

Paul Caruso Boston Ramrod

The administration of a softball league is one of those things that is at its best when it's noticed least. Players should be able to enjoy a season without having to worry about league finances, scheduling oddities, and the other issues that could be solved by a capable and creative leadership.

Certainly, budgets must be made, funds raised, schedules designed and programs executed. Volunteers must be found and consensus maintained. All of these things will happen regardless of who the officers are. The difference is that these necessary tasks can be accomplished by a competent leadership without them becoming a preoccupation, and a distraction to the

ball players. "Seamless" management would be my first goal as commissioner.

Secondly, for many years, Boston has had a national reputation for sponsoring great tournaments. I would like us to host an invitational tournament during Labor Day Weekend.

I come to this election with some experience. I have served as the BSL's Assistant Commissioner, Secretary of NAGAAA, ASA District Commissioner, and Director of Softball for the Gay Games. I also come with a passion for the game, a sincere affection for the league, and a firm commitment to do a good job.

I am running for league commissioner, and I'd like your support.

William "Bucca" Hull Silver Lake

Hello to all BSL Members:
Once again, I'm seeking the position of Commissioner for the 1997 season of the Beantown Softball League.

My pursuit for this office stems from the following concerns that sorely need to be addressed:

- * the conditions of the fields on which we play and the improvements that should be made in order for our upcoming season.

- * the firm promise of a full schedule that will enable every team not only additional games but the commitment that utilizes all available time slots on every playing date.

- * the re-emergence of the Snowflake Classic and Spring Training Day with regards to recruitment at all levels.

- * agendas sent to all team reps one week prior to each monthly meeting to discuss with every member of his or her team the current issues as to expedite the time of discussion the following week.

- * the feasibility of a 1997 Minuteman and the date on which it may occur.

Finally, I will pursue every issue with the kinds of results we can all live with and in doing so hope that every member will be satisfied by receiving full value for their input so as to continue to take pride and enjoyment from the summer respite we all know as the Beantown Softball league.

Thank you for your consideration, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the 29th.

Paul Sepe Southenders

A S S T C O M M I S S I O N E R

My name is Paul Sepe and I would like to be the next Assistant Commissioner of the Beantown Softball League. For those of you who do not know me, I've been a league member for the last eleven seasons. Ten of those years were spent as a player, coach and team representative for the Mirabar/Yukon team. This past season I was a player on the Fritz Southenders team. I want to be Assistant Commissioner because I feel that I have the commitment, energy and drive to be part of the leadership that this league will need to stay healthy at both the local and NAGAAA levels.

The main responsibilities of the Assistant Commissioner are the running of the operations of the league. These primarily consist of scheduling, equipment, field maintenance and other operational duties. Because of the early scheduling of the 1997 World Series in San Diego, next year's league schedule clearly looms as one of the toughest items on the Executive Committee's agenda. We must be more creative in developing the league schedule than in past years to gain the maximum amount of playing time while determining who the league representatives to the World Series will be. This may include, but is not limited to, playing on dates not traditionally played on. As for field conditions, I will try to ensure that all fields are properly groomed before the start of play on each day. I will propose that we institute special events such as the Snowflake tourna-

ment and Spring Training as well as other league fundraisers. In short, I will try to make this league a source for fun as well as athletic competition for all league members.

Another responsibility of the Assistant Commissioner is to represent the Beantown Softball League at NAGAAA along with the Commissioner. If elected, I will try my best to get the pulse of the league on many NAGAAA issues. I will work closely with the Commissioner and other Executive Committee Members to find out what the league membership wants and expects from both the league and NAGAAA.

Lastly, I would like to be Assistant Commissioner because I want to re-invigorate the league membership. We need to develop a recruitment strategy to bring as many new members into the league as possible. We not only need ball players, but we need non-players as well. Many people who volunteered countless hours to the league are no longer available for one reason or another. Other members, current and new alike must now step forward and fill the void. I will try to encourage recruitment and involvement in league activities as much as possible to ensure that we have a strong membership base for the future.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your support at the banquet and a great 1997 Beantown Softball League season.