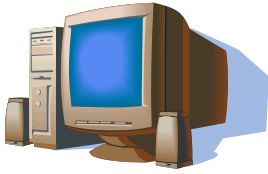


# Brindlee Mountain Rotisserie Baseball Association

## *BMRBA*



PO Box 602  
Arab, Alabama 35016  
[www.bmrba.com](http://www.bmrba.com)



February 2, 2006

### **Winter Meeting**

We conducted our annual Winter Meeting on Sunday, January 28, at the Golden Rule Restaurant in Arab. The meeting was attended by the owners of 13 franchises, thus a quorum was present. The Owners in attendance were Steve Parker, Olen McClendon, Chris Leak, Larry Holder, Ron Jordan, Phil Laney, Keith Smith, Keith Poole, and Yours Truly.

In kicking off our 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive season, the meeting included the usual banter among the Owners as well as an agenda for the resolution of several routine business matters. The agenda and discussions are summarized below.

1. **Call for Quorum** was completed with the presence of owners representing 13 franchises.
2. **Financial Report** – the Treasurer being absent, there was no formal financial report, but records indicate a current balance of approximately \$802.00 at Redstone Federal Credit Union. This includes both checking and savings accounts.
3. **Election of Officers** – For want of eager alternatives, Commissioner Steve Parker, Secretary Rhett Leak, and Treasurer Dave Miller were re-elected for another year.
4. **Schedule for 2007 Season**

Since Easter falls on the weekend of April 7 and 8 which would normally be our draft weekend, the Bylaws stipulated Auctions be conducted on the weekend prior to Easter Sunday. Thus the following schedule of events was confirmed by the Owners.

- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Roster Freeze (both leagues): | Sunday, March 18, 12:00 Noon |
| B. American League Auction:      | Saturday, March 31, 9:00 AM  |
| Location:                        | Arab Recreation Center       |
| First Auction Bid:               | <i>Sons of Levi</i>          |
| First Reserve Pick:              | <i>Dittoheads</i>            |
| C. MLB Opening Day:              | Sunday, April 1              |
| D. National League Auction:      | Sunday, April 1, 9:00 AM     |
| Location:                        | Arab Recreation Center       |
| First Auction Bid:               | <i>Yoo-Hoo Blues</i>         |
| First Reserve Pick:              | <i>Rockford Flies</i>        |

## 5. **Opening Day Rosters**

Since the usual Opening Day rosters will not be readily available prior to the Auction Days, it was agreed that team rosters (for both leagues) as reflected at MLB.com will be the source of players for the Auctions. The Secretary will download the “active” rosters from MLB.com around 12:00 Noon on Friday, March 30, and post them on our website (off-season page) so that all Owners will be preparing with the same data.

## 6. **League Expenses**

- A. **Auction Days:** Phil Laney has again agreed to reserve a room at the rec center in Arab for use as our site for the annual draft. Phil’s announcement that there would be a charge of \$60 for the room prompted some discussion, but the Owners agreed to split this cost between the two leagues.
- B. **Stat Software for 2007:** The GrandSlam<sup>®</sup> statistical software will again be used for our weekly stats providing there is objection. The Secretary will again purchase the software at a cost of \$275 to cover both leagues. He will be reimbursed by the Treasurer.
- C. **Register Domain Name:** Rhett Leak renewed the registration of website’s domain name at a cost of \$27 for the year ending 12/18/2006. He will be reimbursed from the prize pool after the Auctions.
- D. **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.

## 7. **Rules Change Proposals Adopted** – The following rules changes were adopted. Note that a 2/3 majority passes a change in the Bylaws and that there were no votes cast *in absentia* before the meeting. The votes are indicated in parentheses in the following format: = Aye-Nay-Abstain.

- A. **Modify Article 7.2.1**, regarding **Position Eligibility at Roster Freeze and on Auction Day**, to read as follows. (Appropriate section numbering will be added when incorporated into the Bylaws.) The proposal was *adopted* by a vote of 12-1-0.

“For purposes of determining position eligibility at Roster Freeze and during the Auction as described below, the “Major Leagues” shall include only the American and National Leagues operating under the authority of Major League Baseball (MLB). Games played in any other format or under any other authority, including foreign leagues, shall be regarded as having been played in “minor” leagues. “Position” shall include, and be limited to, the regular nine baseball positions, plus “designated hitter.” Based on these terms, the following rules shall apply.

- 1) If a player appeared in 20 or more Major League games at a position during the previous season, he shall be eligible for that position. Having appeared in 20 or more Major League games at each of more than one position qualifies such a player for each of those positions.
- 2) If a player appeared at a position in the Major Leagues during the previous season, but did not appear in at least 20 Major League games at any position, he shall

qualify for the position(s) at which he made the greatest number of Major League appearances *and* also the position(s) at which he appeared in the greatest number of Minor League games *at the highest level*.

- 3) If a player did not appear at a position in the Major or Minor Leagues during the previous season, such player shall qualify at position(s), using the criteria described above, as they apply to the most recent season during which the player appeared at a position.
- 4) If a player meets none of the criteria defined above, such player shall qualify only at Designated Hitter (in the AL) or at Utility (in the NL). This shall apply to former AL players now in the NL who would qualify only at Designated Hitter if still in the AL.
- 5) In the American League, any player may be assigned to the Designated Hitter position, but a player who qualifies only as a DH may be assigned only to the DH position.

B. **Time Limit on Reserve Picks** – Add Article 6.2.4 to impose a 1 minute time limit for selection of a player in the reserve draft. The clock will be administered by the person conducting the draft. The start of the “clock” will be announced once the previous selection has been recorded. Its expiration will be announced at the end of the minute. Violating the time limit will result in an empty roster spot to be filled at the end of the reserve draft.

8. **Rules Change Proposals Rejected or Withdrawn** – The following rules changes were either withdrawn or defeated by their failure to obtain a 2/3 majority of the Owners’ votes. No votes were cast *in absentia* before the meeting. Voting, as above, is reflected in parentheses in the following format: = Aye-Nay-Abstain.

- A. 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, having been adopted the previous year, was *withdrawn*.
- B. **Allow “uneven” trades** during the off-season. This proposal would have allowed the swapping of players in unequal numbers (i.e., 3 for 1) in the off season. It was rejected by a vote of 6-7-0.
- C. Modify the **Roster Freeze rule to allow a total of 15 keepers**, *including* the 3 “rookies.” This proposal would have added the flexibility of keeping up to 15 players each year in any combination of active and rookie players providing more than 3 are rookies. It was also rejected by a vote of 6-7-0.
- D. Modify the **“anti-dumping” rule to disallow “dump” trades prior to July**. This proposed change would have effectively limited “dump” trades to the months of July and August. It was rejected by a vote of 5-8-0.
- E. **Modify the “anti-dumping” rule to allow 2 dumps** (either way), provided they are executed with same team more than once. The proposal was rejected by a vote of 5-8-0.

See you on Auction Day

Rhett Leak,  
Secretary