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Dear ESBF Members, Friends, and Baseball Enthusiasts:

The Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame (ESBHOF) Board of Directors (BOD) send our heartfelt wishes that each of you and your families are safe and healthy as we continue to navigate through additional concerns surrounding the pandemic. We are so very thankful we were able to open the museum this year for the Delmarva Shorebirds 2021 season. It is hard to believe we are finishing up this season and now it is time to get those kids and grandkids ready for another challenging school year.

It has been our pleasure to connect with each of you this season. It was very nice to see your smiling faces and to see your enthusiasm as we continue to share our rich history of baseball here on the Eastern Shore. We are already looking forward to connecting with you again during the 2022 season.

We are also writing this letter to let you know (after careful consideration) we have sadly decided to cancel our Class of 2021 Inductee banquet which normally takes place in November at Salisbury University. Due to the following reasons, the BOD has decided to cancel this year's banquet:

- First and foremost we want to consider everyone's SAFETY! The majority of our banquet attendees are seniors and therefore are in the high risk category. There are increasing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 Delta Variant.
- Secondly, after discussions with our preferred venue (Salisbury University) it is highly likely there will be mask requirements, social distancing, and on line verifications of vaccine status as part of the requirements to attend a culinary banquet this year.
- Thirdly, to have a banquet in November requires us to make financial commitments in September. As always, we want the ceremony to be very special and memorable for each inductee so we concluded there were too many uncertainties to make that commitment this year.

We are also writing this letter to let you know we are looking at the following changes that hopefully get us to a place where we can comfortably commit to an induction banquet in 2022.

- We are looking at new venue options, formats, and times that could potentially have us either indoors or outdoors for the ceremony.
- If you have submitted a nomination form or you yourself are a nominee please stay of good cheer because we have carried over all nominees since the pandemic started in 2020 and they will all be considered for induction by our new deadline which has been changed to March 31, 2022.

We still need your help to keep the museum alive. Attached with this letter you will find a nomination form. Please fill out this form and return it if you know someone that is worthy of induction. Please include all pertinent information for us to consider your nomination such as news articles, statistics, photos, etc.

We also continue to depend upon your generous donations to help us pay the bills and to keep our museum up to date. As you know the museum is free admission so we depend on yearly membership dues to help underwrite our on-going expenditures. Attached you will find a form that explains all of our different types of memberships. Please consider becoming a member and if already a member please consider sending in any donation.

Last but not least, we need to renovate the Museum with new lighting, new ceiling tiles, new flooring, and new paint so a donation towards these projects if you are able would be greatly appreciated.

Until we meet again please be safe and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,

ESBHOF Board of Directors