

West Coast Fantasy Baseball Association

Board Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2010

Present: Mark Gemello, Ray Mialovich, Doug Penney, Michael Simon, and Rob Weber

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved and will be posted on the website.

The Officers were designated for the year 2011.

President Doug Penney

Treasurer Mark Gemello

Michael Simon and Doug Rusch will complete their terms on the board on December 31, 2010. Elections are currently in process and will conclude on January 3. Two new board members will be selected from the five candidates.

TOURNAMENTS :

GLENDALE (WCFBA) – This is our first year in Glendale. Attendance has declined in recent years at Mesa, but the tournament remains in the black. Initial signups for Glendale are down. We will re-evaluate after the tournament to determine its future.

Doug Penney is in charge of the tournament and plans to rename the event after Wendell Kim in 2012. We have Wendell's wife's permission.

WCFBA membership will not be mixed for this tournament. The Giants and A's can send separate teams if they like. This tournament is capped at ten teams.

LAKE ELSINORE (PADRES) – Mike Britton has announced the tournament is on hold for this year. The field is being re-turfed due to excessive use. No make up date is known at this time.

WCFBA membership will not be mixed for this tournament. The Giants and A's can send separate teams if they like.

FRESNO (DODGERS) – Neil Adams has given out the preliminary dates of March 11-13 for a new Dodger tournament in Fresno. This will replace the Bakersfield tournament which has not been played since 2008.

If the tournament does take place and we are invited, the BOD agreed that WCFBA will send two Giants teams and one A's teams. The membership will not be mixed for this event.

PALM DESERT (WCFBA) – Carl Cardinali has announced that the tournament has been moved to later in May (May 20-22) due to field scheduling conflicts. This is three weeks later than usual.

Complaints about the venue were relayed to the tournament organizers. These were mostly about visibility and wind. Steps will be taken to address the problems, but a new venue for 2011 is out of the question. It is possible we could move to a new field in 2012 as a neighboring high school field will be ready.

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.

SAN DIEGO (WCFBA) – Mike Weir has confirmed 2011 dates for June 24-26.

WCFBA membership 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.

LODI (WCFBA) – Rich Thomas has confirmed 2011 dates for August 12-14.

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.

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 has struggled financially in recent years and the BOD voted to cancel the tournament for 2011. We struggled to field six teams this past year and the previous year was also difficult. If a September tournament is added in the future, it will be at a new venue.

For 2011, the weekend of the Stockton tournament will be replaced with an A's / Giants league weekend in Napa. More details to follow in the league section . . .

LEAGUE :

2011 league signups will start at the beginning of February and continue through the end of the month.

The 2011 league draft will take place the following weekend (March 5 or 6).

Tentative league play dates will be 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/21, 8/28, 9/11, 9/18, 9/24-25 (Napa)

The 2011 league schedule will culminate with a doubleheader weekend in Napa. The league banquet will occur on the Saturday night. If Napa does not work, Monterey will serve as a backup choice.

2011 league game times for dates when two games are played will be moved back one half hour to 10:00am and 1:30pm.

2011 league fees will remain the same for both full-timers and pool players.

The 2011 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.

League rule changes from 2010 will be modified slightly.

- Batters who cannot run from home plate will be awarded a double if their hit reaches the warning track on the fly or on the ground.
- In situations where the batter cannot run from home plate, fielders do not have to field the ball cleanly before the throw to first base, but they must throw the ball to the intended base within two seconds of first touching it. This will be the umpire's judgment call.

Ray Mialovich is working on fields for 2011. We have Riordan (SF) and Albert (San Rafael) to bookend the season. We have several South Bay options, but will solicit the league for help in the East Bay. Ed Glover has been in touch with Ray regarding a field in Danville.

The league continues to be a wood bat league, but the question has come up regarding the use of composite bats. The board has no issue with these bats at this time.

The league will ask Burt Field to act as umpire coordinator. He has agreed. Burt will be paid \$200 for the season to insure that umpires are available for all league games. Burt will be provided with an emergency list of league players who can serve as umpires in the event he cannot find other alternatives.

ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES :

Association responsibilities for 2011 are as follows:

- 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
- Uniforms – Terry Lee
- Umpire Coordinator – Burt Field
- Equipment – John Haines
- Rain Line – we will be asking Ed Glover
- League Banquet – Rob Lanterman
- Glendale Tournament – Doug Penney
- San Diego Tournament – Mike Weir
- Lodi Tournament – Rich Thomas

BYLAWS AND BOARD ACTIONS :

The bylaws will be changed to reflect that “the board will specify who is responsible for statutory filings”. This has been the Treasurer in the past.

Board member terms will be changed from two years to three years. Two of the existing board members (Mark, Ray, and JC) will be asked to stay on one extra year.

The board may add a sixth board member in the near future to help distribute the work load. If this is done, any ties in board votes will be broken by the chairman.

The bank signature card will be changed to add Mark Gemello’s name and to subtract Doug Rusch’s name.