

West Coast Fantasy Baseball Association

Board Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2011

Present: John Haines, Mark Gemello (Treasurer), Ray Mialovich, Doug Penney (President), Matthew Schmuck, Michael Simon (League Commissioner), and Rob Weber (Non-Voting Chairman and Tournament Director)

The Treasurer's report was submitted and approved. The Glendale and Palm Desert tournaments ran a slight surplus. The San Diego tournament broke even. The Lodi tournament ran a slight deficit. The league ran at a deficit, but only because the Board of Directors voted to direct surplus funds to the league banquet. Overall, the association is running in the black with reserve funds in place.

Equipment is in good shape. We may investigate purchasing one extra set of catching gear for teams who do not have players with their own gear.

We have a large excess of league and tournament mementos. We will offer this up at low costs during one or two league weekends in 2012. The rest will be donated.

A short conversation was held regarding league and tournament rules, but due to time constraints, it was agreed this would be handled at the next board meeting.

TOURNAMENTS :

GLENDALE (WCFBA) – We return to Glendale for a second year from January 20-22. Tournament health is good despite down attendance from the Giants and A's. Outside interest is picking up as both the Mariners and Diamondbacks will be attending for the first time this year.

Doug Penney is in charge of the tournament and has renamed the event after Wendell Kim. The tournament will be called the "WK All the Way" Fantasy Baseball Tournament.

Giants and A's teams will be invited to this tournament, but if there is not enough interest to fill out squads, we will mix the Giants and A's. This tournament is capped at ten teams. Fees will remain consistent.

FRESNO (DODGERS) – This is not a WCFBA event. Neil Adams has given out the preliminary dates of March 16-18 for a new Dodger tournament in Fresno at Chukchansi Field. This will replace the Bakersfield tournament which has not been played since 2008.

If the tournament does take place, the BOD agreed that WCFBA will send two Giants teams and one A's teams. The membership will not be mixed for this event unless there is not enough interest from the group. The tournament is capped at six teams (three Dodgers, two Giants, and one A's).

PALM DESERT (WCFBA) – Carl Cardinali has announced that the tournament will take place from May 18-20. The tournament will also be moving to the College of the Desert which should alleviate concerns about wind and visibility.

The Giants will continue to send three teams to this event while the A's will send one. The Dodgers and Mariners will also be invited. This tournament is capped at six teams. Fees will remain consistent.

SAN DIEGO (WCFBA) – Mike Weir has confirmed the 2012 dates as June 29, June 30, and July 1.

WCFBA membership (Giants and A's) is mixed for this event and is limited to three teams. The Dodgers will send two teams and the Padres will send one. This tournament is capped at six teams. Fees will remain consistent.

LODI (WCFBA) – Rich Thomas has confirmed the 2012 dates as August 10-12.

This Giants reunion tournament involves five Giants teams and one Dodger team. No group invitation is sent out as players are guaranteed their spot from year to year unless they forfeit it. A waiting list exists for those that would like to be considered for future spots. Fees may go up slightly as Rich would like to make a donation in the name of Shirley Michaeloff. Shirley ran the snack bar at Lodi since the tournament's inception, but passed away after a long illness this past October.

Once again, the BOD expressed concern that the Dodgers are having trouble fielding a complete team even though they only need to bring 12-13 players. We will speak with Dan Steinberg of the Dodgers to express our concern. If the problem persists, we may 'grandfather' in the half dozen Dodgers who make it each year and open up the other spots to our waiting list.

STOCKTON (WCFBA) – This tournament was cancelled after the 2010 attendance due to rising costs and poor attendance. We have since been contacted by management in Stockton to work on a plan for our return.

It was agreed that if the Fresno tournament does not happen, we may pursue this opportunity. NOTE : As of January 2012, the Fresno tournament is still on so we likely won't return to Stockton in 2012.

