

2009 SCIFL Pre Season Meeting

January 25, 2009 10:00 AM

In attendance were the following: Robert Hernandez (Tournament Director), Fred Hanker (Commissioner), Lou Enriquez (Assistant Commissioner) David Carillo (Division Supervisor), Fernie Ramirez Sr. (Player Rep), Fernie Ramirez Jr, (Panteras 2), Mitch Mendenhall (San Diego Primetime), Cecilio Smalling (Flor De Cana), Chris McGehee (Silverhawks), Doug Rooney (independent), Clyde Bennet (UIC), Johnny Nunez (San Diego Prime Time),

Minutes: Completed by Fred Hanker and Robert Hernandez

1) Constitution Changes

- *All teams will play together in one division
- *Robert will select teams and matchups to ensure fairness
- *Robert also proposed consolation bracket for some lower division teams. It was decided that we would wait until after the first two tournaments to review the format.
- *Some discussion from Doug Rooney about lower teams suffering playing better pitching
- *Las Vegas tournament will go by classification
- *David Carillo title was changed to Division Supervisor, previously "A Division Supervisor".
- *A player can play for only one team per weekend, and must be granted permission by manager of team he is leaving
- *Ineligible player will result in forfeit of game and one weekend suspension of player
- *All players changing teams must clear it with previous manager
- *Teams must be ready 30 minutes before game
- *Run rule was changed to add 10 runs after 4
- *The terminology was slightly changed with DP to DB also added DS
- *Article 12 changes on the distribution of Alliance funds to teams participating in the NAFA World Series
- *Mitch made motion to put \$20 per team into the Alliance fund from the \$375 entry fee and it was passed with unanimous vote.

2) 2009 Tournaments

- *Palms Springs will replace the existing location for April 24-25 with unanimous vote
- *Vicki will provide the Alliance fee of \$20 per team
- *All other 2009 dates on schedule were confirmed
- *Doug made a proposal to get Castaic Lake Fields and price was an issue, as well as no metal spikes are allowed – Robert will investigate for next season
- *Some locations of the NAFA World Series dates changed to Sioux Falls

- *Master League schedule was also announced
- *Carson City will be 3 day event this year

3) Rosters

- *Rosters must be turned in as soon as possible via email
- *Players names and numbers are preferred
- *Only 18 players allowed on any roster
- *Don't put a person who is just coaching on your roster as per Robert

4) Player Classification

- *Robert Hernandez, Clyde Bennet and Lou Enriquez will remain on the classification committee.
- *Last tournament of the year is the lock down date for rosters
- * In 2009 any pitcher may pitch on Saturday and Sunday for their prospective teams.
- *The SCIFL constitution was altered to take in account this change.

5) Bats and Balls

- *Same balls as last year
- *Bats must be legal as written by the master bat list
- *If you are unsure about the legality of a bat ask
- *Robert proposed a sticker of some kind with SCIFL on it to show bat was checked and legal. It is still in the process of discussion

6) Masters League

- *Open to all 40 and over
- *3 players 37 and over not counting pitchers
- *3 Games on Sunday which do not conflict with regular tournaments

7) SCIFL Board

- *Stays in tact as last year
- *All titles stay the same with the exception of Division Supervisor

8) Umpires

- *Clyde sent out 24 emails to the best umpires
- *David mentioned incident in Vegas with umpires
- *Clyde will elect individual UIC or UC for each tournament
- *15 umpires already locked in
- *Pete Davis has been appointed NAFA's Southwest Umpire-In-Chief for the men's division and will oversee the umpire program for the area which includes California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico

9) Hotels

- *Mitch mentioned that he has a deal with Norwalk Marriot for 89.00
- *Chris also mentioned he may have a deal with Choice Hotels
- *Both are still pending
- *Robert is working on rooms for Taft
- *We already have a block of rooms for Las Vegas
- *Mitch also mentioned putting a link to participating hotels on our website

10) Sponsorship

- *Working on sponsors for 2009
- *Non Profit status update
- a) Hopefully turned in next week

11) Open Discussion

- *Hustlers folded
- *Amigos back in
- *10-15 team league
- *Taft hotels confirmed later this week
- *New Teams confirmed (Dirtbags) (Silverhawks) (Raymar)
- *Santa Fe Springs will have fences for sure this year
- *New Region 14 Pitcher policy was discussed – Robert informed the group that had spoke with John Gouveia, Region Fast Pitch Classification Chairmen, and they will be re-wording the policy. It was not meant to hamper existing pitchers.