

MABL Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 12th, 2021

Present

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

Business Addressed

- Takeaway from Umpire Clinic
- Summer 2021 Budget
- Rule Change Proposals
- Player Discipline

Umpire Clinic Reactions

The MABL board considered the Umpire Clinic to be a success as a general feeling of camaraderie was developed with the umpires and the league. Discussions on situational player management were had in a constructive manner and managers were able to further understand the difficulties of umpiring and everyone in attendance learned more about the rules of baseball.

Summer 2021 Budget

The Summer 2021 budget is slightly higher due to the Leagues hosting of the umpire clinic and the bulk 2 season purchase of 60 dozen baseballs. The current total per team for the 2021 Summer season will be \$1,240. Additional expenses for the Season include

- Meahara Permits - \$2250 (Tentative, upon county approval)
- New Trophy – Approx \$500 (Tentative, upon finding a vendor)
- Board Stipends – Approx \$1000
- Social Media Stipends - \$200 (\$100 each)

Rule Changes

The Board voted on proposed rule changes.

- Rule 15.7 In order to receive credit for game participation for the sake of playoff eligibility a player must record at least one plate appearance or have pitched for 3 outs. Proposal includes - changing the credit requirements to *faced three batters* instead of *pitched for 3 outs*.
League voted 4-1 to leave as is. The only vote of opposition was Secretary.
- Rule 15.4 Addendum – If a player leaves a game for an approved reason, and a lineup goes from 10 slots to 9 slots, one existing A/B slot, if being used, must be split up to maintain a 10 slot lineup. e.g. slot 7 A/B would become 7 and 8.
The Board voted unanimously to adapt the addendum.
- Rule 19.1 One intentional walk is permitted per game only. All four balls must be thrown.
Proposed change – No limit on intentional walks, pitches not required.
The Board voted unanimously to change.
- Rule 5.1 All teams must have reasonable uniforms and be in full uniform for the opening of the season. Uniforms shall be consistent with the standards of Major or Minor League Baseball. Jersey numbers must be easily visible, team names cannot be duplicated.
Proposed change – Requiring baseball pants.
The Board voted unanimously to change.

Player Discipline

The Board has proposed a new rule that will require the manager of a team to be ejected with the player upon the second objection of any player on their team. Not limited to the same player being ejected, upon any 2 ejections the manager will be removed on the second offense. The Board voted in this rule beginning Summer 2021 on a 4-1 vote. The only opposition was from the Secretary.

Oahu Baseball Tournament

The MABL is planning a round robin tournament on Oahu with the Oahu Mens Baseball League for Labor Day weekend. The Pirates will be first choice in team as they are the current Champions.

Meeting minutes submitted by : Matthew Reidy

