

FREDERICK MEN'S SLOW PITCH LEAGUE

MEETING NOTES

February 26, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Potomac Sports, MD Storm, Trick Trucks, Bad Boys, Strike Force, Jim Frank, Il Forno, Canal Bar, The Mont, Gaithersburg Rental

CURRENT DIVISION MAKE-UP:

	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1)	Potomac Sports	Canal Bar	Potomac Sports
2)	Maryland Storm	Trick Trucks	Maryland Storm
3)	Trick Trucks	Bad Boys	Gaithersburg Rental
4)	Bad Boys	The Mont	Jen-esis (verbal)
5)	Strike Force	Strictly Business (verbal)	
6)	Il Forno		
7)	Jim Frank		
8)	Beef O' Brady (verbal)		
9)	West End (verbal)		
10)	Bull Rush (verbal)		
11)	FOP (verbal)		
12)	Jordan's Victory Lane (verbal)		
13)	Kitchens that Rock (verbal)		

Number of teams playing 1 night	18
Number of teams playing 2 nights	4
TOTAL	22

IMPORTANT - As of 2/27/09 the Montgomery County Team (Scot McElroy) is interested in the WED division, but is not yet committed. I asked them for a firm "Y" or "N" by March 15th.

THE LEAGUE IS LOOKING FOR MORE TEAMS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, OR KNOW OF A TEAM THAT IS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PLAY, send email to pinecliffcountry@aol.com or tim@potomacsports.org

2009 LEAGUE FEES

Fee	1st night of play	2nd night of play	Notes
Sanction Fee	\$25.00	\$0.00	
Entry Fee	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Player Fee	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Raffle Fee	\$400.00	\$400.00	(200 tickets for each night of play)
Field Maintenance	\$150.00		(fee waived if teams provide labor)
TOTAL	\$1,125.00	\$700.00	

IMPORTANT DATES UPDATED:

03/26/09	The next "formal" meeting is at 7:00pm. Between now and then, all teams should check the league site regularly for news and important information. ENTRY FEES DUE AT NEXT MEETING (\$300 per night) PLAYER FEES DUE AT NEXT MEETING (\$250 for your first night) SANCTION FEES DUE AT NEXT MEETING (\$25 for your first night)
04/06/09	Teams may use the fields for practice & scrimmages SCHEDULES WILL BE ONLINE
04/11/12	Field Maintenance duty is scheduled for all teams. NOTE: this is Easter weekend. Most teams think this is a problem. Tim is checking with the Parks Department to see if the league can use the park on 4/5 instead.
04/27/09	Start of regular season play
05/09/10	Opening Day tournament, raffle ticket draw @ 3:00pm RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY ARE DUE BY 12:00pm
07/01/09	Last day for roster adds / drops (this date was voted on by teams)
08/24/09	Playoffs begin NOTE: this date may change because the Frederick fall league is scheduled to begin on AUG 31, causing a potential conflict.

TOPICS COVERED AT MEETING:**BOARD MAKE-UP**

There was a proposal that the board can only include 1 representative per team WEB Manager will no longer be a board position, but WEB Manager will be considered a "committee assignment"

RAFFLE

Teams voted 5-4 in favor of keeping the league raffle (1 team abstained from voting)

AWARDS

Teams voted 10-0 in favor of reducing the budgeted amount for league awards from \$1,200 to \$600. T-shirts will no longer be given out.

Trophies/ plaques will be awarded to the 1st place winner only for a total of five trophies:

- Opening Day winner
- Monday regular season winner
- Wednesday/Thursday regular season winner
- Monday playoff winner
- Wednesday/Thursday playoff winner

The balance of the awards money will be used to purchase gift cards at local restaurants. The thought is that if we offer \$500 in cash to a restaurant, they might give us \$750 in gift cards. League board members will investigate this and report back at the next meeting.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

Teams voted 10-0 to change the date of the field maintenance, so we're checking out our options.

FIELD PREP

Teams would like clarification of the \$3,200 field preparation expense. Based on the response, there was a recommendation that field prep duties might be publicly bid.

MERCY RULES

The league voted to keep the mercy rule at 20 after 3, 15 after 4 and 10 after 5. Effective 1/1/09, the ISA national rule is 15 after 3, 12 after 4 and 10 after 5.

RAFFLE TICKETS

More raffle tickets are being printed. Tim/Country will meet up with teams in the next few weeks to get raffle tickets in people's hands.

CONCESSION STAND

There was a suggestion proposed that the league make better use of the concession stand. That may include renting the stand to an outside agency for a 12 month period.

2009 LEAGUE BOARD

There was a request for nomination of election of 2009 board officers. The March 26 meeting will include nomination of officers.