

The Secretary was likewise directed to mail to each Board member a copy of the proposed and pending Navy contracts.

Since there was no further business on the agenda, upon motion of Commissioner Hammerman seconded by Commissioner Kowzan the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P. M.

Joseph J. King  
Executive Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 1947  
AT THE BALTIMORE STADIUM AT 8:00 P.M.

The following persons were in attendance at this meeting:

C. Kirk Straub  
George M. Armor  
S. Lawrence Hammerman  
Edward Kowzan  
Anne W. Bunker  
R. Brooke Maxwell, Director of Parks  
Joseph J. King, Executive Secretary  
Jacob W. Slagle, Stadium Manager  
Thomas Guckert, Assistant to Stadium Manager  
Lester H. Crowther, Deputy City Solicitor  
Roszel Thomsen, School Board  
Dr. Elmon Vernier, School Board  
Capt. E. B. Taylor, Navy  
Capt. M. D. Gilmore, Navy  
J. Kemp Bartlett, Jr., Orioles  
Herbert Armstrong, Orioles  
Clarence F. Ditman, Touchdown Club  
Joseph Finnerty, Baltimore Pro-Football Club, Inc.  
Robert Rodenberg, Baltimore Pro-Football Club, Inc.  
Jack Espey, Baltimore Pro-Football Club, Inc.  
Randall Cassell, Evening Sun  
Hugh Trader, News-Post  
C. M. Gibbs, Morning Sun

The President began the meeting by stating that the purpose was to solve the problems arising out of the combined use of the Stadium by many sports interests. He stated the Orioles schedule would have to be considered along with the pro-football schedule, the Navy schedule and the high school schedule. He mentioned that he did not believe an Oriole termination deadline was necessary this year. He cautioned that the Orioles might run to October 11 in the event of play-offs and Little World Series. He stated the pro-football club wanted seven home games to be played on Sundays. He then called on Mr. Bartlett to speak for the Orioles.

Mr. Bartlett said that September 7, 1947 represented the last home game of the Orioles in the Baltimore Stadium. He disclosed that the Orioles would close their season on the road after September 7. He said there are seven games in the play-offs, but it may take fourteen days to play these seven games. He mentioned that the Orioles management had quite a bit of latitude in scheduling play-off games. The Little World Series, he said, requires at most seven games. He mentioned that the Orioles definitely wanted for their schedule the days of Sunday, September 14 and Sunday, October 5. He said the Orioles could trade the early Sundays in September. His reason for October 5 was in the event of entering the Little World Series. Baseball, he said, should have a chance to finish its season before football crowds it out.

The President raised the questions of the condition of the field in early October, the position of two lighting poles on the field at the north end, and the possible relocation of such poles. Mr. Bartlett stated that within a few hours after the last baseball game at the Stadium he could bring about the conversion of the skinned diamond over to a sodded infield. He said that the Orioles contemplate during the coming Spring to put the two light poles in question further back near the stands, and out of the way of the football end zone sector.

Mr. Armstrong mentioned that the Electric Company guaranteed that the poles could be so relocated without affecting the concentration of light necessary to play the games. He further