must submit to the league what new team roster they would like to join. The change must be approved through the league. The player must settle uniform and/or payments prior to league approval of the change.

- In addition, the subject of females playing in the league was brought up and Robert reminded everyone that as the SCIFL did not have a league for females, they are available to play in the league if a team elects to.
    - To date only pitchers have been females that have played in the league.
    - However, all players and teams must play by the same By-Laws, Constitution and Playing Rules that the league adopted
  - Lock down date
    - Will be the last tournament of the year, July 24-25, players must be on the roster at that time and play for the team they will sign with
  - Pick-Up Players
    - Teams can pick up three (3) players but must remain at 18 players on the roster
    - If they exceed 18, a player will need to be dropped
  - World Series Rosters
    - Rosters will be collected at the July 24-25 tournament
    - All players must be signed on that time
- Bats & Balls
  - The league will use the same bat list and balls as last year

## **6) Master League**

- Robert announced that there were at least eight teams that have expressed interest in playing this season
- The parks that were reserved will need to be redone as they only were two field complexes and that will not be sufficient
- Robert will check to make sure the teams will all be playing the full schedule
- The Master league is self sufficient and does not rely on the regular league for funds

## **7) Open Discussion**

- The issue of player development was discussed at length during the tournament section of the meeting and what needed to be done to attract players
  - Pitching seemed to be the main concern and it was discussed that it should be the first item that is approached to strengthen the league as there are a number of players available but no pitching
    - Various ideas were discussed including pitching clinics on off-weekends and trying to get players out of college interested in pitching
    - It was also mentioned that there were a few players who have been practicing pitching that are not able to pitch in games during tournaments. It is the managers decision to use them in games or not but weekday league play is also another option.