

NORTH DUFFERIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008, 1:00 P.M.

Annual General Meeting of the League at Creemore Community Centre, Creemore, Ont.

Attendance:

Executive: President Sean Connor, Vice President Myles Morrish, Secretary Scott Anderson, Treasurer Dan Gowan.
Absent: Past President Steve Westbrooke.

Officers: Statistician Scott Anderson.
Absent: York Simcoe Representative Paul Carruthers.

Senior Teams: Aurora, Barrie, Bolton, Clearview, Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, Midland, New Lowell, Orillia, S.C. Cougars.

Junior Teams: Angus, Bolton.
Absent: Barrie, Midland.

Other: Representative of Mansfield Brewers (Junior Team)

Vice President Myles Morrish called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

1. WELCOME

The Vice President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Mark Obee (Orillia), THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the League Wednesday, August 1, 2007 and Special Meetings of the Executive Sunday, August 5, 2007 and Monday, October 22, 2007 be adopted as printed, SECONDED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

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4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(a) 2007 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gowan presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for 2007 was \$5,607.48 and expenses were \$6,717.15 for a loss of \$1,109.67. The bank balance stands at \$4,252.87.

It was MOVED by Bill Dodson (S.C. Cougars), THAT the 2007 Treasurer's Report be adopted as read, SECONDED by Dave Speers (Ivy), CARRIED.

(b) 2007 Awards Night and Dance Report

Secretary Anderson gave a brief report on the 2007 Awards Night and Dance. The event was attended by approximately 50 individuals with representation from nine teams. The event raised \$500.55.

It was MOVED by Fred Flood (Midland), THAT the Report be adopted as read, SECONDED by Ryan Galbraith (Mansfield), CARRIED.

5. BY-LAWS

Article 2

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT Article 2 be amended to read "The League shall use umpires preferably with an Ontario Baseball Association Umpires Card, but not necessary at this time. The home team shall supply both a plate umpire and base umpire during the regular schedule. During playoffs the League Executive shall designate umpires as necessary. All umpiring problems shall be reported to the Executive.", SECONDED by Mark Obee (Orillia), CARRIED.

Article 4

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT Article 4 be amended to read "The Executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past-President. No more than one member of any team may hold an Executive position, with the exception of Past-President. In the absence of one or more of the above, the Statistician or York-Simcoe Representative may be called in for a vote.", SECONDED by Greg McMillan (Orillia), CARRIED.

Article 5

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT Article 5 be amended to read "The League entry fee shall be determined by vote of the Executive at the Annual General Meeting, to be paid each year. All monies owed by a team to the League shall be paid

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before said team may commence play in the season.”, SECONDED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), CARRIED.

Article 6

It was MOVED by Mark Obee (Orillia), THAT Article 6 be amended to read “All new teams entering the League shall post a \$100.00 security bond, which shall be returned to the team when said team leaves the League. The Executive may also impose an additional security bond as deemed necessary.”, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie), CARRIED.

Article 7

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 7 be amended to read “The League shall operate under Ontario Baseball Association playing rules.”, SECONDED by Mark Obee (Orillia), CARRIED.

Article 8

It was MOVED by Jesse Ragazzon (Mansfield), THAT Article 8 be amended to read “All scheduled games must be played. Any rained out games must be rescheduled within seven days of the original scheduled date and agreeable to both teams. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Executive shall set a date for such games. The home team shall notify the opposing team and the Statistician at least two hours before game time of the cancellation due to inclement weather.”, SECONDED by Shane Walker (Lisle), CARRIED.

Article 9

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT Article 9 be amended to read “All League games, including playoffs, shall be seven innings in length, with regular baseball procedure applying to games not completed. A fifteen minute grace shall be allowed after the scheduled starting time for lateness. If a team is unable to field a team after the fifteen minutes, the home plate umpire shall award the game to the opposing team. As penalty, the team forfeiting shall present \$100.00 to the opposing team and \$100.00 to the League, and shall not play another scheduled game until notified by a member of the Executive. The home team shall notify the Statistician immediately of the forfeit.”, SECONDED by Dave Speers (IVY), CARRIED.

Article 10

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT Article 10 be replaced with the following “Teams wishing to cancel scheduled games for reasons other than inclement weather must do so at least fourteen days in advance of the scheduled game date and must be agreeable to the opposing team. A new game date shall be decided before cancellation of original game date. The League Statistician shall be notified of the cancellation and the new date for the game. In the event of notification of less than fourteen days, League Executive approval shall be required.”, SECONDED by Mark Obee (Orillia), CARRIED.

