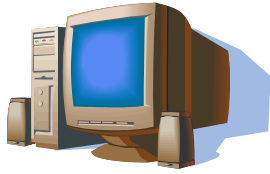


# Brindlee Mountain Rotisserie Baseball Association

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### **Winter Meeting**

Our annual Winter Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, at Amigo's restaurant in that most thriving of Arab suburbs, Morgan City. The meeting was attended by the owners of only eight (8) franchises. Said Owners included the following: Olen McClendon, Ron Jordan, Keith Poole, Larry Holder, Phil Laney, and Your Secretary.

Despite the usual not-so-kind-hearted banter among the Owners, some necessary business was transacted. This BMRBA business is summarized below within the limits of my fading near-term memory.

1. **Call for Quorum** was completed. There being only 11 franchises (including proxies) in attendance, no quorum was available.
2. **Rules Changes** – There being no quorum at the meeting, no Bylaws could be changed. However, Ron Jordan noted that this was the second consecutive year in which a quorum was unavailable and recommended a change to accommodate not only the periodic need to make changes, but also the generally declining attendance at meetings.

Ron proposes that the Winter Meeting continue to provide the primary forum for discussion and implementation of rules changes, but that when a quorum is *not* present, those Owners who *do* attend shall comprise a "Rules Committee" which is authorized to recommend changes to the full Ownership for review and approval by a vote on each. The Committee would recommend any change approved by a majority of the Committee. Such recommendations would be submitted (via email) to the full Ownership, allowing seven (7) days for casting email votes. Such recommended changes would be approved only by a 2/3 majority of the Owners affected. Please note that this procedure would kick in *only* when a quorum is *not* present at the Winter Meeting. When a quorum *is* present, the existing procedure remains effective and rules changes would be proposed and determined by a 2/3 majority at the meeting.

It was further suggested that this proposal be submitted to the Owners for approval. This will be done shortly via email.

3. **Financial Report** – the Treasurer being absent, the Secretary reported in Dave Miller's stead that the BMRBA accounts presently have a balance of approximately \$947.11. This total includes both checking and savings accounts.
4. **Ownership Change** – Jack Cheek, Steve Parker's long-time partner (*Stevie's Wonders*) has requested his desire to forego his Ownership obligations. Thus Parker will be on his own, to be judged only on his individual merits. Of course, we all wish Jack the best in all he may pursue and will certainly miss his loquaciousness and wry wit on Auction Day.

5. **Election of Officers** – There being no quorum present and since no one thought to bring up the subject, current officers shall remain in office until nominations and elections can be conducted via email. Those current officers are Commissioner Steve Parker, Secretary Rhett Leak, and Treasurer Dave Miller.

6. **Schedule for 2009 Season**

With Opening Day on April 5 and Easter falling on April 12 this year, our Bylaws stipulate we hold our annual Auctions on April 4 and 5. Please make plans accordingly. The following schedule of major events is thus prescribed. Note that the location for an Auction is subject to change.

- A. Roster Freeze (both leagues): Sunday, March 20, 12:00 Noon
- B. American League Auction: Saturday, April 4, 9:00 AM
  - Location: Old Community Center (City Park)
  - First Auction Bid: *Dittoheads* (Keith Smith)
  - First Reserve Pick: *Scant City Ballers* (Johnny Harbison)
- C. MLB Opening Day: Sunday, April 5
- D. National League Auction: Sunday, April 5, 9:00 AM
  - Location: Recreation Center (Main Street)
  - First Auction Bid: *Boys of Summer* (Steve Flack)
  - First Reserve Pick: *Rhett's Ramblers* (Rhett Leak)

7. **Opening Day Rosters**

Since the usual Opening Day rosters will not be available prior to the Auction Days, it was agreed that MLB team rosters (for both leagues) would be determined as done in 2006, the last time this inconvenience arose. Accordingly, rosters as reflected on MLB.com will yet again be the source of players for the Auctions. The Secretary will download the “active” rosters from MLB.com around 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 2, and post them to our website (off-season page) so that all Owners will be preparing for the draft with the same data.

It is understood that these rosters may very well be modified prior to each Auction as Owners submit updated information from a variety of sources.

8. **League Expenses**

- A. **Auction Days:** Phil Laney has reserved a room at either the Recreation Center or the Community Center to use for the annual drafts. We may have to pay a nominal fee for this and, if so, you will be notified.
- B. **Stat Software for 2009:** The GrandSlam<sup>®</sup> statistical software will again be used for our weekly stats, providing there is no serious objection. The Secretary will purchase the software at a cost of \$275 to cover both leagues for the 2009 season. He will be reimbursed by a credit against his fees.

- C. **Register Domain Name:** Chris Ponder was kind enough to renew the registration of our website's domain name at a cost of \$25 for the year ending 12/18/2009. He will be reimbursed by a credit against his fees.
- D. **Website Hosting:** Rhett Leak also paid for another year of web hosting through Hostway at a cost \$215.40. This service is paid through 12/18/2009 and Rhett will be reimbursed by a credit against his fees..

As always, I look forward to seeing you on Auction Day,

Rhett Leak,  
Secretary