



RCMSPL

March 28th 2022

- 2021 Annual General Meeting
- 2022 Primary Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

- Roll Call for Attendance/Welcome the Coaches
 - Welcome to the 2021 RCMSPL AGM and first meeting of 2022.
 - Team representation.
 - Only team missing/not represented is “Fisher Cats”
- Payment of half of League Fees (\$1,075) Confirmation
 - Confirmed all 25 teams have paid their initial deposits as of this meeting.
- Financial Report
 - Reviewed 2022 Proposed Budget
 - Noted Bonds Returned higher than usual due to the number of teams not returning
 - Noted expenditures for Balls and Diamond Rental have increased
 - 2022 Budget Voted on and Passed (no contests)
- Intro and overview of 2021
 - Congrats to the Season and Playoff Winners from last year. All prizes were handed out after your last game. If you did not receive your prizes, we will have them at the April meeting for you to pick up
 - Division I
 - Regular Season Champs – Sharks
 - Regular Season 2nd Place - Barzotti
 - Playoff Champs – Sharks
 - Playoff 2nd Place – Barzotti
 - Division II
 - Regular Season Champs – Vadala Cardinals
 - Regular Season 2nd Place - Reapers

- Playoff Champs – Vadala Cardinals
 - Playoff 2nd Place – Reapers
 - Division III
 - Regular Season Champs – The Unit
 - Regular Season 2nd Place – 10th Batter
 - Playoff Champs – The Unit
 - Playoff 2nd Place – Wilder Concepts
 - Division IV
 - Regular Season Champs – Black Sox
 - Regular Season 2nd Place – Line Drive
 - Playoff Champs – Black Sox
 - Playoff 2nd Place – Long Shots
 - Division V
 - Regular Season Champs – Boomsticks
 - Regular Season 2nd Place - Yandeez
 - Playoff Champs – Boomsticks
 - Playoff 2nd Place – Yankdeez
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- Divisional Alignment
 - In order to generate the most competition possible in each division, we are returning to larger divisions in 2022:
 - 7 teams in Division 1
 - 10 in Division 2
 - 8 in Division 3
 - We have a total of 25 Teams which is an increase of 6 teams over 2021. COVID hit all ball leagues hard and it will take a few years to recover back to being a 36 team league
 - All teams have 20 regular season games and make playoffs

Division I			
Team #	Team Name	Finish in 2019	Finish in 2021
1	Sharks	A2	A1
2	Trash Panda's (Tribe)	B1	A3
3	Barzotti	B3	A2
4	Brown and Associates Wealth Management	B4	A4
5	The Misfits	B5	B4
6	Fischer Cats (Reapers)	B6	B2
7	Vadala Cardinals	C2	B1

Division II			
Team #	Team Name		
1	Bye Bye Baseball	C1	N/A
2	One Bad Inning	C3	N/A
3	Spartans	C4	B3
4	Royal City Iron Pigs (10 th Batter)	C5	C2
5	Swamp Donkeys	C7	C3
6	Superior Steel Roofing	D1	N/A
7	The Unit	D2	C1
8	Black Sox	E1	D1
9	Dukes (New Team)	N/A	N/A
10	The Dad Bods (New Team)	N/A	N/A

Division III			
Team #	Team Name		
1	Wilder Concepts	D3	C4
2	Long Shots	D4	D4
3	Line Drive	D6	D2
4	Royal City Beavers	D8	N/A
5	The Isotopes	E3	D3
6	Boomsticks	E4	E1
7	Yankdeez	N/A	E2
8	The Aces of Bases (New Team)	N/A	N/A

- Constitutional proposals
 - Now that we have the divisional alignment established, we have two Constitutional proposals this year, both have to do with the pitching height in Division 1
 - **Pitching Height**
 - Current Rule for Division 1 is:
 - Minimum 6 feet – Maximum 12 feet
 - Proposal #1
 - Remove the 12' limit and go back to unlimited
 - Rationale - We feel this gives teams moving up a chance against the top teams and pitchers time to protect themselves
 - Proposal #2
 - If 6-12 continues have 6 run inning cap until the 7th-8th&9th innings
 - Rationale - With 6-12 it's like batting practice which can cause innings run on and on.
 - Vote will be as a division (majority will rule)
 - Vote for Proposal #1 took place between 6 of 7 Division 1 teams represented (missing Fischer Cats)
 - Vote was in favor of Division 1 returning to 6-unlimited
 - Vote in favor of changing Division 1 from 6-12 to 6-unlimited pitching height Passed as follows.
 - 4 teams in favor of 6-unlimited (Majority)
 - 2 teams in favor of keeping 6-12
 - Division 1 will join all other divisions with 6-unlimited pitching height for 2022 season.
 - No need for proposal #2 with proposal #1 passing
- UIC Update
 - Jon's notes – Terry's number is included in on the front page of the league website for you to call directly when there is a problem with umpires being delayed. Calling me is just adding a delay in the process as I just call Terry. Please remember to call Terry directly this year.
 - Try and be patient with the umpires, it's been a long winter and we will be rusty.

