

## March 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Garry Remsberg, Myria Shakespeare, Katie Damian, Toi Gile, Dave Hayes, Tim Wilson, Stephen Sartain, Beau Damian, & Ginny Martin

**Board Members Absent:** Megan Wallace, Nick Garza, Jodi Garza & Tanya Lewis

**JSA Members Present:** Karsun Newport-ED

Meeting called to order at 9:33 am

Tim proposed and Garry seconded the approval of the February minutes with the additional blurb on reason for the increase of fees. All in favor. Karsun will post minutes to the JSA web site.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Rules:** That both the 1-1 count and changing the pitcher arc limits to 6-10' were a request from our Regional UIC Bob Sims, and Juneau UIC Jack Stickle and attendee Everett Boster at the Rules committee hearing In that:

Both the 1-1 count and 6-10" arcs are the USA rule.

First it is the USA Rule and it was adopted in part because of USA's stance that this is a hitters game. The 10' max is easier to hit, it is easier to call and at 10' gives the pitcher a better zone to work with. On the safety end of things, that the pitchers be encouraged to wear pitchers mask.

In regards to the 1-1 count-Tim brought up that he is in favor of using it in the tournaments but maybe not in regular season. Was discussed as pitcher especially in the lower leagues it will tend to walk a lot of people since they might not have the consistency to pitch strikes and people tend to just stand there for the walk.

Dave brought up he liked the idea since it was a hitter's game and as an umpire if you have bad weather it makes the game go faster. Was also brought up that this was tried in the past and the board received a lot of feedback that players did not like it since they are paying to be out there for 70 min and this makes the games go by too fast and they are not getting their money worth.

Also, this might not encourage new players to come since they will tend to get frustrated if they are starting off with a strike against them. Suggestion maybe if the last strike is a foul then give them one more.

Tim wanted to know why we do not just adopt all the USA rules and why we have some rules different. We have local rules that will tend to hurt us (i.e. If you have an injury and must take the compression out (no sub), under USA you must take that out every time that player is up to bat and not just the one time).

The next rule was the 6-10' pitching arc instead of the 6-12'. Moving it to a lower arc might be a safety concern since a lot of the upper division players would crush the ball and it might come back faster towards the pitcher. Newer pitchers might have more trouble controlling the ball. Dave mentioned it does not matter if it is 10 or 12' or where it lands, it only matters if it goes through the strike zone.

Was motioned by Steve and seconded by Katie to send these 2 questions to the polls with a statement that this is just for advisory purposes and not a rule until the board reviews the results. Was passed.

Was brought up to maybe reconsider the 5-run rule and maybe have the upper teams be limited to the amount of runs they can get per inning up until the last inning. Per the poll results it was 2/3 to keep this rule. Dave motioned and Steve seconded to keep this rule. Was passed.

Under the courtesy runner rule-Under USA rules for an international tie breaker a courtesy runner may not be used.

In regards to rosters- the managers need to make sure to have the line ups 10 mins before and if you have a double header make sure to have it ready to go before the second game.

In regards to non-approved bats-the photos and list are online and the umps are bound to uphold that list during games.

**Bylaws:** Megan not at meeting

**Concessions:** no report

**Marketing/PR:** no report-Katie will be contacting the members soon. She has ideas on Rainball booklets that the committee needs to get together soon and discuss

**Finance:** Jodi was absent. She did send the budget to the committee to review

**Improvements:** Steve is in contact with someone in regards to improvements. He will get with the committee to discuss when he has a report.

**Hiring Committee:** no

**Polling:** Was decided that a poll will go out in regards to the 2 questions that were brought up under the rules committee discussion, the 1/1 rule and the 6-10' pitching arcs.

**Scheduling:** No

**Special reports:**

**ED Report:** Karsun was told by Bob that the jock boxes are installed backwards. Karsun will talk to Colby about this. There have been 77 players and 16 teams registered so far and \$4600 paid online.

Karsun wants to meet with the concessions committee to talk about doing credit cards at the field for food purchases. He also wants to meet with the marketing committee in regards to flyers for the

tourneys and membership, wants to advertise on the radio, get the word out to the college and coast guard. He will be going to Sitka next month and he will be talking to the softball association over there about the tourneys.

We are ready to get the dugouts improvements started and Karsun will send the list of volunteer's info to Steve to come up with a plan to get this started. Gastineau Little league wants to help as well.

There was only 1 new umpire that attended the meeting even though there were 6 that were interested. We are hoping to get more to attend and get certified. We need to get the invoice paid for Hoke Design and we will need to talk more about the support costs at a later meeting.

Karsun will contact TMHS to see about doing skills clinic before the season starts. He will post the rules booklet online and state that there a few things that are subject to change (the polling info).

He will draft a professional letter for teams to give to sponsors and will get to Megan to review. The sponsors might need it for tax purposes.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

We are waiting on the blurb from Traci on the State Hall of Fame. We will have discussed the newsletter item and have declined to pursue it now. We seem to be having better communications with the members with the polls we are sending out.

Since Brodie is no longer the G Rep we will need to open it up for nominations. Karsun will send out the email to all G members and will be posted on Facebook. He will open it up till March 31<sup>st</sup> and then G.

The managers meeting will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the old library. TMHS is charging us \$40 to use their facility.

#### **Tasks:**

Next meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am, in the old library. It will be the classifications meeting

Adjourned at 12:02 pm Dave proposed/Garry seconded