



RCMSPL 2019

November 18th, 2018 Annual General Meeting Meeting Minutes

- Sign in and Collect Keys – (Brad)
- Financial Report (Bob)
- Intro and overview of 2018 – (Jon)
 - Congrats to the Season and Playoff Winners from this year:
 - Division I
 - Regular Season Champs – Skyline Wealth
 - Playoff Champs – Skyline Wealth
 - Consolation Champs – Kelsey's Original Roadhouse
 - Division II
 - Regular Season Champs – The Tribe
 - Playoff Champs – The Tribe
 - Consolation Champs – Lyon's Financial
 - Division III
 - Regular Season Champs – Bye Bye Baseball
 - Playoff Champs – Vadala Cardinals
 - Consolation Champs – 10th Batter
 - Division IV
 - Regular Season Champs – Superior Steel Roofing Systems
 - Playoff Champs – The Unit
 - Consolation Champs – Wilder Concepts
 - Division V
 - Regular Season Champs – Black Sox
 - Playoff Champs – Exhibitionist (Mistake on e-mail)
 - Consolation Champs – The Isotopes
- Team intentions for 2019 (Jon)
 - Discussion about returning teams.
 - If all teams return, we have 36 teams, plus 5 on a waiting list.

- Diamond Improvement Fund (Jon)
 - We have placed \$100 per team into the diamond improvement fund for the past 3 years and will again next year.
 - We (the 3 leagues) have worked with the City to plan for improvements to the diamonds
 - Between the 3 leagues, we have contributed to the current improvements on GG6 which are: new player benches, concrete under the benches, a new hut to replace the old green one that was falling apart
 - In the spring they will be installing dugouts on GG6 as well
 - Once we use the new improvements and note any deficiencies or required changes, we will move to the other diamonds and make the same improvements where the ground conditions allow
 - GG6 is slated for drainage issues to be corrected so diamonds GG4 or GG7 are next on the radar for improvements
 - If you have other suggestions, please let the Exec know and we will talk with the city about getting them done

- UIC Update (Terry)
 - Jon on Terry's behalf – Terry's number is included in the book for you to call directly when there is a problem. Calling Jon is just adding a delay in the process as I just call Terry. **Please remember to call Terry directly next year.**
 - Pitching distance was a challenge in some divisions, as it was not enforced consistently.

- Constitutional proposals (Jon) – **Vote deferred to a future meeting when divisional alignment is determined**
 - Division I is currently 6-12, balance of league is 6' - unlimited

- Reminders(Jon)
 - Helmets – while these are not mandatory, SPO and the league encourages players to wear helmets while on offense, while pitching, or when they are on the field in general. Pitchers are also encouraged to wear a pitching mask.
 - As of 2019, we implemented a New Team fee of \$100. This charge allows the team to come into the league and benefit from the strong financial status of the league that has been built over the preceding year(s).

- SPO Bat Rule changes
 - There is a new bat stamp that will be released next year with bats probably going on sale in June. The new stamp will have a higher compression rating than the current Thumbprint. We will be following SPO rules on these and existing Thumbprint bats.
 - In lieu of this new rule, we will now have 2 compression ratings to track for the newer bats.
 - For the past number of years, we have grandfathered some non-thumbprint bats to be allowed to be used in our league (and GTC SPL)
 - We have decided that we will no longer allow the grandfathered bats to be used in our league; we will be adhering to the SPO bat rules.
 - This means that the old aluminum bats and non-thumb print bats will not be allowed to be used in our league next year.
 - In hindsight, we should have just followed the SPO bat rules as they made changes in the past, but we wanted to allow our players time to adjust to the new rules.
 - Make sure that your players are aware of this rule and aren't surprised on bat testing night.

- Scheduling revisions (Jon)
 - There will be 2 scheduled Sundays for the regular season, all other Sundays will be used for rainouts
 - League will be limited to 36 teams to accommodate this change
 - If I can secure 2 more diamonds, Division V will add more teams and play at these new diamonds and Guelph Lake
 - We would still not play on holiday Mondays unless we run out of Sunday's
 - We would only play 3 games in a night if we run out of Sunday's and Holiday Monday's
 - This will allow us to start the league on May 4th. The first week the diamonds are open is usually a write-off because of rain (City plans to open diamonds on April 27th)

- Playoff Format
 - Regular Season is scheduled to end on September 2nd
 - Playoffs are scheduled to start September 9th and end September 30th allowing Oct 5, 6, 7 and Sundays for rainouts if needed and allowed by the city
 - The following Playoff Format was voted on and passed:
 - a true double knockout style playoff, played during the week, which means that some teams will play 3 games a week, and some double headers in the same night.

- All divisions with an odd number of teams will have a one game “play in” for the last and second last placed teams. The winner of the “play in” will move on to the playoffs, the loser will be done for the season and not play in the playoffs
 - All “IF” games will be schedule to be played on the same night per division where possible

- Executive Updates
 - After 15+ years, Bob has decided that he has served enough time in the RCMSPL and has stepped down from the Treasurers role. I want to thank Bob for the extreme amount of time and work he has put into our league and know that we would not be the league we are without his input and dedication. Thank you Bob!
 - As we no longer have an opening tournament, and the primary function of the Vice President is to run the opening tournament, this effectively removed the need for a Vice President. Marc has opted not to take on the Treasurers role and will be stepping down from the Executive as a result. I would like to thank Marc for his time and dedication to our league over the past 10+ years.
 - As a result, we will have a new Treasurer for the 2020 season.

- Future meeting dates
 - February 10, 2020 - \$200 Performance Bond top up due (\$300 for new teams)
 - March 23, 2020 - 50% of league fees due
 - April, 2020 - balance of league fees due and bat testing
 - May 4th - regular season commences (weather dependent)