

BARS Board Meeting Minutes  
8-27-14

Attendance: Eric, Tim, Michael, Brian, Andrew, Troy, Scott, Zaid, Steve, Twan

**1. Brief Sport Updates**

- a. Bowling (BB)
  - i. Summer Bowling Post-Season Survey
  - ii. Fall Season Update
  - iii. Scoring Discussion

Bowling: Discussion regarding making reported scores more robust/alteration proof. Rule clarification- players can't bowl for one another and report their respective scores.

Possible solutions: we can get score sheets from the lanes to help remedy. Another solution, neighboring lanes can sign off on scores. Other leagues have this practice.

We may have team captains to help facilitate this.

Survey results: Overall positive. Next season begins 9/21. Back to V necks for shirts.

Put back in place a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal.

Attendance question- how do we boost attendance? Time to experiment is now with the 8 week season.

- b. Dodgeball (TB)
  - Fall Season Update

- 1. Newbie Open Play Update
    - 2. Opening Season Party - Hardware, Saturday Sept 6, 3:00 pm
    - 3. Teams will be emailed on 9/6 with more specific first night information
    - 4. Opening Night Logistics
  - a. 6:30-6:55 - Check-In
  - b. 6:55 - Welcome Announcement
  - c. 7:00-9:30 - Matches
  - d. After-Party - Henrietta Hudson

We filled up less quickly compared to last year, but our social reach has changed. We reached out to fewer past players, but a number of additional factors slowed us down- more limited facebook reach, fewer list serve lists e-mailed etc.

About 50 newbies showed up for open play.

Opening Season Party: Harry Potter Theme. Opening Party Saturday 9.6. Teams will be posted at the same time as the reveal.

6pm For Shirt check-in pre counted, regular season stuff.

- c. Kickball (MF)
  - . Summer Season Wrap-up
    1. Tournament - what worked/what didn't (MF)
    2. Survey (MF)
    3. Rules (MF)
- i. Fall Opening Season Logistics
  1. Opening Season Party (MF and ZT)
  2. Dates (MF)
  3. Pick teams (MF)
- ii. Mound rule revisited
- iii. Ref vet status (required attendance) (AV)
  1. Refs for Fall season (MF and SB)
  2. Refs/Captains/Rules - Plan to ensure EVERYONE understands all rules (MF)
- iv. Proposals
  1. Delay of game penalties (AV)
    - . Batting Team: 1 automatic out for every 30 seconds delayed for batting team.
  - a. Fielding Team: 1 automatic base gained for every 30 seconds delayed by fielding team.
    2. Proper rule-debate process (AV)
      - . Propose when a captain asks for a rule/play to be reviewed, the refs stop the clock/time-out and have rules be reviewed if there is confusion. Once the call is made, the refs announce the rule + call to all on the field so there is no confusion.
    3. Remove vet status from women who fail to meet regular quotas (AV)

Kickball Tournament Recap- started at 8:15pm, a bit early. 4 refs on each field worked well. Added a cone on the sideline to stay behind. Ending party was a bit chaotic.

Survey will go out tomorrow. Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> Fall Opening Season Party. Starting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Get rid of open play.

Starting a week later with no open play. All in favor. Party on Tuesday vs. Saturday? Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>. All in favor. Brian abstains. Party will be Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Move ahead with order tomorrow morning. All in favor. So we can sort shirt order. All in favor.

How do we feel about moving to 8 refs from 10 refs?

Proposals:

Mound Rule revisited. (Discussion). Pros and Cons (Field Position Rule)- has it changed the game?

We will send out a survey- update: (9.4)

68 players responded. 23% strongly dislike. 25% dislike. 15% neutral. 24% like. 12% strongly like.

Motion to repeal the field position rule added for the summer: passes. Rule repealed. Troy + Eric a nay. All other votes in at time of minutes a yay (9 votes), with the suggestion from sport director to implement distance restrictions.

Proposal:

A ref must hit 75% of their scheduled time/same % that players are required to hit to retain their respective vet status. 75% of what they are originally scheduled for by the sport director/manager which coincides with player quota.

This is for Kickball only. Dodgeball, given the longer duration of the season, might be a slightly different discussion. In the past we have less formally discussed 50% of the season/their reffing schedule.

Opposed is Zaid. Motion Passes.

Refs for fall season: Director wants stronger refs with meetings with captains. Require stronger requirements to be captain. Do a mixer with the team captains and the refs. Director can set it up. No vote needed.

Fix in a training session. Michael will address with captains most of the kickball proposals posted today. If a timeout is call, time is stopped, make more clear who the head ref is etc.

Proposal: Women –tabled for now.

Proposal about delay of game. A warning system- added to training session.

## **2. Social**

- a. Sponsor Update- almost all booked for Dodgeball. Bowling 2 of 8. 6 of 8
- b. Venue decisions – Elmo for Kickball OSP.

## **3. Web**

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## **4. Treasurer**

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## **5. Philanthropy**

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## **6. Marketing**

. Timeline for Posts

- i. Can help with organizational-wide emails and sport-wide emails.
- ii. Give Calendar to Darren at the beginning of the season of emails you know will need to be sent. At least 1 week heads up would be appropriate.

Halloween party- move to Thursday or Wednesday, instead of actual Halloween Friday.

Marketing- give Darren a heads up for e-mail blasts.

Proposal:

Table ranking discussion until next meeting.

Waitlist proposal by Eric- pull in the next equally ranked player: Is not 2nded.

Team Distribution Proposal. This is for Kickball. 9 in favor. Opposed, Michael- board members are split as evenly as possible for dodgeball and kickball teams. This will spread out leadership + help us share information faster.

## **7. Additional Proposals**

### **. Ranking**

- . A player requires 3 board member ranks to be 'ranked'. Failure to reach this minimum yields no rank at all. AV (Passes)
- i. If a player is added too late for the board to rank/or is a strong vet who was clearly overlooked, the sport director has the ability to retroactively assign a ranking to that player. The board should be made aware of these specific additions prior to team selection. AV (note: as it stands, when a player's rank is evenly split between two ranks, the director has the responsibility to choose) Tabled.
- ii. If at the end of a ranking period, a player has a standard deviation equal to or greater than 0.7, a brief discussion around that player CAN be had if requested, with a permitted rerank after the discussion. At this point, the resulting ranking stands. (~7 players for dodgeball met this criteria this past ranking season) AV Tabled.

### **a. Waitlist**

. If a player is replaced after the team formation, the player is to be replaced with the first person of equal rank on the waitlist. If there is no one equally ranked, the player is to be replaced with the first person of the next available rank.

1. **Example:** Player A is ranked a 2 and quits. Director looks for the first "2" (based on timestamp) to replace the player. If there is no "2" then said Director looks for the first available "1". No "1s"? First available unranked player is placed on the team. Doesn't pass.

### **b. Team Distribution**

. Separation of Board members amongst the teams. Currently we have 9 out of 11 Board members playing Kickball. I think it would be beneficial to the league if we separate the board member amongst the teams as evenly as possible (knowing that one team will have two). This helps in multiple ways: (Passes)

1. Each team will have a governing member on the team and the dissemination of information will be more accurate.
2. Board Members will be spread out through the night and can assist with problems/issues as they arise.
3. Board members can help promote inclusivity.