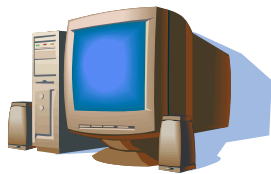


# Brindlee Mountain Rotisserie Baseball Association

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## Winter Meeting

On Sunday, January 29, we held our annual Winter Meeting at the Golden Rule Restaurant in Arab. The meeting was attended by the owners of 13 franchises. In addition to the required quorum of 13, three other teams sent their votes in via email in advance. The 13-team quorum was represented by the following owners: Chris Leak, Keith Poole, Dave Miller, Larry Holder, Olen McClendon, Jim Garner, Steve Parker, Keith Smith, Ron Jordan, and Rhett Leak

The meeting agenda and a summary of the issues discussed follow.

1. **Call for Quorum** was completed with the presence of owners representing 13 franchises.
2. **Financial Report** – the Secretary distributed a report reflecting an account balance of \$755.05, not including any dividends.

3. **Election of Officers**

Commissioner Steve Parker and Secretary Rhett Leak were re-elected for another year in the saddle. Dave Miller was elected Treasurer. This change will require a transition in our banking.

4. **Ownership Changes**

- A. NL Vacancy Filled – As many of you already know, Jason Campbell surrendered ownership of the NL *Campbell Soups* last fall. In accordance with our Bylaws, the selection committee (i.e., the owners) awarded the vacant NL franchise to Dave Miller. Phil Laney had also expressed interest, but willingly deferred to Dave.
- B. AL Partnership Formed – The AL *Mule Skimmers* (Chris Leak) expressed his desire establish Roger Hayes as his partner. This was accepted by owners. Most of you know Rog and will agree his competitive nature will add much to the AL. Welcome back, Roger!

5. **Schedule for 2006 Season**

- A. In accordance with our Bylaws, the Owners confirmed our schedule for the coming season. A reiteration of the key dates follow. It should be noted that Easter falls on April 16. Phil Laney has again scheduled our big days to be at the Arab Recreation Center.

MLB Opening Day:                      Sunday, April 2

Roster Freeze (both leagues):        Sunday, March 26, 12:00 Noon

American League Auction: Saturday, April 8, 9:00 AM

First Auction Bid: *AC Power*

First Reserve Pick: *Mule Skinnners*

National League Auction: Sunday, April 9, 9:00 AM

First Auction Bid: *House of David*

First Reserve Pick: *Music Men*

B. "Opening Day" rosters should be readily available.

## 6. League Expenses

A. **Stat Software for 2005:** The GrandSlam<sup>®</sup> software will again be used for our weekly stats providing there is objection. The cost should still be \$225 to cover both leagues.

B. **Register Domain Name:** Rhett Leak renewed the registration of website's domain name at a cost of \$25 for the year ending 12/18/2006. He will be reimbursed from the prize pool after the Auctions.

C. **Website Hosting:** Rhett paid for a year of web hosting service through Hostway at a cost \$215.40. This service is paid through 12/8/2006 and Rhett will be reimbursed from the prize pool after the Auctions.

D. **Web Transactions Project:** We are still working on this and a more detailed status will follow in March.

7. **Rules Change Proposals Adopted** – Note that the first seven (A through G) proposals include the votes from 3 teams cast *in absentia* before the meeting. These owners were Steve Flack and Phil Laney. A 2/3 majority passes a change in the Bylaws. The votes are indicated in parentheses in the following format: = Aye-Nay-Abstain. I have also highlighted (in yellow) those that were adopted.

A. **Modify Article 7.2.1**, regarding **Position Eligibility**, by inserting a new subsection under 7.2.1.2, such that players who meet neither of the criteria described in 7.2.1.1 and 7.2.1.2, shall qualify only at Designated Hitter (in the AL) or at Utility (in the NL). The proposal was amended to include a statement that "foreign leagues" shall be regarded as "minor leagues" for this purpose (i.e., determining position eligibility on Auction Day). The proposal was *adopted* (13-4-0).

B. **Modify Article 9.4.8**, regarding **Special Restriction(s) on Certain Free Agents**, to prohibit the trade, waive, or release of a free agent acquired during the season at a salary greater than \$24. This would require modification to several other related Articles. The proposal was *adopted* (11-4-2).

C. Add **Article 9.4.9**, providing for a means by which a team's FAAB account may be reimbursed when a player is lost to the other ML via trade. This proposal (for the 3rd year in a row, was defeated (7-10-0).

D. Change the reserve draft order from using previous year standings to a "lotto" draw of numbers at the draft for position. This proposal was defeated (3-14-0).

- E. Invert the reserve draft order for each round. For example, 1st pick in round one would get last pick in round 2, then first pick in round.3, last in round 4, etc. This proposal was defeated (5-10-2).
- F. Allow unbalanced trades (i.e., unequal numbers of players) in off season trades. This proposal was defeated (10-7-0).
- G. Modify the waiver claim process such that waived players are awarded on a bid basis rather than position in the standings. This proposal was defeated (8-7-0).
- H. “Rookie” (contract status R) players retained on the Active roster at Roster Frreeze shall have a contract status of A (rather than the present status B), thus not losing a contract year. This proposal was **adopted** (10-4-0).
- I. Players retained on an the Active Rosater at Roster Freeze who are subsequently not on an “opening day” MLB roster shall be reserved at a designated Reserve Roster position based on salary, rather than a draft position of the Owner’s choosing. Details will be provided later. This proposal was **adopted** (14-0-0).
- J. Players who are traded during the season to the “other” league shall either be released for a free agent acquisition by the next transaction date or released outright into the player pool. Present rules allow the player to be kept on a the “losing”team’s roster. This proposal was defeated (7-7-0).
- K. Players who are traded during the season to the “other” league cannot be retained at the next season’s Roster Freeze. This proposal was defeated (5-9-0).

### **Financial Update**

Since the Winter Meeting, outgoing Treasurer Olen McClendon closed our old bank account to the tune of \$799.87, which includes dividends in the amount of \$44.82 for the year. I have updated our annual report to reflect the change. This capital account balance will be used to open a new account. New Treasurer Dave Miller will be setting up a new account soon.

See y’all on Auction Day – both of them....

Rhett Leak  
Secretary, BMRBA