

CSBL Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date 1/26/24 Time 3:00-5:15 Location - Sanford Library

Approved

Present: Bob Corcione, Commissioner; Mark White, Vince DiGiulio, Frank Cisafulli, Dan DiGiacomo, Andy George, Jim Thompson, Geoff Coufal

Absent: Butch Ostrander, Jerry Wall

Agenda Items:

1. Technical fouls- Bob brought up a situation from a recent game where a referee ejected a player for rough play. No fighting or abusive language was involved. He asked about league rule covering this situation. Player was quiet and respectful so he was allowed to remain on team bench. This is allowed. By-laws call for a suspension after 2 ejections in a season or for fighting so no suspension is warranted.
2. On Dec 16 team captain Tom Ginnelly of 518 Realty used an illegal player in a game. He knew in advance that he would only have 5 players and one of the players had an injury and was unsure if he could play. He discussed this with a Board member the night before the game. He contacted a player from the Bye team and asked him to be available to play for his team on Saturday. They were able to start the game with 5 players but at halftime the injured player could not continue. At that time Tom asked the non-roster player to participate and the game was completed as a regulation game. There was lengthy discussion on this situation. Many procedures and By-laws were not followed. A captain cannot procure a sub for his team. The Wait List Manager and the Commissioner were not informed or involved. The By-laws allow for a team to play with 4 players but prohibit use of a non-roster player. Referees were not informed that the game became a forfeit according to league rules once the non-roster player entered the game. The Board voted to declare the game a forfeit at halftime when the non-roster player started. Players will be credited with a full game but only the first half scoring/statistics will count in the official record. The Commissioner will speak to the captain about his actions and proper procedure. Geoff will correct player statistics in the official box score and post those on the website and provide them to Butch to correct the season stats.
3. Playing time-it was pointed out that many captains are not playing themselves in games which gives their teams an advantage. Also some captains are not playing all of their roster players a fair amount of time. It was proposed and discussed that all captains in the Albany division and any captains in the Colonie division who do not play an adequate amount of time will be designated as non-playing captain next season and their team will have one extra player assigned in the draft. The Commissioner will speak to each of the captains involved.
4. Challenge Games. This year's Challenge Games created 2 issues. First issue was communication. Board members were not informed or involved in the development of this year's games. Rosters were established by captains with no involvement of the Board. 2 players from the sub list were on the rosters rather than using league roster players. The second issue was that the games were almost exclusively for Colonie division players. We discussed appointing a Board member to be a coordinator for invitational games and maybe developing weekend invitational tournaments run by the league in the future. Mark White recommended using Rick Scheibner as a resource to identify teams to invite to participate. Future games need to include age brackets to allow participation by older players.

5. Mark White recommended establishing regular meetings of the Board with all captains the end of each season and before the beginning of each season to foster better communication and problem solving. All agreed.

6. Bob presented 2 proposals for consideration for this year's banquet. The bids were from Seasons Hospitality at the Edison in downtown Schenectady and The Hedge Bistro at the Western Turnpike golf course in Guilderland. Pricing and menus were discussed. There were concerns expressed about parking in Schenectady. Bob reported that the venue has free parking lots available. Bob suggested that the Schenectady location provides additional venues such as bars and the Casino for after parties. Costs are comparable. After debate the Western Turnpike venue was selected by a 5-3 vote. There was a discussion about the date as 2 different season schedules were presented. After review it was decided that the schedule having the championship game and banquet on March 23 is correct. Geoff will post announcements about the banquet in the Hoopster.

7. Bob presented information about collection of 2nd half dues. About 18-20 players still have not paid. So have legitimate financial reasons and are working with him to submit money but others just don't respond. He will follow up with them. Andy recommended having the captains more involved in collecting the money and pursuing players who have not paid. There was a suggestion to have all players pay the full year dues at the beginning of the season to avoid this issue. The idea of having a system to allow credit card or Venmo payments was also discussed. Geoff suggested re-establishing the Board position of Treasurer to take some of the burden off the Commissioner in this regard. Mark White expressed an interest in filling that role for next season.

8. Bob expressed that we have many subs who registered during the season who have not been ranked. These individuals have been contacted but many don't respond or are not available to attend an evaluation session. It was suggested that during the season they just be directed to attend one of the senior pickup venues where captains and Board members can rank them.

9. There was discussion and review of the regular season champs and playoff champs awards. Andy manages this program. It was agreed to continue it as is.

Submitted by,

Geoff Coufal

Next Meeting Date: TBD