



BARS Committee Meeting
11 March 2020

Attendance: Timothy Brown, Rolando “Juni” Mercado, Michael Wellbrock, Michael Mirpuri, Dennis Trammell, Salvatore Scrimenti, Joel Penrose, Alexander Yee, Brent Roach, Colleen Hennessy, Joshua Levine,

Committee: Curtis Harding, Dane Jerabek, Michael Donnelly

1. Open Discussion from the Committee

- a. Want something discussed at the meeting? Think there is a problem? Have a good idea and want to get more involved? Toss it in the mix for discussion!

2. Updates from the Commissioner and E-Board

- a. Upcoming Executive Board elections for 2020-2021 will be held in April
 - i. General board elections will be May
- b. Spring Budgets
 - i. All sports will be operating to breaking even with their budgets
- c. Public Health
 - i. Input from Michael Donnelly -
 1. The committee member has been looking into coronavirus data and pushed the General Board to cancel leagues. Numbers circulated were reported not correct. Suspected cases are not able to be tested and those with cases are often asymptomatic. Michael suggested 1000-10,000 cases in NYC metro. Mortality rates are roughly 3.4%. It is forecasted that 30-70% of pop will get the disease. In the US, mortality rate will likely be .4%, but 3x that of the flu. Severity rates are roughly 10% especially for those in the league’s demographics. Surface to surface transmission, particularly in Dodgeball and Kickball was mentioned of concern. Reproductive factor is 2.1 to 2.3, meaning for every person who gets it, they give it to 2 people, maybe a little more. In our sports’ settings, the factor can rise to roughly 11. In two weeks, this could mean that in just two cycles that we can end up with up to 90k in 10 days. Most people will continue to be undiagnosed, as resources aren’t available. Mortality rate is much lower for our age demographic; .05 -.15 mortality rate and 2% will experience severe symptoms (requiring hospitalization). The committee member is worried about the health of players and serving as a disease vector to the rest of the community. The speed of transmission currently will overwhelm hospitals, which will increase the mortality rate. Current rates seen are those cases that get treatment. The forecasts are not theoretical; Italy has gone beyond their hospital capacity in two weeks.
 - ii. Input from TB



1. It is suggested to delay the start of dodgeball to see where risks lie. A delay by two weeks still gives us time as we won't run into a summer season. A possible alternative is promote proper health guidelines and keep things open.
- iii. Other mentions
1. BARS needs to acknowledge that is happening. Offer full refund. At bare minimum.
 2. Other sports are not cancelling, but seeing a registration is low
 3. Good idea to delay and see.
 4. Dodgeball -
 - a. **Proposal** to send out postponement to start at the earliest March 30, with a reevaluation before or by March 25.
 - b. Motioned by MW, seconded by TB. Yea: 12; Motion passed unanimously.
 5. Bowling - Ask Frames for a moratorium for the last two weeks? Decision pending. Or cancelling the season, or finish up this Sunday. Vote will move offline.
 6. Postpone registration and change dates?
 7. Post plays will be temporarily cancelled.
 8. Kickball - we will decide before registrations take place.
 9. Open Play will be postponed

1. Sport discussions and sport proposals

- a. Bowling updates
- b. Dodgeball updates
- c. Kickball updates and proposals
 - i. Women's/Gender Minority Team Proposal (MW)
 1. Considerations to make sure all players are taken care of
 2. How to manage with opt-in
 3. Expansion into Saturday? Pilot into one league at first
 4. Save remaining spots for women/gender minorities to fill up the team post general registration.
 5. Copy should promote inclusivity and not exclusivity
 6. Motioned by MW, seconded by CH. Yea 11, Nay , Abstain 1. Motion passes.
 - ii. Saturday schedule, permit updates (RM)
 1. RIOC opened registration for fields. Applications were submitted with Pony Field, as Firefighters' is not available for weekends.
 2. HK Field available from May 16 forward through the summer. Likely will move the field midseason.
 3. Tuesday field permits are pending.
 4. Potential third night during the week is pending.

2. League-wide proposals

- a. None currently



3. Philanthropy

- a. AIDS Walk
 - i. May 17th
 - ii. BARS participation is encouraged to increase numbers and goal this year.
 - iii. Quorum needed, so vote is postponed.

4. Web

- a. Update on new BARS website (JL)
 - i. The goal was to have everything up and running for Spring sports, but the project was scaled up to be fully usable. The projected launch date will be for Summer seasons.
 - ii. Josh will meet with the directors of each sport to make sure content and layout make sense and also to show the new workflow of data entry. Photo content is still needed.

Proposals:

1.c.i. Kickball (Tuesday): Women's/Gender Minority Team Proposal

Proposal: Temporarily suspend traditional team distribution for Tuesday Kickball for (1) team and allow women and gender minorities to play on the same team.

Process:

- Following the completion of registration, first to email all women and gender minorities who registered and indicate there has been a desire from several members of the community to have a predominantly women and gender minority team/allow for women and gender minorities to play on the same team.
- Women and Gender Minorities who agree to participate in this team will be added to a "pool" of players that will automatically be added to a team and not partake in the traditional randomization of teams.
- Women and Gender Minorities who do not wish to be included on this team or in the "pool" will be added to the larger population and distributed randomly throughout the remaining 7 teams.
- 10 additional spots will be reserved for additional women and gender minorities in order to ensure at least one filled team.

Other notes:

- Traditional rating of players will still take place, including women and gender minority veteran players.
- There may, and likely will, result in some level of imbalance during team selection- specifically for the women and gender minority team.