

Attendees: BJ Hobbs, John Burge, Tom Short, Todd Lanam, Bob Gilbertson, Rick Piras, Mike Gregg, Ed Tietz, Dave Donnan

Also: Evan Wagner, Joe Denk, Lefty Chell, Doug Kiester

-Meeting minutes from the July meeting were read and approved 9-0.

-Board membership for 2026. The following members are terming out after this season.

-Todd Lanam, Ed Tietz, Dave Donnan, and John Burge. The board had placed a sign-up sheet at games in July requesting interested players to sign up for the board to replace those four. Other than Andy Mayer (Veterans player) there were no sign-ups. As a result, all "termed out" board members have agreed to return for another two-year term except Todd. Andy Mayer will replace Todd.

-Championship shirts will be available Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mike will pick them up so they can be handed out at conclusion of championship games.

-All-Star games discussion

-Voting is done, Evan will send email to managers notifying them of their players selected. Evan will instruct managers to poll their players to confirm attendance, and to have managers name the replacements if needed. Replies are requested no later than August 12<sup>th</sup>.

-Tom and Mike will make the rosters for the four teams based on the final attendance.

-The rules specific to the All-Star games from last year will be used again. Rick will draft an email to go to all players with a copy of the rules, and reminding them that the games are for fun, and we don't want to see anyone get hurt.

-Team names (selected by JJ Hunt) are Coyotes vs Roadrunners, and Hawks vs Eagles

-Tom will email league sponsor contacts and ask them to invite sponsors.

-Ed will cook dogs.

-Lefty Chell proposed the idea of "permanent All-Star jerseys" with names that parody MLB teams: Ancient Mariners, Half Astros, Old A's, and Aching Backs. The idea proposed was to have the jerseys made and provided to All-Star players. At the end of the games that would require someone to collect and wash the jerseys for next year's games.

-The board tabled the topic to a later meeting.

-The board addressed a request from a player about an upcoming senior tournament taking place in Paradise in October, and if he could put flyers up at Sycamore, and if the board could post notification of the tournament on our website. The board said he could put up flyers as long as they were removed after the season per CARD policy, and we put a link to the tournament on our home page with a disclaimer that we are not affiliated.

-Tom suggested doing action items follow-ups into meeting minutes.

-Dave talked about CARD moving us from Sycamore for the 2026 season in order to upgrade the outfield.

-Tom and Rick took the action to contact Annabel at CARD to discuss.

-Evan was presented with an appreciation award from the board for his outstanding support throughout the year.

-The meeting was adjourned.

-The next meeting will be Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm.