

Maui Adult Baseball League

July 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom on 18 July 2022 at 7:00am

In attendance:

- Mike Abercrombie (Permits)
- Rich Doster (Umpire Liaison)
- Roy Smith (Treasurer)

MABL Board

Positions previously held which are now open:

- Secretary
- Awards/Player of the Month
- Statistician
- Grounds Crew

Numerous members of the league were discussed as potential new Board members (names redacted).

Kanale Kahalekai was previously offered a position and declined.

Anthony Benigno was offered a position during the meeting and immediately expressed interest, MA will follow up with duty specifics – Special Event Coordinator (Youth Clinic, Golf Tournament Fundraiser?, Maui Invitational Baseball Tournament?) position in mind.

RS reached out to Jonah Abreu about a position, Jonah said he will consider the offer and make a decision soon.

Additional invitations planned based on roles/needs once current offers have been settled.

Managerial Changes

Anthony Benigno has taken on the managerial role with the Hurricanes, renaming to the Kaanapali Coast Monarchs.

Tom Kowalick told MA on July 2 that he was stepping down as Rays manager. Indications are that no one has stepped up to take the role, possibility that Rays will not have a team was discussed.

In the case of 7 teams, it was agreed that there will be 1 bye each week with each team playing 12 games and 2 byes over the 14 week regular season. It was agreed that in the case of 7 teams, 6 teams would advance to the playoffs with the same playoff game/bye structure as used for 8 teams.

Schedule

Permits obtained for 20 weeks from Aug 7 to Dec 18 at Lahaina, Kihei, Makawao, and Maui High.

Plan to avoid Maui High, and give teams home field preference as much as possible this season.

- Lahaina: Brewers, Warriors, Monarchs
- Kihei: Centipedes, Pirates, Royals
- Makawao: Dirtbags, Rays?

No off weeks (though byes in play if only 7 teams). No backup dates for rainouts.

Budget

Planning to try to get by with 20 dozen baseballs this season (can be done with 7 teams and conservative baseball use). Will need to order 30 dozen (~\$2400) or 40 dozen (~\$3200) for next season.

MA proposed raising umpire pay:

- Plate umpire going from \$80 to \$100
- Umpires on bases going from \$70 to \$80

Umpire pay increase was agreed on by all in attendance.

MA proposed custom lineup cards for each team. Includes team roster printed on the bottom of card and carbon copies for each game. Agreed to for improved lineup/roster communication between teams.

Miscellaneous

Working on a case for transporting the MABL trophy. 24" diameter, 26" tall

RD had no umpire updates.

MA shared contact information of Brian Zaleski – umpire who apparently has an interest in getting involved. RD will reach out.

Umpire uniforms with MABL emblem planned for this season. MA will mock up and share with RD.

RD going to reach out to umpires for rule and other suggestions ahead of Managers Meeting.

RS provided an update on 501(c)(3) status:

- Needs to resubmit a form – going to do on Wednesday
- Expecting resolution/approval within 60 days
- Requesting budget of \$600 for initial cost
- \$200 annual filing cost (will need to cover for the first time in April 2023)

Golf tournament fundraiser

- Hope is that Anthony Benigno would be willing to organize (if he accepts Board role) once 501(c)(3) status is approved.
- Jeremy Taraya (Brewers), and Chuck Gibson and Chad Blackwell (Centipedes) all work at golf courses and have expressed willingness to help make this event happen

Hitter's Paradise

MA met with Mike Diaz (July 14) about MABL access to Hitter's Paradise

New HP facilities are incredible; interest in obtaining a league membership exists. Plan to propose some offers, ideally after fundraising efforts have raised money that could cover the bulk of these expenses.

Manager Agreements

Discussion was held about the importance of holding Managers to Manager Agreements that are signed prior to season. Agreements will be considered a contract between Managers and the Board as requirements for future participation in the MABL. Agreements are intended to look out for the best interests of the MABL.

Rule Changes

MA will look up recent MLB rule changes (runner on second base to start extra innings, 3 batter minimum for pitchers, etc) and present to Board prior to discussion with Managers. Want clarify rules ahead of the season with MABL policy to stick to "MLB rules if not specified".

RS and RD plan to pick up on umpire "cheat sheet".

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.