

Minutes – KVKL – Nov. 5

Attending: Entire Board

Financials – We have \$7500 left. Hoping for \$4000 for Jimbob's family fund. We will write a check to his foundation, present it to his family quietly. Let them decide if we do the big check. \$3000 float for over potential, to cover merchandise, legal fees and ball purchasing.

Expand the League – Look to going to 36 teams. Grass as a last resort. Check with City that we can actually gain one field. We have not added a team in 5 years. Late / Early Games. Concern on expansion since we are volunteers / illegal in public park. Could we hit a critical mass? Divisions will change from 4 – 6? Board member assigned to each division. Teams need to be picked carefully, educated to what the KVKL is. Who handles division management? Big Brother / Big Sister kinda relationship. Very strict and allowed to pull back to 32 if it appears there isn't the interest we are looking for when it comes to adding 4 teams for the 2016 season. We will need to "plan it out." How we market, how we maintain balance, how we once agreed to get those involved.

**VOTE: those in favor of expanding the league to 36 teams with the caveat strong candidates and organizational ability to manage 4 new teams. 6 yes 1 no.**

Dealing with "demerits/ teams not following rules"

A few ideas: Diana / Matt – a system of demerits. 3/2/1 rule – so some things you do are not as severe as other things. Diana – 3 strike system. 3 strikes equal a forfeit. Scott – we don't want forfeits to happen. Lots of discussion of how we "punish" teams for not holding up their part. Are we too harsh? Not harsh enough? Teams need to have roster set. We need to be stricter following the code of conduct. Behavior and responsibility need to be on some kind of system. Should much of this fall on captains. Captains responsibilities need to be very clear. New job: recorder of demerits a board member will need to document it throughout the season. Otherwise know as the Documentarian of Negative Conduct. – leaning towards this being a commissioner job.

**VOTE: New Commissioner – Diana – unanimously.**

Board members

Waivers – Meeting after 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Get all into system. Erin will be in charge of, board liaisons to their division if issues.

Mick is stepping down. He recommended his replacement to be the Red Lyon's Ben Huptnick.

**VOTE: Board growing from 7 -9 Unanimous no.**

We need to redistribute some duties and consider a sort grooming process. Voted 5-1 for Ben H who has said yes to being the replacement for the legendary mick cottin.

#### Refs

Matt – we have taken it upon ourselves to make reffing better. Can we flip that onto captains? Their responsibility is to police their own shit. Ref clinic – what if we make it more of a service more than a mandatory event.

**VOTE: We are voting to make the the Ref Clinic mandatory ONLY to new teams, with 4 players needing to attend for new teams. 7-0**

There will be a pre-season field day and ref clinic. We will go over reffing and rules, have a scrimmage, eat, drink and get to meet new people. There will also be a quiz. Diana and Scott will work on getting it going for 2016.

**VOTE Quiz – All teams captains and asst captains must take the quiz. New teams must also have 2 additional players take the quiz. Anyone else can take it will receive a complimentary official ref koozie, that will be designed through the KVKL. 5 – yes / 2 no.**

**VOTE: It was noted that “I here by, read and understand the rules and code of conduct” need to be added to the captains waiver & players waiver in BOLD. Erin has this marked in her file. 7-0. We will ask Ben Hutnick to assist in the addition.**

#### EPA

Diana – change the EPA – 3 within the first 10 minutes.

**VOTE: The Emergency Play act is now known as the Injury Play Act. You can only play with 2 of one gender if injury results during that week of scheduled play or tournament schedule. C.1.a & c.6 – Continue with the 10 minute rule. 7-0 agreed.**

The EPA should only be used for circumstances. It should not be an out for teams who are bad at organizing. We need to talk with Ben H as to what we need to add / phrase when it comes to this. How you identify on your waiver is how you identify. Should the ability to reschedule be in our rules? Both captains need to contact the board if there is a reschedule – keep it off the rules as it is something that shouldn't become an allowable occurrence in the league. Notion to make 9 play instead of 8 was talked down.

#### Headshots

How do we treat a headshot during play? Needs to be a discussion item. Is a headshot an injury shot? Does that stop play? Is there a signal? Could we do an arm movement? Head shot versus what needs to stop play from injury versus not. We don't want to stop play.

**VOTE: If a headshot, play does not stop and said player is awarded their intended base. APPROVED 7-0**

Injury – when do we call time? This is a rule that should be brought up in the ref clinic. Follow MLB rules.

Separating a rule. Base blocking vs. Accidentally being in the way – we need a separate rule base blocking vs. accidental being in the way. Is interference base blocking? Defensive base blocking? RULE g.6 – Does this rule need wiggle room? Can you only get in the way if it's a kicked ball? Not a thrown ball? Good quiz question.

#### BYLAWS

Matt – move that we have a bylaws specific meeting coming up. Who do we bring in? Ben primary – second opinion who? Maybe another lawyer? Agreed.

Vote to conclude meeting. – Jacki. Seconded by Matt.