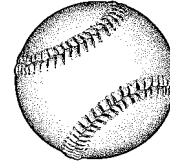




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## Winter Meeting

The annual Winter Meeting was held as scheduled on Sunday, January 19, at the Peking Restaurant in Arab. The following Owners attended, representing only eleven (11) franchises: Phil Laney, Keith Poole, Larry Holder, Ron Jordan, Chris Leak, Keith Smith, Olen McClendon, and, of course, Yours Truly.

There being no quorum present, brisk discussion of several issues resulted in three separate polls conducted via email to determine the resolution of three proposals. These proposals (each was adopted in a majority vote) are summarized below.

- ***Election of Officers for '03***

The three existing officers were re-elected for yet another year. These are Steve Parker (Commissioner), Olen McClendon (Treasurer), and Yours Truly (Secretary). Because of the possibility Parker would choose not to serve again, we also voted for Keith Smith as Steve's alternate. Since Steve has indicated his desire to serve as Commish for another year, the vote for Keith Smith becomes irrelevant. The final vote reflected a 21-0 vote in favor of these officers.

- ***Roster Freeze and Auction Dates***

By a 19-2 margin, the Owners voted to "freeze" our off-season rosters at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, March 16 and to conduct our annual auctions on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30. Note that the actual MLB season opens on March 30, so we will be drafting this year without having any accrued stats for the first week. As usual, the AL draft will be Saturday, followed by its NL counterpart on Sunday. Times are to be determined, but each day we'll meet at the Arab Recreation Center where we drafted last year.

Please note that the issue of the usual "opening day" rosters is to be resolved by using the MLB.com rosters as of March 28 for a basis in determining who can and cannot be bought during the auctions. It was agreed that copies of these rosters would be provided.

- ***Web-based Transaction Processing***

As discussed on several occasions for at least the past year, there has been a great desire to simplify the way we handle and report our weekly transactions. The Owners voted to web-base our leagues' transaction processing as much as possible for next year ('04) at a cost of \$500. Thus the Treasurer will collect \$20 from each team in addition to our usual fees. This is a "one-time" fee.

It was determined that this effort would greatly reduce the manual effort to report transactions and update the rosters each week during the season. Similar services already available would cost \$50-\$60 *per team each season*. By not implementing this function at our website until 2004, we can take the pressure off the developers and hopefully get a job better done for a very nominal cost.

Putting it as simply as I can, the goal is to create a means through our website by which each owner can update his players' position and/or status with some simple pointing & clicking. These input transactions would be edited electronically as fully as possible, returning messages as appropriate to the owner, then allowing owner corrections, then be written to a report. This electronic report must next be edited by the Secretary for possible errors. Once checked in this fashion and modified as necessary, then posted by the Secretary, rosters would be updated electronically. Each owner's individual inputs will be retained and available as necessary.

The savings in time will be significant in that no one will have to type out all these transactions in a transaction report each week, then re-enter the same data into our stat software, then manually update the rosters.

It should also be noted this effort will not likely solve all of our transaction problems, but may provide the basis for future enhancements at little or no cost the Owners.

### ***Transactions for this Year ('03)***

Your Secretary will no longer accept transactions submitted via telephone. The 931-4259 number for that purpose has been disconnected. This will of course inconvenience some, if not all, of us at some time or another. When this poses a problem for you, I would suggest that you plan on emailing your transactions early or asking someone (such as a partner) to do it for you.

See y'all in March....

Rhett Leak  
Secretary, BMRBA