

Attendees: BJ Hobbs, Bob Gilbertson, John Burge, Andy Mayer, Mike Gregg, Rick Piras, Tom Short

Also: Evan Wagner, Brian Rolfe, Lefty Chell

-Meeting minutes from the January meeting were read and approved 7-0.

-Treasurers report: John stated that there is \$15,050 in the account, less approx. \$500 for the new hitting mat.

-2026 managers count: Currently there are 2 managers positions filled in Open, 3 positions filled in Vets, and all four positions filled in Masters.

-Managers and co-managers in Masters will be ranked prior to the draft.

-Managers/co-managers might need to be ranked in Vets to maintain competitive teams.

-There were 65 players registered as of meeting time in all three divisions.

-There was a discussion about avoiding similar color jerseys within the divisions to prevent confusion on the field. Tom will discuss with the managers and have them declare jersey colors ahead of the draft.

-CARD has installed base anchors at the 65' mark for potential use by the Masters division. But when Tom polled the four managers, they voted to retain the 70' bases for this year.

-One of our players is considering playing in all three divisions this year and had asked what the discount would be for the third registration. After discussion, the board felt the \$70 discount applied to playing in a second division should be the same for a third.

-The board discussed Tom's revised rule regarding ranking of Masters managers and co-managers, and voted 7-0 to accept the new wording.

-The Masters division will need a new umpire/umpires this year as Tim Klick is physically unable to commit. Mike Nelson is willing to be a fill-in, and Lefty Chell volunteered to be the primary umpire this year.

-In our conversations with CARD, they said that the weather conditions have made the top soil for filling and leveling the outfield too wet to be able to apply before the start of the 2026 season. CARD intends to do the outfield improvements after this season. Rick will send an email to all members letting them know Sycamore is now open for practices.

-To increase visibility of CSS in the community, Rick will go on an upcoming news broadcast at noon. Tom volunteered to write a Letter to the Editor to spread the word.

-We only have six sponsors for the 2026 season so far. It's a concern since we had twenty sponsors last year.

-There was another discussion regarding the box on the registration form where players can indicate how many games they expect to miss due to travel, medical issues, etc.

-It was proposed that box be a mandatory item on the registration instead of an elective one. The discussion was tabled to future meetings.

-There was also discussion about expanding the box where players indicate whether they want to play infield, outfield or pitcher to let players sign up for both for 2027. The discussion also addressed players that might need to sign up as catcher; and if they sign up as an infielder if they should have the option to sign up on the left or right side of the infield. The topic was tabled for future meetings.

-There was discussion about giving a team jersey to league sponsors of the team they sponsor. It's too late to get that on the sponsor page for this year, but we will offer the option of a team jersey to this year's sponsors verbally.

-The dates for the 2026 draft were set. All drafts will be at 6:00pm at Mountain Mike's. The

dates are: Masters March 16th

 Veterans March 18th

 Open March 19th

-BJ and Mike will run the Masters draft

-Andy and John will run the Veterans draft

-Rick and Bob will run the Open draft

-The next board meeting will be Thursday March 5th at 6:00pm.

-The meeting was adjourned.