

Archie Cochrane Renamed Head Of Billings Pioneer Baseball Club

A working agreement between the Billings Mustangs and the Newport News Dodgers of Newport News, W. Va., was given unanimous approval by directors of the Pioneer league club at their first 1949 organization meeting, it was announced Saturday.

The Class B West Virginia team will act as parent club for Billings in accordance with the Brooklyn farm policy of assigning teams of lower classifications to a Dodger outfit of the next higher division in organized baseball.

This system is followed, it was pointed out, to simplify the far-flung chain of teams and to establish a line of advance for players.

During the session Archie M. Cochrane was renamed president of the Billings Pioneer Baseball club by the club directors.

The trustees, who annually name officers for the corporation at their initial session, reelected Russ B. Hart vice president and Robert E. Cooke secretary. O. M. Jorgenson was named treasurer to fill the

vacancy created by the resignation of Robert M. Waters.

Elected to the executive committee were Robert Cobb of Hollywood, Rockwood Brown of Billings and the three major officers.

According to Maurice Enright, business manager, the directors arrived at salary figures to be offered each player currently on the Mustang roster but made no final decision as to how many of the 1948 squad will receive 1949 contracts.

Les Barnes was the first Mustang to sign his new pact Friday and Enright said other contracts would begin to go out next week.

In addition to checking the 1948 financial statement, the board discussed proposed improvements to Cobb field facilities.

Among items considered was the suggested enlarging of the box seat section, improvements to the press box, blacktopping of areas outside the playing field, rearrangement of the parking space and changes in the screens in front of the grand stand.

Mustangs Elect Executive Committee Among Other Business Items

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