

# **RCSL BOARD MEETING**

*Thursday February 6, 2009*

**Attendance:** Jon, Jimmy, Robbie, Jen, Dave

**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:20 p.m.

## **Website Update**

- Former secretary won't give up former website or past domain name. Her reasoning is she used her credit card to pay for it.
- Commissioner states that the league reimbursed her for the money she fronted. Treasurer asked for copy of the check that was issued to reimburse her.
- Once the new website and domain name are up and running, Manny will ask for the old website to be rerouted automatically to the new site.
- The old domain name and web host will not be renewed.

## **Official Resignation of Former Secretary**

- Official resignation of Barbara recognized at this board meeting.
- Official appointment of Jennifer from Town Hall Lanes as new secretary recognized at this board meeting.
- Current secretary asked to contact former secretary about forwarding any league related documents including but not limited to bylaws, constitution, etc.
- Current secretary in need of former secretary's contact information and requested it. Commissioner will forward.
- Current secretary asked to visit the old website to see if bylaws were posted.
- Recommended to always cc board on all correspondences sent out by secretary.

## **Financial Report**

- Treasurer is making one last effort to get financial records from former treasurer and Commissioner of the league. Presently, no records are in the possession of the new board.
- Commissioner and treasurer are looking into filing for tax return, even though it may not be required because its under \$10,000.
- Treasurer is looking into safe secure so people can pay player fees on-line; assessing rates.

## **Report From NAGAAA Meeting**

- Commissioner attended national meeting in Milwaukee.
- Discussion of notable rule changes include:
  - Use of yellow optic ball
  - During the world series, only 2 players who identify as being straight can be on the roster per team in light of issue which arose in San Francisco. (Coach was suspended. 5 members of the team were suspended. League was fined. Commissioner may be suspended.) Our league it doesn't specify how many players who identify as being straight are on a

roster or play on the field. RCSL waiver will continue to ask for sexual orientation.

-Will abide by ASA band bat list. Any tampered bats will be confiscated and destroyed and player will be suspended. League could also be fined.

-Damaged bats- coaches and players must check bats before games. Umpire can check bats. Can't use any damaged bats.

-Identification Worn Off Bat- can't use.

-Any questions regarding bats should be asked prior to start of game.

- Robbie suggested to send out an email to remind players to keep receipts for bats.

### **MERI Alliance**

- Discussion with MERI about partnering with us on the bowling tournament.
- MERI might sponsor a team and/or have a team.

### **RCSL Committees**

- Recruitment Committee (tap into universities for recruitment; fill out forms on-line)
- Tournament Committee
- Fundraising Committee (bowling tourn.)
- Marketing/Advertising & Merchandising Committee (need tourn. Logo)
- Executive Board will oversee all committees; Player Liaison will get very busy and might need assistance (Mike Leitao is interested in assisting).
- Executive Board member will be assigned to each committee to facilitate them through the process and report out.

### **Columbus Day Tournament**

- Call it Ocean State Cup Classic instead.
- Need to find location for tournament.

### **Web-Site Release Party**

- Hand out collateral at party (stickers)
- Hold it at one of the local bars

### **Player Ratings**

- Very arbitrary and unclear
- Strive to keep it accurate
- Ratings Process- player- coach- committee- commissioner- NAGAAA

### **Coaches Information**

- Request sent to coaches to contact their team and get rosters together.
- Get as many players to fill out forms and pay up front as possible.
- Adopt rules of conduct form- each player has to sign it in person prior to stepping on the field.

### **Recruiting Sponsors**

- Need to recruit more sponsors- Dark Lady, MERI, Excel are potential sponsors
- Offer free advertising on website for new sponsors

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

- RCSL needs to get a corporate sponsor
- In order to do so we must: have a professional website; have community involvement; host a 2 day tournament.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:45pm.