



## Let's Hear It for Bobby Harris

This isn't a library, so let's make some noise for Bobby Harris. Bobby, the founder and architect of the Monroe Senior Softball League (MSSL), is stepping down as Commissioner after four successful years at the helm. During that time, he helped establish the league as a place where our players could re-live their past glories, play the game they love, and help give back to our community by supporting worthy causes.

Since 90% of the league's business and operational requirements have been met this season, Bobby felt the time was right to pass the baton so he could spend more time pursuing other interests outside of softball.

All of us owe Bobby a debt of gratitude for the time and effort he has committed to seeing his vision of senior softball through to fruition, and we are all better off for it. It has been quite the journey, and he has set a high bar for his successor.

That successor is Bob Zyontz, better known around the league as "Bobby Z, captain of the Princeton Orthopedic Associates (POA) team. After being recruited by Bobby Harris, he signed on in March 2023 and has taken an active leadership role with the MSSL ever since. He was named to the Board at that time because he brought a valuable set of marketing and communication skills to the table. He has since applied those skills to build our brand, write extensively about the League and its players, and chair our annual charity game fundraisers.

In addition, Bob has been a team captain for the last four years and serves as a league Trustee. To avoid any potential conflict of interest, he will give up his captaincy to focus on running the MSSSL.

Bob was chosen by the Board for his contributions and dedication. He realizes that he has big cleats to fill but is ready to accept the challenge and work with the Board to continue growing and improving the league.

Meanwhile, Bobby Harris will not be leaving the dugout. He will be staying on as Commissioner Emeritus through the end of the year to serve as a resource and help with the transition while continuing to play on the Noonan's team.

The league is in a very good place because of Bobby's determination to make it so, and Bob, along with the help of Board members George Rothweiler, Rich DelVecchio, Ray Gwertzman, and Mark Goldberg, will continue in that tradition to move the league forward.

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