



RCMSPL 2020

February 24th, 2020 League Meeting Minutes

- Sign in and Bond top up
- New Treasurer
 - Brad and I would like to welcome Brandi Howlett as our new Treasurer. Brandi has been involved in the co-ed league forever and has been their Treasurer for the last 17 years. This only makes sense for us as a league as both leagues deal with the same contacts and Brandi is familiar with the people and the process to pay our bills on time.
- Proposed Budget
 - We have completed our proposed budget for this year and have reviewed the ever-increasing costs from the diamonds to web-sites to balls.
 - We have not had an increase in our league fees for 10 years and we were able to absorb the increasing costs. In order to sustain a healthy bank balance, we are increasing the league fees this year by \$100 per team.
 - The new fees for the 2020 season are \$1,800 inclusive (New teams have the additional one time \$100 new team fee).
 - We have created a 3-year proposed budget to ensure we keep up with increased costs and ensure we never fall into a deficit position.
 - This increased fee will allow us to maintain a balance of between \$2-4k not including performance bonds.
- SPO Registration Process Change
 - SPO has informed me that they MAY be changing their registration protocol in the future.
 - Currently, the League pays \$113 per team to register every team in our league and all rostered players are insured as long as they log in and make their profile active.
 - SPO MAY be changing this to a self registration process where each player must register themselves and pay the associated registration costs, then be added to their teams roster.
 - If this happens, each player would have to register prior to being able to be added to your roster and being allowed to play in our league.
 - If this happens, we would look at revising the league fees.

- I will let you know if/when this happens.
- Guelph Slo-Pitch Web-site Notifications
 - I have personally signed up all the coaches to receive an e-mail when I post something on our web-site. This is where I will be posting the upcoming meetings and important league information. Because I know you will be receiving the notification from the web-site, I will not be sending a follow up e-mail anymore.
 - If you do not receive the web-site notifications, please use the link located on the bottom left hand side of the web-site to sign up to receive them.
- City of Guelph Web-Site and Policy Changes
 - The City of Guelph started a new web-site on February 21st called RecEnroll. If you log in to create an account, they have incorporated the field status updates into the information you will receive by e-mail. If you want to sign up for this information instead of checking the web-site everyday, please feel free to do so.
 - Historically, the City of Guelph has required 15 days notice to cancel a diamond and not be charged for it. We have passed this time frame along to the league. The City of Guelph has changed their time frame on all cancellations to be 30 days. So if you are going to forfeit a game, you have to inform the league within 30 days or we/you, will be charge the forfeit costs because the league will be charged from the city.
- University of Guelph Diamond update
 - We have been able to secure Marden Park for 23 time slots (46 including early and late) for Division V teams to play on. We have secured these spots in perpetuity to allow for expansion for our league
 - This will eliminate the need for regular scheduled Sunday games and allow us to use Sundays for rainouts only.
 - The U of G diamonds are not conducive for our needs as the diamond position makes the diamonds very hard to play on late in the year due to the sun, there aren't any lights so they are only good for early games and we would need to secure 2 more umpires for 1 game per night
 - Overall, the Marden diamond is much better for our league as a whole

- Team intentions for 2020
 - We have had 2 teams drop out after the last meeting,
 - Wreck League
 - Kelsey's
 - Insitu Insurgents dropped out earlier
 - We have added 2 new teams from the 5 teams that were on the waiting list, the others decided it wasn't the right time to join the league
 - Welcome Cody Haw and Kurt Wreford
 - We currently have 35 teams for the 2020 season.

- Divisional Alignment
 - As you can see from the Sign-in page, the Executive has completed their review of the divisional alignment placing all teams in the appropriate division to allow for equal playing calibre per division.
 - Div 1 – 6 teams
 - Div 2 – 8 teams
 - Div 3 – 7 teams
 - Div 4 – 8 teams
 - Div 5 – 6 teams

- Constitutional proposals
 - Deferred from AGM
 1. 6'-12' pitching height
 - Current Rule 15(6) states:
 - Pitching Rule: Minimum 6 ft. – Unlimited Maximum Height
 - Proposed Rule
 - Minimum 6 feet – Maximum 12 feet
 - This item was deferred to the February meeting to allow for divisional alignment to be solidified and for team reps to take the topic back to their team for greater discussion
 - A Vote will take place tonight to decide the issue.

- Vote on changing pitching from 6-unlimited to 6-12feet. Vote per division
 - Div 1 – **Remained at 6-12**
 - Div 2 – **Defeated, remains at 6-unlimited**
 - Div 3 – **Defeated, remains at 6-unlimited**
 - Div 4 – **Defeated, remains at 6-unlimited**
 - Div 5 – **Defeated, remains at 6-unlimited**

- Method of Payment Update
 - In order to be more efficient, we will only be accepting EMT for payments from this meeting forward, besides corporate checks. This will provide instant receipt of payment, save the writing of receipts, carrying of thousands of dollars in cash and streamline the entire process.

- Future meeting dates
 - March 23rd - 50% of league fees due \$900 – Bat Testing to follow (To be held at the Red Chev)
 - April 27th - balance of league fees due \$900 – Bat Testing, pick up keys and balls (To be held at the Legion)
 - May 4th - regular season commences

- Any new business that requires discussion