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“All-Star” Meeting

Our annual “All-Star” Meeting was held on Sunday, July 21, at the Golden Rule Restaurant in Arab. Although there was not a quorum, a number of Owners were present: Keith Poole, Johnny Harbison, Phil Laney, Keith Smith, Chris Leak, Ron Jordan, Larry Holder (belatedly), and Yours Truly.

There was, of course, the usual wheeling and dealing, but a few issues prompted some rather brisk discussion. These are summarized below.

- ***Possible “Work Stoppage”***

As you know, there is much talk about a possible players’ strike before the season ends. Our rules stipulate that the minimum number of At Bats and Innings Pitched are prorated, so we are pretty well covered by a premature end to the ’02 season. If you have questions about this, please refer to the Bylaws, Articles 8.1 and 8.2, for a precise explanation of the process.

Chris Leak, however, reminded us that if there were a work stoppage, followed sometime later by a resumption of play, using “replacement” players, we would find ourselves in a uniquely difficult circumstance. After much discussion, it was agreed by all present that we should NOT continue our season with “replacement” players. Since a quorum of Owners was not present to make this decision, it was decided that the Secretary should poll the Owners to get a binding decision. This will be done via email before the week is over.

- ***Possible “Contraction”***

As you also know, the lords of MLB want to fold up a franchise or two or three or however many they deem best. This issue, with regard to its impact on the BMRBA, was also discussed. Among the suggestions were our own version of “contraction”, in which one or more teams/Owners would be cut and the possibility of somehow adjusting roster size to accommodate a reduced number of MLB teams. It was agreed that this is something that must be resolved at the November meeting, hopefully before such MLB contraction is implemented.

- ***Transaction Reporting***

As always, your Secretary whined about the time consumed in gathering, sorting through, and reporting transactions. He also advised us that his second phone line (931-4259) would no longer be available after this season for the recording of transaction phone messages, unless the league agrees to subsidize him for this expense.

He also insists that he will not continue this task for another year unless the task is greatly simplified – it simply consumes too much time. In conjunction with this declaration, he also suggested that a willing replacement to

assume all this responsibility would be welcome. It should be noted that Johnny Harbison did offer to receive NL phone transactions next season, if that would help.

With all that and more in mind, the Secretary promised to explore alternative ways of handling weekly transactions, including a new stat service and the possibility of web-basing of our transaction reporting.

Payment of Fees

Financial status reports for each league are now on the website. You should take a moment or two to review them at the AL (or NL) Weekly Reports pages as applicable. A number of miscellaneous fees (free agent penalties, for the most part) remain due and payable. I urge you to pay these as soon as possible in order to avoid any last second collection efforts. It should be noted that, per the Bylaws, these must be paid no later than September 30.

If you review these reports and have any questions, please contact the Treasurer, Olen McClendon, who I am sure will set you or me and the reports straight.

Final Word

We are already down to stretch run, with only about 10 weeks to go. Hang in there and worst of luck to all of you. If you have questions or comments regarding any or all of the above, please let me hear from you soon.

See y'all in November....

Rhett Leak
Secretary, BMRBA