- House-keeping Items
 - We are changing the payment schedule for the league. Starting in 2023, Performance Bond will be due at the February Meeting, \$1,200 due at the March meeting, and the balance due at the April meeting.
 - By the time we hit the field, we don't expect there to be any restrictions regarding COVID-19, however, we will always follow the current Public Health rules and mandates and if we must make changes during the season, we will do so. The health and safety of our players is the utmost importance to us.
 - Proof of vaccination is not required
 - Face masks are not mandatory but are encouraged
 - We implemented a couple changes last year that we are going to keep in place for the safety of our players:
 - Home team will be on the base bunker side of the diamond. This eliminates cross over of teams when setting out or putting away the bases
 - Defensive team will supply the UMPIRE APPROVED ball each inning and any replacements during the inning as required
 - 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 new teams to come into the league and benefit from the strong financial status of the league that has been built over the preceding years.
 - All games are scheduled to begin at either 6:30 pm or 8:15 pm with NO GRACE PERIOD. If the city deems the diamonds as open, the umpire will determine whether or not a game should be delayed or canceled because of weather or field conditions.
 - SPO Insurance. It is every player's responsibility to register themselves with SPO which includes full payment by each player. We need to do a better job of satisfying this requirement this year than we did last year. RCMSPL will monitor this throughout the year and enforce deadlines.

- SPO Bat Rule and Bat Testing

- There was a new bat stamp released. 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.



- For the past number of years, we have grandfathered some non-thumbprint bats to be allowed to be used in our league. 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 which is the same as last year.
- Make sure that your players are aware of this rule and aren't surprised when they get to the field and their bat isn't allowed to be used.
- We have decided that we will not be testing and stickering bats this year. We feel that the rationale behind the testing and stickering was due to the altering of bats and being used as an unfair advantage in the game. This has not been an issue in the past couple of years and the new technology of the bats really discourages the altering of bats as they tend to break too easily.
- There is a bat protest policy in place in our Constitution and we will follow it for all bats protested.

- Playoff Format

- As decided in previous years, we will remain with a true double knockout style playoff, played during the week, which means that some teams could play 3 games in a week, and some double headers in the same night. It means that if there is a rainout, then the league, all divisions, must move nights to get the right games in first.
- The plan is to start the Regular Season on May 3rd and finish the Regular season the 4th week of August and start playoffs the last week of August. We should finish playoffs as early as September 21st if there are no delays, but, we can play as late as October 5th.

- RCMSPL web-site
 - As in previous years, all league news will be posted on the website and it will push an update to all users that have signed up for them
 - **This will be the main source of contact for the league. It is on the players to sign up for updates to be aware of league news or diamond closures and reschedules**
 - Tell all your players to sign up for the website
 - As discussed in previous meetings, **home** teams report the score, it is updated in real time on the website.
 - There are instructions on the website that shows you how to update your scores
 - The website has been updated with team names and schedules will be in place around the first week of April
 - I have given all coaches access to your team websites

- Future meeting dates
 - April 27, 2020 - balance of league fees due, hand out balls, scorebooks, keys – in person, location to be determined
 - May 3rd - regular season commences (weather dependent)

- Any new business that requires discussion or questions?
 - Will there be a Tournament in 2022 (opening/midseason/closing?)
 - No, we do not currently have a tournament planned for nor budgeted for in 2022.
 - Scheduled nights per Division?
 - All Divisions will have exposure to play on Mondays and/or Wednesday nights (optimally balanced). Tuesdays will be utilized occasionally to manage long weekends or rainouts.
 - Cohorting Diamonds again?
 - We will not be cohorting diamonds per division this year. With the lifting of restrictions, we feel comfortable returning to a more open schedule whereby all teams/divisions can have opportunities to play on all diamonds secured by RCMSPL.