

On Monday December 5, 2011, the AYBA met to discuss proposed bylaws. The following was agreed to:

- 1) The initial composition of the AYBA would remain exactly as specified in the May 2010 charter approved by the Sports Commission (2 representatives from each league, etc);
- 2) Changes to membership (adding or subtracting members) would require a 75% super-majority;
- 3) Changes to the by-laws would require a 75% super-majority;
- 4) Meetings would be open to all - no requirement to post minutes or notices;
- 5) The AYBA would be referred to as an association rather than a corporation;
- 6) The AYBA will not file for IRS non-profit status until there is a need;
- 7) While there is a list of potential officers, there is no requirement that any of the posts over and above those specified in the charter be filled;
- 8) There should be two potential fields positions - one for field allocation and one for field facilities issues;
- 9) The AYBA needs to get insurance once it has money;
- 10) The intent is that the AYBA would need to report on progress (or no progress) on merger - no intent to force a merger and no requirement that progress be made every reporting period; and,
- 11) The Arlington Sports Commission should not have a voting member. The ASC President or his/her designee would be an ex-officio member of the AYBA.

Unresolved Issues:

- 1) The issue was raised that the intent of the league management measures was not to oversee leagues but to be able to sanction independent teams to allow them to obtain practice fields. The response was made that once the change was in the by-laws, only a simple majority was needed that could then meddle in league affairs. The suggestion was made to clarify the language to limit it to the intent expressed.
- 2) The question of forced merger as an absolute objective continues to be problematic. While Mr. Folsom expresses the objective as allowing Arlington youth to all play together - and thus allowing for a multi-league solution with some provision for inter-league play – most others are reluctant to endorse this.

3) The restatement that the objective of the AYBA is to promote Arlington youth baseball rather than force a merger of the recreational baseball leagues seemed to be acceptable, but some hurried to point out the Sports Commission charter would trump the by-laws and that annual report on merger progress would still be required.

Next steps:

1) Edits will be made to the bylaws per the discussion at the December 5 meeting and redistribute by e-mail.

2) The goal is to have a vote by e-mail before the end of December.

3) While future changes to by-laws would require 75% super majority, the opinion at the meeting was that initial adoption of the bylaws is governed by the charter - which only requires a simple majority. I heard general agreement that we should agree amongst ourselves to achieve 75% if not unanimity on this rather than force decisions by close votes.