

## BARS Board Meeting Agenda

6-4-14

Attendance: Brian, Michael, Tim, Twan, Darren, Scott, Troy, Eric, Andrew

### 1. Welcome - Overview of Meeting Structure & Procedures (5 minutes)

- a. Call to order
- b. Introductions
- c. Overview of Meeting Structure
- d. Proposals & Voting Procedures

General meeting practices: Make sure to come with proposals for problems, not just issues.

### 2. Brief Updates from the Directors (Optional - Directors may just supply info here and waive in-person announcements)

- . Bowling
- i. Summer registration Update
- ii. Total number of lanes available/max players
  - a. Dodgeball
  - . Ladies Season Starts Monday, June 9
  - i. No sponsors for the Ladies Season. Attendance is usually low at ladies after-parties, so it is difficult to maintain our sponsorship relationships with bars

But Hens is on board for 1<sup>st</sup> and last week (specials). Stonewall and Pieces for other weeks. Medals will be ordered.

- ii. 80 ladies registered, 8 teams formed
- iii. Teams will be emailed Thursday. Schedule will be posted online.
- iv. Tim will be absent from the first night.
- v. Refs have been selected and given their schedule.
- vi. No shirts needed, but medals/trophies?
  - b. Kickball
  - . Registration update - Wait List, Refs, Teams, Shirts (MF)

120 all filled. Emailign KB wl 6.5. Closes 6.16.

Open Play: All refs to attend. Too much \$\$\$ to have all attend?

- i. Refs - 10 have been confirmed with several vets on the wait list. Training plan to be discussed. (MF)
- ii. Open Play Plan (MF)
- iii. Email to all players announcing teams - plan to do this the day after open play. (MF)

### 3. Proposals (Any major events or policy/rule changes that should be voted on by the board)

- a. Dodgeball
  - i. Proposal 3: Players will not be called out for crossing the center line during the opening rush. (TB)

1. We do not run head-to-head, so there is no injury risk here.

- ii. Proposal 2: Switch to 1-Warning System for out of bounds, and center line crossing for Dodgeball Ladies Summer Season. Ladies will be given one warning per game about stepping out of bounds or over the center line. On a second time, they will be called out. (TB)
- iii. Proposal 3: Summer Co-Ed Mini-Tournament (TB)
  - 1. Dates: July 14 - Aug 11 (5 weeks)
- iv. Proposal 4: Shortening season for fall and spring from 11 weeks to 10 weeks (TC)

**Dodgeball:** Proposal: Warning system, for crossing line once. Andrew opposed. All else in favor. Motion passes.

Proposal: Summer Co-Ed mini-tournament- 4 or 5 weeks. Debate about having this or not. 6 in favor. Eric and brian opposed. We will register for FI tournament before we do this. August 8<sup>th</sup> is FI tournament. As of now enough favor to move forward with this.

Proposal: Running head to head. Motion doesn't pass. Brian, Scott, Darren opposed. 3 abstain, No quorum met.

**b. Bowling**

. When to close registration to order shirts.

**c. Kickball**

. Adding a ninth team (MF)

- 1. Extend the season by 1 week and give each team a bye week. The last place team would not be included in the tournament.

i. Attendance/Vet Status (MF)

- 1. Those players that miss more than 2 games will not be given vet status for the next season. The goal is to make sure veterans show up and actually play.

ii. Alternate players from the waitlist (MF)

- 1. If a player misses the first two games of the season (without warning) then their spot will be given to the first person on the waitlist/alternate player for week 3.

iii. One Night Only Charity Tournament (MF)

- 1. Look to have one night in between summer and fall seasons to have a charity tournament where members can put their own teams together.

iv. Rule Clarifications (ECJ)

- 1. To clarify what happens in the event of a double kick.
- 2. Penalty for kicker stopping/stepping on a ball.
- 3. This situation caused emotions last season: Stealing a base while the ball is being thrown to the pitcher. Where the runner is not advancing until the ball is thrown. (TS)

v. Proposal: Pitcher cannot cross a diagonal line between first and third base until the ball is kicked. (TS)

**Brief Updates**

## **Kickball**

Player dropping out- refund? Wants to only play if BF plays. We will try to accommodate these general situations.

Options to accommodate huge demand for the sport in addition to searching for more field space:

Extend the season by a week and add another team? We can't do this until we have permit field dates. Pros- more players. Cons- 1 week off (bye week) for each team.

Tournament-all teams may or may not be in it.

Another option: 30 minute games all season- add another round of teams with this schedule?

