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Since my last Newsletter in June, several Board actions and policies have been implemented that managers and their teams should be aware of.

Pool Player Policy (effective June 23, 2008).

1. Managers must contact their assigned Pool Player Coordinator (Division 1&2: Fred Tirrell 508-362-6914) ;(Division 3&4: Charles Salerno 508-775-5449) at least 24 hours prior to their need for substitute (Pool)players.
2. A maximum of two pool players will be assigned to play on a team that is shorthanded for any scheduled game.
3. Pool Players must bat last in the batting order but may play in any of the positions on the field.
4. Pool Players assigned to any of the division teams must play the entire seven inning game...NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Team Roster Changes. In order for the Assignment Committee and the Commissioner to maintain accurate team rosters for the 4 divisions, we need managers to make us aware immediately when players decide their future assignment on that team. When a player leaves your team, contact the Commissioner or Conference President so that we may search our pool list for replacement players.

Mid-Season League Meeting. The annual mid-season meeting is scheduled for all League members on **Thursday, July 17 at 1:00PM** in the multi-purpose room, Harwich Community Center. The business agenda will begin at 1:30PM – 3:00PM. We invite each of you to attend, bring your concerns, voice your opinions and let us hear from you about the League, its direction/operation and, importantly, team structures implemented this season. Note: The meeting had to be moved from our regular morning time to early afternoon due to space availability.

Game Schedule Changes/Rainouts. Ray Beaupre has been assigned to re-schedule all rainouts or authorized game postponements throughout the 2008 season. Re-scheduled game dates will be provided to managers directly through the Commissioner's office, email, telephone call or direct mail. Managers will receive make-up dates in ample time to notify team members. Questions regarding re-scheduling games should be forwarded to the Commissioner. We will endeavor to complete the full 28 game schedule for all 4 divisions prior to play offs.

☑ **Team Uniforms/ Player Appearance.** While attending games being played throughout the League, I am pleased to observe players in full uniform representing their respective teams at various community fields. Players who do not have full team uniforms, i.e. socks, hats, pants/shorts and team shirts should contact; Jim DeVoe or the Conference Presidents: Tom Radziewicz (Divisions 1 & 2) and Dan James (Divisions 3 &4). Each new 2008 player in the League should receive a complete uniform as part of their dues assessment. Teams in full uniform, playing at different venues, have done much to enhance the image of the League as remarked by spectators and other community persons.

☑ **Banquet announcement.** Rocco Annesi, Social Committee Chairman, has scheduled the year-end banquet for **Friday, September 26, 2008** at Christopher's, West Yarmouth on Route 28. Tickets will be available through team managers. Cost for full, sit-down dinner and hors d'oeuvres is \$33.00 per person. More details later, **Mark your calendar!**

☑ **Vacancy announcement.** At a recent Board meeting, Cape Cod Classic Director Dick Connolly announced that he would be stepping down effective October 1, 2009. Dick, our outstanding leader and director for the past several years, has worked extremely hard to make the Classic a highly recognized, national event which must be continued. Through this successful event our League has been fortunate to increase its operating budget with the income generated by this yearly event, approximately \$10,000-\$12,000 annually. These additional funds have made it possible for our League to support major capital projects on the various fields we use throughout the softball season. The Board is seeking a person who possesses strong organizational skills, is willing to devote time and energy, and is committed to the high standards and quality leadership as established by our current Classic Director. Interested persons should contact the Commissioner at 508-432-4153. The successful candidate appointed to the position of Tournament Director, Cape Cod Invitational Classic, will have an opportunity to serve with Dick Connolly during the next two seasons as Interim Director. This period will give him time to become familiar with the organizational format, duties and to oversee event responsibilities. League members, please consider applying for this very important position and help the League continue this valuable program during the years ahead.

☑ **League Donation.** Bud Janick, brother of Dave Janick, former Board member, League player and Team Manager, has donated a beautifully made quality cedar picnic table in Dave's memory. A brass plate will also be attached to the table. The League extends our wholehearted thanks to the Janick Family for this wonderful gift which will be used by our players throughout the many seasons ahead. It will be placed at Memorial Field. Note: Thanks also to Xavier McDonnell, resident League painter, for applying a colorful stain to this table.