

2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Greetings everyone and welcome to the 2021 Annual Meeting written presentation.

First I will introduce the 2021 League Executive Board:
Jerry Hopkins, Men's Past President and Board Chairperson,
Debbie Crawford, Past Women's President and Vice Chairperson. (Aggie Frye, Past Vice-Chair)
Shelley Carleton, League Treasurer.
Roman Hawryluk, V.P. Field Maintenance.
Marc Batway, V.P. Tiki Hut. (Bill Byrne, Past VP Tiki Hut)
Joann Thomas, Women's President.
Art Smith, Men's President.

The following are individual reports:

Treasurers Report – Shelley Carleton

Treasurers Report as of 3-31-20:

Checking Account - \$36,143.44

Capital Account - \$20,757.19

Our biggest expense of course was the Tiki Hut, with expense of \$34,868.97 and income of \$42,966.18.

Tiki Hut Report – Marc Batway

The Tiki Hut and Street Dance combined in 2020 made a profit for the League of \$12,915.46.

This season the Tiki Hut will be open only for drinks. Please maintain social distancing wear a mask when ordering.

Field Maintenance – Roman Hawryluk

First, Thank you to all the members and volunteers, and welcome to the 2021 season. You probably have already seen numerous reminders about safe distancing, wearing masks, etc. at the diamonds. This will be a season where we will be venturing into unexplored situations ... and I encourage all

members of the league and spectators to understand that these recommendations are there to help protect your safety and well being.

First of all, I want to thank Rich Roach, Randy Pickersgill, and Jim Beall for doing hot duty this summer and fall to keep weeds under control. The fields are in beautiful shape thanks to those gentlemen.

I'd like to go over some of the activities that occurred while most of the members made the trek north last spring.

Measurements were taken and we found that the infield dimensions of #2 were incorrect. The outfield grass started too far away from the mound, by about 6 feet. Sod was brought in and now the infield is a regulation 62 feet from pitchers mound, and that big hump has been reduced significantly.

Additionally, this summer a load of sand/dirt was brought in and spread in to fill low spots and establish a better transition to the outfield lip.

The blue benches along the 3rd base side were taken out; they were badly rotted and provided little comfort. This will allow spectators to watch the game from their carts and/or their own chairs.

Just recently, the outfield on #1 has been over seeded with rye grass to provide a better playing surface and fill in bare spots.

As I mentioned in the beginning, we are in new territory where we do not know how the finances and our cash flow will pan out. Consequently future projects and improvements may have to wait till next year, be reduced or completely cancelled.

I'd like to touch upon some of these and hope that at least a few of them can come to fruition.

Diamond #1 also has the same problem as #2 ... the infield was too big ...and in this case too big by about 10 feet on the left side and used sod and dirt to bring it up to specs.

Some of the sunscreens are tearing will need to be replaced. A support structure needs to be built for a new sunscreen to help cover the beverage cart on #2.

The 2-tiered bleacher on #1 is to be moved to #2 on a new concrete pad and a new 3-tiered bleacher was to have been purchased to replace the one moved to 2. This will give more room for spectators.

We'd like to get pavers behind the backstop on #2 in order to connect the slabs on the first and third base side. This will provide much better footing for everyone, especially folks with walking difficulties.

The watering system maybe using a different source for water. That will be tested to see if sufficient water pressure can be achieved using water from the canal along Trost Blvd.

As with all projects and improvements, funding becomes very important, and this year will be one of many question marks.

But the good news is that we can play ball, the fields are in great shape, and we are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable softball season.

Thank you.

Men's President – Art Smith Art Smith, Men's Board President

This is a different year for the CP Ball League. In the interest of safety this year, we have posted as much information as we can on our website. Please look at the website and note your representatives on both Boards and other information that you may need to know. Please review the Covid protocols that we are following. It is all of our responsibility to follow these rules so that play and entertainment at the fields can continue. I would like to acknowledge Kathy Benakovich, John Badger and Roman Hawryluk for their work with the park to get these guidelines in place. I also want to thank all the people who volunteered to fill in jobs for those who did not make it back to CP this year. You surely are a great group of people

First thing, let's look at rule changes this year. There is now a way listed in the rules for family members to request playing on the same team. This is up to the Team Player Placement Committee to determine if that would be possible. They have the final say on this matter. Second is a change in non-runners. As non-runners that fall under the rules of being in the league since

2008 are reduced, some teams will not have a non-runner on the roster, meaning more players must run to first base.

I, Art Smith, did an audit of the League's Books last March and found the records in good shape.

There was a balance of \$20,757.19 in the Capital Fund account as of March 31, 2020. A balance of \$36,342.85 was in the Checking Account and \$8,540.18 in the Scholarship Account as of March 31, 2020. These amounts agreed with Treasurer Shelley Carlton's records.

Now we acknowledge last season's awards.

The League Champion was Quality Cabinets, managed by Jerry Johnson.

The Playoff Champion was Dr. Beretta, managed by Tom MacLean and Henri Gagne.

Members of our League who reached the age of 80 years old with 5 years of service and received a jacket: Fred Maron, Ken Sheppard, Paul Marshall, Dave Moore, Don Ross, and Gary Schultz.

Umpire Jackets for 3 years of service given to: Ethan Abbott, Tracey Bridges and Mike Tank.

Jerry Hopkins received a Presidents Jacket.

Thank you, for all that you members do to keep this league operational. It is an honor to work for this league.

Art Smith
2020/21 Men's President

Women's President – Joann Thomas

The 2021 Women's Executive Board: President – Joanne Thomas,
Past President – Aggie Frye
President- Elect – Kathy Benakovich,
Secretary – Susan Ganobcik
Player Rating – Mary Tweedy
Player Placement – Sandy Swain
Member at Large – Debbie Crawford
Registrar – Diane Banyas
Asst. Registrar – Karen Rechsteiner
Umpire in Chief – Shari Moore
Manager's Rep – Karen Richardson

League Updates

It is our desire to have a softball season. We will make every effort to play as full a schedule as possible.

The Opening Day ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2021 at 9:00 am. If Opening Day has to be moved, everyone will be notified. The ceremony will be shortened. Teams will meet at their designated spot between Diamond 1 and 2 and proceed onto the field as a team to a specific spot. Masks will be worn during the ceremony.

The Executive Board has voted to minimize social situations as best we can. We therefore are forced to cancel the Annual Street Dance as well as Las Vegas Night. Also, the Tiki Hut service will be greatly reduced and there will be no aluminum can collection. There will, however, be a limited 50/50 one day per week, run by Rene and Mike Nichols. Rene will sell 40 tickets at \$5.00 each, with 2 payouts of \$50.00. Please have exact change.

As you can see, our major social and financial activities are greatly reduced but we are still playing softball, albeit at a basic level. There is a light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine; however, that is still a ways off. We cannot fool ourselves. The virus is still alive and active and a threat to our members. In order to keep the league going, we must all maintain social distancing and continue wearing masks in the stands. The 7-day arrival rule is critical so please do not put your teammates in peril. With everyone's cooperation and respect for others we hope to play a full season.

If any members have questions please submit them to any Executive member.

There will be several vacancies for next seasons League Executive' to wit: VP Tiki Hut, VP Field Maintenance, League Treasurer. There will also be vacancies on both Men's and Women's Boards. We encourage all members to consider running for a position.

As of now, the GNG games are rescheduled for this August 10, 11, 12 in South Bend. IN. The Committee still has all the registrations and will have a one-day new registration in Feb. New hotel confirmation numbers will be posted soon.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of the summer volunteers who maintained the fields and equipment during the summer.

Please be safe and have a wonderful season.
League Executive Board.