

Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League
Post Season Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
Cedar Lane Park
Ellicott City, Maryland
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.
2. All teams were represented except Carroll Blue, Dundalk and Glenelg.
3. A review of the season received favorable remarks as a good year especially for the Howard County teams who won each of the three divisions.
4. Announcements of changes to team's management structure:
 - a. Howard Hawks - Jerry Tydlacka will be the new manager.
 - b. Howard Hitters - Walt Hooper will be the new manager
5. The Commissioner gave kudos to the following:
 - a. Bowie Gold - He expressed his admiration to the players for their steadfastness in playing the games as they were meant to be played. They never asked for any favors or advantages from their opponents and played every team straight up. They also won another game this year.
 - b. Rich Costa - for his reporting of the results and standings after every game date in his special format which serves as a check-and-balance instrument for the league.
 - c. Joe Valonis - for his service and timeliness of postings on the league webpage and for his services as Treasurer for the league.
 - d. Howard County, Maryland Oldliners and Howard Hitters - for winning the regular season championship in their respective divisions.
 - e. Howard County, Maryland Oldliners and Greenbelt - for winning the playoff championship in their respective divisions.
6. Induction of new team - Larry Geller, formerly of the Howard Hitters is attempting to put a team together for the 2012 season. He seems confident he will find enough players to field a team. The name of the team will be either Reiserstown or Northwest. Several people offered hints to Larry on where he might find players. Larry was given a "drop-dead" date of January 1, 2012 to either confirm he has a team or not.
7. Teams placed orders for softball s for next season. All teams ordered two dozen with the exception of Carroll Gray (1 and ½ doz), Howard Hitters (none) and Parkville (1 doz). Two dozen balls were ordered for each of the teams that were absent from the meeting. A total of 33 and 1/2 dozen orders were placed.

8. Suggested Rule Changes

- a. Some teams use the single mat, that covers home plate and the additional space for the senior strike zone, and others use the two piece (home plate and a separate mat). In order to eliminate any sense of unfair treatment and interpretation of whether the catcher is touching the plate or the mat on force-outs at home, it was agreed that the catcher can touch either the one piece mat or the extended mat in plays at home plate to get the force-out.
- b. There was some discussion about limiting a courtesy runner from home plate to advance no further than first base on a batted ball by the hitter. There was significant opposition to imposing this rule on the league and further discussion was dropped.
- c. The BBSSL Rules Committee consists of Vail Clemence, Chairman; Rich Costa; and, Dave "Digger" Chapman

9. League Alignment - A proposal was made by the Maryland Oldliners to restructure the league in a format that has four "A," eight "B," and six "C" teams. The new team is included in the "C" division for planning.

- a. In a formal vote by a margin of 11-4 with 3 absentions, the league moved to the structure recommended by the Oldliners and move away from the 6-6-6 breakout of divisions and go to the 4-8-6 format. The "A" Division would consist of Howard County, Harford County, Carroll Blue and Glenelg. The "B" division would consist of GlenBurnie, Bowie Silver, Maryland Oldliners, Parkville, Catonsville, Carroll Gray, Howard Hawks and Bel Air. The "C" Division would be Bowie Gold, Bowie Bronze, Dundalk, Greenbelt, Howard Hitters and the new Reiserstown team.
- b. By a vote margin of 12-4 with 2 absentions (one proxy YES vote for Carroll Blue), the league decided to move to a doubleheader format for all games.

10. Scheduling desires - After considerable discussion it was decided that the teams will play approximately the same number of games as this year. Considerable manipulation of playing dates, makeup dates and playoffs will determine the start and end times for league play. Managers will receive advanced copies of the proposed schedule before it goes final.

11. To contact the Commissioner use the following methods:
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12. Trophies and Plaques were presented to the winning teams.

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:35

Respectively submitted:

Jim Ganz
Commissioner