

West Coast Fantasy Baseball Board Minutes August 16, 2009

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Attendees: Ray Mialovich, Mark Gemello, Doug Penney, Rob Weber, Doug Rusch, Michael Simon

Location: Hampton Inn Dining Room Lodi

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am.

It was agreed that the Napa weekend during the baseball season was a great concept. Ray will coordinate the field availability in the future. Dennis Horn is a good contact if we are looking in the Monterey area. The tournament must be in July to avoid conflicts with our other events.

It was discussed that we need an official umpire coordinator next season. The umpires are currently paid \$ 65.00 per game. We can budget up to \$ 500.00 for the coordinator. We will pay the coordinator at the end of the season and deduct for games in which insufficient umpires are provided. The coordinator would also be responsible for communicating WCFBA league rules to the umpires. Rules unique to the league and not particular to plays (such as pinch runner rules) would remain the responsibility of the managers. The umpires would be made aware of such rules, but not asked to enforce those.

We will have a League Dinner later in the fall. A non Board member should be responsible for handling the dinner (subsequently determined to be in February 2010).

It was discussed that the Managers are responsible for making game time the actual start time of games. We do not want to rush people, but the first pitch is to be thrown as close as possible to the scheduled time. This is particularly important on triple-header dates.

The triple-header schedule is now 9am, 12:15pm, and 3:30pm.

Rob will contact Mike Mello regarding blending the A's players into the other league teams. Players would wear their appropriate (A's or Giants) home and away uniforms. The pool player coordinator would be responsible for coordinating the pool for all players.

The point person for all league changes is the commissioner. Field changes (Ray and Heath) and schedule changes (Matt) must be filtered through the commissioner so he can coordinate the effort. The commissioner must then notify the field coordinators, the schedule / web site coordinator, and the umpire coordinator that a change has been made.

It was discussed that we are currently at the limit of the tournaments we should have each year (Mesa, Bakersfield, Palm Desert, San Diego, Lodi, Stockton and Tucson). These tournaments take a great deal of time to coordinate. Any other events must be completely run and coordinated without assistance from our Board.

Rob has been contacted by Mark Sieben who coordinates the "Day at AT&T Park". Mark has offered up a day for WCFBA. We would be responsible for populating the entire day including providing six teams of 12 players paying about \$250 a game. Mark indicated he will make an effort to schedule this event for early July so as not to conflict with San Diego. Then comes the question . . . Do we want to do this? Rob has already noted that he will not be involved in the coordination. Rob is willing to send out the invitation and provide a web link, but that is where his involvement ends.

Thank you to Doug for his work to keep the WCFB Association finances in order. Doug presented a detailed accounting of our financial tournament activities.

JC Penney will work on drafting a "Players Code of Conduct" for review by the Board.