LEAGUE :

The following summary was supplied by league commissioner Michael Simon. BOD comments have been added as noted by asterisks:

2011 League Summary and Status

We completed our 11th season of West Coast Fantasy Baseball in 2011. We welcomed back many of the A's players and the season seemed to be a success. We had several early rain-outs to overcome and Ray Miailovich (field coordinator) did a fabulous job of arranging fields so we could play games. Ed Glover helped acquire Athenian School in the East Bay and the field received mixed reviews. Our league weekend in Napa was considered a success. The Lantermans and others did a great job on the fields and the dinner. We had to suspend two players during the season (one for throwing a bat and one for throwing a helmet). Fortunately, no one was hit in either case. Injuries limited the number of games played for several full-time players.

* Injured players – refunds will be handled on a case by case basis – injury or family need will be considered

* Pool coordination was very difficult for the Napa event. An earlier drop dead date will be employed for full-time players. Teams will be expanded to 13 to make late drops less burdensome on the teams. Some pool players may be told they are playing for sure, but their game times will be determined later.

2012 Proposed Schedule

Our schedule for 2012 will start in March (depending on the Fresno Tournament date) and will have the challenge of only one weekend available in May (Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and the Palm Desert Tournament). The 4th of July falls on a Wednesday, so we need to decide about playing on weekends on either side of the 4th. The A's Stockton camp may also interrupt a weekend in June. Rob Weber (Pool Coordinator) had some difficult weekends completing rosters. Dave Montellato had suggested we reduce the number of league games, but no one else expressed that opinion.

* We will attempt a return to Napa in 2012 for our league weekend. Our initial target is 9/15-16.

* We may send out a poll to determine how many folks plan to attend the Stockton camp. The results will determine if we play that weekend. The 2012 dates are April 27-29.

* 2012 league signups will start at the beginning of February and continue through the end of the month.

2012 Fields

Albert Field is supposed to be renovated by the City of San Rafael and used by an independent league team in 2012. We are uncertain about our status. Steve Bennett and Randy Wallace had been handling

the arrangements for Albert until now. Riordan is going through administrative changes and our status there is also uncertain.

- * Michael Simon will find out the status at Riordan as soon as possible.

- * Randy Wallace will not be playing in 2012 and has asked that we find a replacement field liaison for Albert Field to work with Gary Burns of the city. Russ Greenfield has been suggested. Michael Simon will follow through with Randy and Russ.

2012 League Coaches

2012 is a year for new coaches. Dave Chilcote and Dave DeCruz had stated they would like to coach together. Don Luis and Mike Mello completed only one year and will be asked if they are interested again. Greg Terra and Jim Realini would like to coach again, but we have insisted on a break in the past.

- * Dave DeCruz was not aware he had been volunteered to coach.

- * Dave Vigil and Carl Vargas have since thrown their hat in the ring.

- * Jeff Jones and Marty Brown might be interested.

- * We DO want to cycle new coaches through to keep all involved.

League Umpires

Burt Field coordinated the umpires this season and did a good job. We only had one week that he was unable to fill all the spots. We paid a \$ 200 bonus for doing this and it was well worth it.

***END of Michael's notes

League Format

2012 league game times for dates when two games are played will remain at 10:00am and 1:30pm.

2012 league fees will remain the same for both full-timers and pool players.

The 2012 league format will continue to be the same. A's and Giants players will be mixed in one draft. Pool players will be assigned the most appropriate team based upon their skill level. The league will likely operate with five or six teams.

Full-time players must wear either an A's or a Giants uniform during each game. Full-time players playing as pool players must do the same. Whether the uniform is home or away is determined by the schedule. Part-time pool players must wear the uniform of the major league fantasy camp that they attended. If they have not attended a fantasy camp, they need to order a Giants or A's uniform.

ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES :

Association responsibilities for 2012 are as follows (to be confirmed with individuals):

- League Commissioner – Michael Simon
- League Field Acquisition – Ray Mialovich
- Association Finance and Insurance – Mark Gemello
- Association Commissioner, Association Web Site, League Pool Coordination, and Communications – Rob Weber
- League Web Site – Dave DeCruz
- Uniforms – Terry Lee
- Umpire Coordinator – Burt Field
- Equipment – John Haines
- Rain Line – TBD
- League Banquet – Rob Lanterman
- Glendale Tournament – Doug Penney
- San Diego Tournament – Mike Weir
- Lodi Tournament – Rich Thomas