

JSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2015

Called to order 9:38 AM in conference room 224 at city hall.

Board Members present: Kyle Scholl, Danielle Larson, Katie Damian, Dave Hays, Brodie Anderson, Pete Christiansen and Jane Sebens

Absent: Myria Newport Shakespeare, Garry Remsberg, Amanda Ryder and Mike Lopez

Staff present: Exec Director Bob Kuhn; Treasurer, Brian Prellwitz

Others: None

Minutes of February 7, 2015 meeting – approved/no changes.

Agenda changes (Subjects 8, 9 & 10 below, added)

Old Business

1. JSA Building room rental report – Bob
 - Month-to-month rental agreement signed with Coppa owner; \$100/month, favorable indemnity/liability terms included; verbal agreement that only owner & manager have access;
 - Area cleaned up, old wire latch replaced with new lock & auto-shut off on furnace repaired & furnace in good condition
2. Dimond Park Storage Shed Update – Bob
 - MOU with Parks & Rec signed to allow JSA to have shed at DP; location yet to be determined, possibly next to TMHS shed near right field line of DP4;
ACTION ITEM: Bob to discuss & work out location with Colby;

New Business

1. Online Registration Update – Bob
 - Early glitches with first 3 team signup attempts, fixed & now running smoothly; to date, 5 teams fully registered;
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Bob to have login option appear on JSA home page;
 - Per an inquiry, system won't let 2 players share same email address;
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Bob (already planning) to give fully registered teams first dibs on practice time/field via call from Bob
2. **March 18 Registration** Assignments – 6:15 River Bend Library
 - Kyle, Pete, Dave, Jane and Brodie (late) will be there
 - Bob will have forms showing online team/player registrations/payments
3. **Classification meeting April 4** at JSA Bldg
4. Season Scheduling

- Bob concerned that online system unlikely to be able to handle all scheduling & that Mark Kappler's services will still be needed; Mark is willing to help
 - DP 4 not available til June
5. Team Practice Adjustments
- Bob requested Board consideration of scheduling/paying for 1 team practice instead of 2, for a \$1000 savings
 - Brodie noted lower division teams need more practice, but understood reason; noted that practice turnout is better for some teams more than others & that weather often a factor; reduction to 1 JSA-sponsored practice, wouldn't prevent teams from organizing practices;
 - **BOARD ACTION: MOTION to reduce current 2 pre-season practices per team to 1 pre-season practice per team**
 Ayes: Dave, Pete, Danielle, Kyle, Jane
 Nays: Brodie, Katie
MOTION PASSES
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Bob to schedule practices a week later, post pdf of JSA practice schedule & check with P & R about online availability of complete field schedule so teams can organize practices
6. Sandy Beach Update
- Fields have been dragged, look good & will be used in scheduling
 - Sleep loss concern for Bob if they're a no-go
7. P & R Request to place 1 (not 2) pitcher's mound/plates(s) on field
- P & R putting new plates/mounds on fields—would like JSA concurrence
 - Safety issues with 2 plates discussed
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Bob to convey consensus that 1 plate is fine & request that it be sited per ASA distance requirement, with chalk line drawn 5' behind plate
8. Commitment Line Rule
- Dave asks that earlier discussion be revisited & rule amended to be clear that once a player crosses line, if he/she 're-crosses' line, it's an out; Brodie agreed rule was open to interpretation & source of argument w/ certain inclined team manager/players
 - Discussion whether rule needed amending; Bob read rule aloud
 - **BOARD ACTION: MOTION to amend Commitment Line Rule by adding: When a runner crosses the commitment line going to home plate, once the player crosses the line, he or she can not change direction and re-cross the line back towards 3rd base, except as allowed by an exception noted in the rule, ie, to tag up on a caught fly ball.**
MOTION PASSES unanimously
9. One Pitch Tourney
- Bob reports from talking to Bob Sims & Everett, that it is uncertain whether JDOA will be doing the One Pitch Tourney; has been May 1 in the past;
 - Standard bantering re wood bats & one-pitch pros & cons

- Discussion re JSA stepping in, but Bob & Board consensus that time & immediate online registration, season scheduling & early May tournament workload make it unfeasible;

10. Coed Division Classifications/Crossover Rules

- Kyle noted that Flying Squirrels' move up to Men's D, will impact 3 Coed E teams, all of which will now have more than 3 upper division men ... which could mean (if they have to move from coed E to D) there won't be much of a Div E coed (ie, only McGivney's b/c no Houligans this year)
- Danielle noted frustration & difficulty w/ recruiting women for Women's C, b/c women often want to play with boyfriends, etc on lower division coed teams
- Brodie noted de facto impossibility of 5 guys on a Coed G team playing any men's ball, because they could only go **up** to Men's **F**; he suggested removing the player number restriction & limiting the number of leagues-higher, any player can play (see motion)

BOARD ACTION: MOTION to Amend Coed Classification/Men's & Women's Crossover Rule so that:

**Every player on a coed team cannot play
for men, 2 leagues higher
for women, 3 leagues higher**

- Discussion variously about having proposed rule changes go to Rules Committee (Myria, Brodie, Kyle, Katie & Danielle), authority of Board to take action & change rule at current meeting, timeliness of proposed rule change & fairness to members of changing rules after registration is underway and scenarios for classifications if rule is not changed, (ie, creating Men's E division)

Ayes: Brodie

Nays: Dave, Pete, Danielle, Kyle, Katie and Jane

MOTION FAILS

11. Linda Taylor Recognition – Letter from Ginny Martin (FNBA Angels) requesting JSA recognize/honor 70 year old JSA member; JSA to do at Rainball Tourney

12. Board member comments:

- Brodie: requests June 20 agenda include:
Extension of beginning date for Board meeting break (now Sept-Jan)
JSA Board Rules rewrite
- Pete: requests insurance update; Bob reports he's still waiting to hear from ASA Anchorage/Ron re whether JSA's ASA dues cover insurance premium

Meeting adjourned: _____

NEXT MEETING: Classifications April 4, 2015 – JSA Building