

# Tallahassee Adult Recreation Baseball

## Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2019

Present: Beckingham, Baker, Spillias, Max, Evelo, Dustin(LJ), Brandon, Wiman

Next meeting: Not Scheduled Location:

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### I. Announcements

- 8 teams in 35's, 5 teams in 45's. 35's to have 16 games and 45's will have 12 games
- Duncan secured baseballs through B&B Sporting Goods @ \$50/doz (need to notify league managers and get the order together)
- Rosters are due by March 15, 2019 with deposits due March 22, 2019. \$500 for 35's and 350 for 45's
- Full Payment of league fees expected by end of March \$1,250 35's and \$800 45's
- Minutes and important information will be kept at [www.adgeo.net/content/TARBL](http://www.adgeo.net/content/TARBL)
- Schedule for Spring/Summer Season will start second week of April with a target end date of by mid July.
- Schedule out by the end of March
- There will be a playoff at the end of the season. Formats were discussed but will be based on total number of teams in each division.

### II. Rules and league manager voting

- Vote was taken to continue to allow defensive only players, vote passed with majority, not all in favor.
- Discussed the double move for a first to third situation to see if the league wanted to allow or disallow it. Discussed and decided to see what MSBL or Hobbs Rules were using.
- Discussed if age should stay the same, 32 to play 35's and only restriction is no pitch. 42 to play in 45's with and only restriction for underage players was no pitching. Decided to keep ages the same. There is no limit to the number of under 35's can be on a team.
- Vote to remove the clause that would allow a division to adjust league age with a majority manager vote and instead leave it up to the league to handle. Vote passed
- Vote to install a "Mercy Rule" which says if a team is down by 15 or more runs after 5 innings the game is over. Rule passed unanimously.
- Discussion about a rule for a minimum number of players on a team's official roster to play. Decision was that a team needed to have at least 7 official players. However in the official rules and regulations 8 roster players are required. Rules Committee will need to address this further. Players not on the official roster are to bat at the end of the lineup, or just ahead of the underage players that may be on the team (sons, brothers that are allowed but under 32)
- Vote and discussion surrounding players that had failed to honor financial commitments in previous years. Current rule is "Players owing past fees to other TARBL teams are not eligible to play in the Veterans Division". Vote was to remove the rule. Vote passed by majority, there were a couple that dissented
- Discussion about incident in 45's division last year. Bottom line is players should not be "touching, harassing or pushing another player. There was no vote on the issue but it was discussed that the umpires should handle this along with team managers.

- Long discussion on line sharing but no vote but there will be no line sharing.
- Discussion about courtesy runners and under aged players that cannot steal. Max brought up that he thought the pitcher should still be required to throw from the stretch and not the windup. Not brought to a vote

### III. Roundtable

Spring Sax is the primary field for all games. Other field options were discussed: Max Pearson and Chris Beckingham have been in contact with the City and the County about field availability. TARBL would like to have more games at County fields (Woodville (Wednesdays) and Fred George (Carryville or Sunday games) as well as games at Tom Brown Park (Fridays). We also briefly discussed the need for improvements at Tom Brown, specifically clay fill at 1b and catcher. Chattahoochee and Bonifay were also mentioned as a field option.

One note, at Tom Brown, the city has scheduling rights and if they want to make up a game can bump us off the field.

Whereabouts of that Tom Brown Lights Key. We really need to know where that is... otherwise probably need to pay the city to get rekeyed.

### IV. Future meeting agenda items

- End of season tournament (Rules Committee will figure out format once we know exactly how many teams are in.)
- Scheduling if 8 teams and 16 games means there will be unbalanced schedules with some teams having a tougher go. Should discuss, based on last year's results, that teams should be scheduled appropriately. Top 4 teams get a "tougher" schedule based on last year and bottom 4 play the extra 2 games against the lower tier.
- Uncompleted games and how to score them if they don't get played. Give teams an appropriate amount of time to schedule. If one team becomes problematic or can't play before end of season then it is a forfeit. It should be highly encouraged to never forfeit and to try and play games. Rules Committee should come up with a ruling.
- League tie breakers, we did discuss head to head but if teams split it should be either runs against or margin of victory. Prefer runs against (To be addressed by Rules Committee)

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