

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting Friday April 12, 2019

Present: **Joe Ditaranto**, Commissioner, **Joe Gavin** Manager Cardinals, **Frank Cecere**Manager Yankees, **Jules Balistreri**, Executive Board Member/Treasurer, **Jack Battaglia** Executive Board Member, **Bernie Rosen** Executive Board Member, **Jack Bassey** Manager Giants, **Alan Finchley** Manager Angels/Webmaster/Recording Secretary, **Bob Gebel** Manager Red Sox, **Joe O'Shea** Manager Orioles, **Sonny Panico** Manager Mets, **Peter Dill** Manager Dodgers

Meeting called to order 10:03am.

Minutes of March 7th approved for publication on our website

Finance Report approved

The league has agreed to allow our USA Umpires to officiate exhibition games at no expense to the league. The decision was made in response to USA’s request to use the games as training for their new umpires.

Exhibition games will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from April 22 through May 1.

An updated Pre-Season and Regular Season Schedule will be published soon.

The Player Draft will be held Thursday April 18.

All players should expect to hear from their new manager on or about April 20 to learn who their 2019 team is.

* Opening Day is May 6th.
* Six teams will play at Cantiague and two teams at Wantagh.
* Bristol Assisted Living will serve sandwiches and soft drinks at Cantiague starting at 1:30pm.
* All players are encouraged to attend and enjoy Bristol’s generosity.
* Opening Day Ceremonies will be held at Cantiague Field A starting at 9am.
* Dignitaries and elected officials will be on hand and all players are encouraged to attend prior to reporting to their respective fields of play.

Bob D’Angelo generously donated his time to discuss the proper use of our Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.)

Bob made it clear that in all cases the very first thing to do when a player is in obvious physical distress is dial 911.

Every Manager and Assistant Manager should bring their cell phone to the field in case 911 needs to be dialed.

The league plans to have its A.E.D. stored in the main office at Cantiague.

An A.E.D. is supposed to be available in the main office at Wantagh.

**Items voted upon**

1. The league will contribute $300 to Robbie’s Run because they generously donated an A.E.D. to the league
2. Make up games will be played at the conclusion of the regular season

**Items of Interest Discussed and Agreed Upon**

1. Every Manager has the option of selecting an Assistant Manager either before or after the Draft.

           Assistant Managers chosen before the draft are exempt from being drafted by

           other Managers and may attend the April 18th Draft to assist their Manager in the

           player selection process.

                      Assistant Managers were announced as follows:

* Yankees Jack Pepitone
* Angels Nick Calla
* Orioles No Assistant Manager
* Giants Bob Manfredo
* Mets No Assistant Manager
* Red Sox No Assistant Manager
* Dodgers Tom Pagnozzi
* Cardinals Irv Goldbaum

1. Multiple events scheduled for July 10th

* On July 10th each team will play only one game that starts at 8:30am. Players report at 8am
* All players are strongly encouraged to attend “Media Day” to show support for our league.
* On July 10th at 11am a five-inning game will be played for Media Day. All players must be at least 80 years old. The theme is the 1969 World Series Mets vs Orioles.
* On July 10th the Second Annual All-Star Game vs Suffolk County will be played at 7pm. The entire Board will determine how our league’s  15 player roster will be filled. Basically, the Board wants to field the best possible team to avenge last year’s loss. The location of the game will be at John Burns Park or if available Allen Park.

The next meeting is Thursday May 9 at Cantiague Park.

The meeting concluded at 1:20pm.