



The Secretariat
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Bylaws

I have performed the customary annual update to the *Bylaws* – this is now Version 7.0 – and will summarize briefly those sections that have been changed. Note that these changes are based on decisions we made at the Winter Meeting.

1. Larry Holder's (AL, *Corduroy Frog*) proposal to make successful waiver acquisitions subject to the free agent budget was adopted. This change has a couple of significant effects on the way we play the game: 1) A player on waivers shall be acquired at his *existing salary* and contract status; and 2) the newly acquired player's *salary shall be deducted from the acquiring team's free agent budget*.

Bylaws: Articles 9.3.7, 9.4, and 11.1.4 have been updated to accommodate this change. Footnotes have also been added into these sections.

2. It was proposed and adopted that each franchise share in covering the \$360 cost for payment of the web "hosting service" for a full year through next March. This cost is \$15 per team. Note that the agreement was based on the assumption the web service would be reviewed at next year's Winter Meeting to determine whether to continue the service.

Furthermore it was proposed (via email) and agreed that each franchise would also pay an additional \$16 to cover the cost of registering our "domain" name (BMRBA.com) and developing the website. It was understood that this would be a "one-time" fee.

Bylaws: Under Article 3.1 (Franchise Fee), I have inserted a footnote to document this increase in the basic fee - for this year only - from the traditional \$260 to \$291.

Roster Freeze

As you are no doubt aware, we agreed on a date for our annual Roster Freeze. Here's the scoop:

Roster Freeze (both leagues): Sunday, **March 25**, 12:00 Noon

Please report your keepers to me by then.

Auction Day

We also agreed on dates for the two Auctions.

American League Auction: Saturday, **April 7, 9:00 AM**

National League Auction: Sunday, **April 8, 10:00 AM**

The site has also been, for better or worse, set in stone:

Ramada Inn & Conference Center

Salon B

8716 Madison Blvd (Hwy 20)

Madison, Alabama 35758

Phone: (256) 772-0701

May all your injuries be severe ones!!!

This hotel is in Madison, near the Airport, just east of Wall-Triana Blvd. For the record's sake, we in Arab would have much preferred a location on the South Pkwy, but this should work well for many of you – particularly those who may have to fly in or out of the Rocket City. Best of all, we'll plenty of space for everybody, including media, and it's within budget.

The hotel will be supplying coffee, tea, and water at no additional cost. We will be on our own, however, for lunch and any other refreshments.

BMRBA.com

I have been making a great deal of progress in updating this new website. Be patient – it's all very new to me. Please visit bmrba.com and use it. This newsletter, among others, is on the "Secretariat" page, which also includes future events, such as Roster Freeze and Auction Day schedules. In addition, there are very useful links to good baseball info at other sites. Check it out.

The page entitled "Off-Season Stuff" includes the latest reports: transactions and rosters for both leagues, while the newest version of the *Bylaws* may be found on the "Bylaws" page. The "Comments Forum" has changed and now seems a little more efficient than it was.

Once the season starts, our current week stat files will be on the "Home" page as well as "AL (and NL)

Miscellany

Josh Phillips (formerly AL *TomEtus*) and his new partner, Dr. Chadwick Reeves, after considerable prodding have at last selected a team name. Henceforth, you are welcome to refer to them –

Punch & Judy. This franchise should now be ready to take off, having added the considerable resources of Reeves, a scholar of no small reknown...

Reports

The usual files have been updated and await your review at "www.bmrba.com". If you any questions, please pass them along as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Rhett Leak
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