

MABL Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2021

Present

Mike Abercrombie, Commissioner
Rich Doster, Umpire Liaison
Matthew Reidy, Secretary
Ryan Swindle, Awards Chairman
Elias Steadman, Treasurer

Business Addressed

- Stadium Updates
- MABL Game Balls
- Championship Trophy
- Home Run Derby
- Umpire Clinic
- Lineup Rule Review
- All League Meeting

Maehara Stadium Updates

The Maui County Permits office has reached out to the MABL for June dates including the championship series and ASG/HRD. Outdoor sporting events are currently restricted to 100 people (updated to 200 people on 6/16) and the league will monitor capacity using pre-distributed tickets. The MABL hopes to retain permits for the stadium through the summer season.

MABL Game Balls

60 dozen customized flat seamed baseballs were ordered for \$69.99 per dozen. The baseballs have Commissioner Abercrombie's signature and the MABL logo. This is enough baseballs for 2 seasons. As the league is waiting for season dues to arrive, Commissioner Abercrombie paid for the baseballs himself to be reimbursed at a later date.

Championship Trophy

A \$66 placeholder trophy has been purchased from Edco to use this championship series. The board is looking for a custom palm tree trophy to be crafted by the end of the 2021 season.

Home Run Derby

The Home Run Derby will be June 27th and feature a new prize for the champion, a custom MABL heavyweight belt. The winner will also be awarded a custom bat at \$140 value.

Umpire Clinic

The league, along with help of Umpire Jaime will be hosting an umpire clinic the weekend of July 11th. The MABL will pay for Jaime's flight from California to host the clinic here on Maui. It will be mandatory for all umpires to participate in the summer 2021 season. It will be a 3 day clinic covering rules, drills, simulated game scenarios and drills. Food will be provided for the participants.

Lineup Rule Review

In a 10 spot lineup with the 10th spot being an A/B there is a question of what happens if a player not in the 10th spot needs to leave. Is the A/B spot broken up into two individual slots to retain the 10 spot, or move to a 9 spot lineup and retain the A/B. The board suggested the A/B spot be broken up to keep the 10 man structure. The board will propose an amendment to managers before next season.

League Meeting

In an effort to include communication and participation the league will invite all players to participate in the league meeting. While all players will be able to participate, input will be limited to a text format for non-board members.

Next MABL board meeting will be held on July 12th at 6:00PM. The agenda will include

- Umpire Clinic Review
- Summer 2021 Budget
- Proposed Rule Changes
- Potential New Board Members

Meeting minutes submitted by : Matthew Reidy