Vet Status: Up requirements? Right now players can miss 3 weeks. Need to make it to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of games. Have to make 5 of 8. 4<sup>th</sup> you're out. And now, 3<sup>rd</sup> you are out.

Michael proposing 6 of 8 games to keep vet status. Eric and Brian, Tim opposed. 6 in favor. Provisional for summer season. Motion passes.

Tournament eligibility: 4 of 7, prior to the tournament. Brian votes no. All else in favor.

Alternate players from waitlist. Generally in favor - case by case basis

Rule clarification: Double Kick- Call it foul. Proposed- if batter touches twice, a foul ball. Double kick in general is a foul. Within the kicker's box. Eric is no. All else in favor.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Stepping on a ball? A Kick? Put it on website, and make sure it is enforced. Eric proposes. Stepping on a ball is not allowed. Called a foul. All in favor. Motion passes.

General concern- aggressive runners run when ball is being thrown to the pitcher. Runner is almost guaranteed a base. But strategy evolves. Something to watch. But no running limitation placed.

Troy- proposes pitcher not run up before a player has kicked the ball.

Draw a diagonal at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Players can't move/ or cross until the kick is made. But catcher can run up. Michael, Eric, Brian, Andrew opposed. But all else in favor, 5 to 4. This passes.

Players do not \*have\*to play. But make sure there is no bullying to not play. But all titled to equal play.

Kickball new rules summary:

### **NEW Rules**

**In prior seasons, infielders and the pitcher were able to run up toward the kicker as soon as the ball was pitched. This is NOT allowed anymore and will result in a ball if it happens. See wording below.**

**Proper Field Position must be maintained by all fielders while a pitch is in progress, and until the pitched ball reaches the kicker. Failure to be properly positioned will result in a ball toward the kicker. If an infielder runs up during a pitch and the kicker kicks the ball, the entire play is null, and called a ball.**

Proper Field Position is --

- a. for Fielders: All fielders besides the catcher must remain in fair territory behind the 1st-3rd base diagonal;
- b. for Pitchers:
  - The pitcher must start the act of pitching with at least one foot within the pitching mound (see Rule 1.01d);
  - The pitcher must have at least one foot on or directly behind the pitching strip (see Rule 1.01c) when releasing the ball;
  - No part of the pitcher's front foot may be in front of or across the front edge of the pitching strip.
- c. for Catchers:
  - The catcher must be positioned within or directly behind the kicking box and behind the horizontal plane of the kicker, parallel to the front edge of home plate.
  - The catcher may not make contact with the kicker, nor position so closely to the kicker as to restrict the kicking motion.
  - The kicker may not trigger a position violation through maneuvers judged by the Ref to be deliberately tricky or unsportsmanlike.

**Double Kick and stepping on a ball** – If a ball is kicked more than once, it will be considered a foul. If a player steps on a ball, it will be considered a foul.

## **Bowling**

Crew necks, switch up the shirts. All in favor.

### **d. Miscellaneous**

#### **2. Social**

##### **. Dodgeball Women's Party**

##### **a. Kickball: OS Party**

##### **b. Pride: June 29th - REGISTERED**

. Looking for someone with a car/a Zipcar membership and drivers.

Brief Notes:

Pride- June 14<sup>th</sup> to register. Venues for pride party: Boxers or XES outdoors. Possible to do Beer garden.

Dodgeball party- places to consider, Cubby Hole etc. We do need a zipcar. Get committee involved with this to help run the event. Ordering stress balls etc. Yellow stress balls, candy, etc. and extra shirts. Twan will take point.

### **3. Web**

. I've updated the Board Members page: <http://www.bigapplerecsports.org/about/meet-the-board> Photos and "playing since" are fields I don't have for new people (TS)

Pictures taken. Email Troy your bios.

#### **4. Marketing**

- . Proofs out for Summer Bowling Registration email
  - a. I will be creating an email calendar and sharing with the Board so upcoming campaigns can be slotted (DD)
- Darren will share email calendar- separate from our internal calendar. Darren look on agenda and follow up. BARS brief bi-monthly. Do players of the week in advance.

#### **5. Treasury**

#### **6. Philanthropy**

#### **7. Review of Action Items – Secretary**

**Vote on new charter for next meeting. We want to keep it as flexible as possible. For next time, review etc.**

**Going to hold special elections for open positions. Philanthropy and Bowling Ops. At next meeting, folks can announce candidacy. If we want someone to run, have them come to the next meeting.**

**Next Meeting: Committee Meeting June 26th, 7:00 pm. Changing to Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>. DO it on facebook, announce. Having a committee meeting. Etc.**