

## CAPTAIN LANDALL R. ROPKE

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To: The Sacramento Men's Senior Baseball Board of Directors, Players, and Members.

From: Lanny Ropke, League President.

It has been my pleasure to have served these last 27 months as a board member and as your league president. I have now completed 19 years as a manager/player in this fine organization. As many of you know I have given a great deal of my time to men's baseball in the Sacramento area as one of the founders, board member, manager, field Forman, and president of the Woodland Davis MSBL for the last 23 years. In addition, I just completed 20 years of work running the MSBL Labor Day tournament, and currently serve on a committee to save/restore historic Clark Field in Woodland.

It has come time for me to step away from many of my commitments and go quietly into full retirement. Therefore I will not be extending my duties as president past the end of this month, March 31, 2010.

This last year has been a difficult one and many may say that I am leaving because it is too hard, too time consuming, too many conflicts or personality problems. Nothing is further from the truth; after all I am retired and have lots of time. The truth is that I now want to use that time in different ways. For my entire career in the military and with the airlines my wife dutifully followed me all over the country and picked up all the slack while I was gone half of our married life. I promised her many times that when I retired we would travel and have more time together. I have now been retired almost four years now and I have yet to keep my promise. Last year she took five trips, four without me. It is my intention to finally keep my promise and I am looking forward to doing and going when and where we want, at a moment's notice.

I feel SMSBL, as a league, has a great bunch of guys on the board and that this past year we have as a team cleared several hurdles and have started to move toward an efficiently run organization. I feel the next President will have a smooth job if he just sits back and let you guys, the board, continue to do the great job you are now doing. His primary job will be to monitor and coach a very competent board of directors.

Now, speaking of a new president. For over a year I have listened, observed and spoken to each of you. I am very aware that most of you are not interested in the president position. But after consultations and some nudging, I have found a very able and competent replacement, not to mention an extremely hard worker. He assures me that he will commit at least two years to the presidency if the board approves his selection.

I now want to nominate Jim Tygrett to be SMSBL next president.

To you the players and managers of this league, I hope you will commit to respect the league, its rules, its leadership, your fellow players, Umpires, our co-tenants, and this great facility.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to each board member for your support and dedication to our league, and for your confidence in me.

Lanny