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Article 11

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 11 be amended to read “Teams must submit a players list consisting of no more than twenty-five players to the League at least seven days prior to the Roster Meeting. The list shall include the player name, team played with previous year, and if said player is playing in any other hardball League in the current year. The League shall make players lists public for teams to view prior to the Roster Meeting. The Lists shall then be passed or rejected by Team Representatives at said meeting. Any special cases shall be submitted to the League for approval and shall be voted on by the Team Representatives at the Roster Meeting. Players passed and later found ineligible by the Executive shall be automatically suspended, and games they were involved in awarded to the opposing team. Any games played by a player found ineligible at the Roster Meeting shall also be forfeited by his team. The final date for having new names added to a players list shall be at the Roster Meeting.”, SECONDED by Ryan Galbraith (Mansfield), CARRIED.

Article 13

It was MOVED by Shane Walker (Lisle), THAT Article 13 be amended to read “All teams must be in complete uniforms, which include corresponding baseball pants, tops, socks, and hats. Players out of uniform may not participate in any League game.”, SECONDED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), CARRIED.

Article 14

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT Article 14 be amended to read “All protests must be accompanied by \$50.00 and postmarked NOT LATER than forty-eight hours from game time. A copy of said protest must at the same time be forwarded to the manager of the opposing team. No hearing shall be held for twenty-four hours after receipt of protest from the League Secretary to allow for teams to prepare arguments. If the protest is upheld the Executive shall fine the offending team.”, SECONDED by Secretary Anderson, CARRIED.

Article 16

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 16 be amended to read “It is necessary that the scorekeepers of both teams compare score cards after the game in the event of inaccuracies. The home team is required to forward a scoring summary card, as provided by the League, to the Statistician within forty-eight hours of completion of each game. A fine of \$10.00 for each occurrence shall be levied for late cards or cards not received.”, SECONDED by Shane Walker (Lisle), CARRIED.

Article 20

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 20 be amended to read “The Executive shall set completion dates and appoint Convenors for each playoff series. Teams shall be re-seeded after each playoff round so that the team with the highest remaining

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finish in the regular season shall play the team with the lowest remaining standing.”, SECONDED by Shane Walker (Lisle), CARRIED.

Article 21

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT Article 21 be removed, SECONDED by Mark Obee (Orillia), CARRIED.

Article 22

It was MOVED by Shane Walker (Lisle), THAT Article 22 be amended to read “Final date for playing of schedule shall be set by the Executive. In case of a tie in the final standings the most wins shall decide position, followed by head to head records, and run differential between all teams. Where teams are still tied a sudden death deciding game shall be played as scheduled by the Executive.”, SECONDED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), CARRIED.

Article 23

It was MOVED by Andy Van Der Heyden (New Lowell), THAT Article 23 be amended to read “A maximum of two representatives for each team must be present at all meetings, but only one spokesman and one vote per team. In the event of no representation by the respective teams, said team shall be fined \$40.00. A \$20.00 fine shall also be imposed for lateness after a 15 minute grace period.”, SECONDED by Al Elliott (Ivy), CARRIED.

Article 25

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 25 be amended to read “The Past-President, President, Vice-President and appointed Convenors shall attend all games in the final playoff series.”, SECONDED by Secretary Anderson, CARRIED.

Article 27

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 27 be amended to read “Players found eligible to play in the League at the Roster Meeting must play in one-third of the regular scheduled games in order to participate in League playoffs. The names of players wishing to participate in playoffs, who have not played in one-third of regular scheduled games due to illness, injury, etc., can be submitted to the Executive, with a medical note or official documentation, for a ruling.”, SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland), CARRIED.

Article 29

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT Article 29 be amended to read “A player signed on a players list with any team in the League shall not sign with another League team in the same year without the proper release. Senior team players cannot play in any other hardball league while playing in the North Dufferin League; except players who have played in the North Dufferin League previously shall be exempt from this rule.”, SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland), CARRIED.

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Article 32

It was MOVED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), THAT Article 32 be amended to read “All regular season games must be played by the playoff meeting.”, SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland), CARRIED.

Article 33

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT Article 33 be amended to read “For representation at Ontario Baseball Association play, the League shall determine two representatives for each classification by June 20 by means of a play-off or tournament as set out by the League Executive. The winner of each classification shall automatically be eligible for OBA, while the runners up are subject to approval from OBA tournament hosts. Teams are able to enter any classification but cannot change their choice once they have submitted their classification to the League. Teams are to use players approved at the Roster Meeting only. Host teams shall be determined by highest standing in the standings.”, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie), CARRIED.

Article 34

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 34 be amended to read “All League games are to start no later than six-thirty in the afternoon, with the exception of parks equipped with lights. All games in the Championship Final Series must start no later than four o’clock in the afternoon, with no exceptions.”, SECONDED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), CARRIED.

Article 38

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT Article 38 be removed, SECONDED by Al Elliott (Ivy), CARRIED.

Article 42

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT Article 42 be amended to read “Only wood bats shall be used in League competition. No bats made of materials other than wood shall be permitted, unless approved by the Ontario Baseball Association.”, SECONDED by Shane Walker (Lisle), CARRIED.

Article 43

It was MOVED by Dave Speers (Ivy), THAT Article 43 be amended to read “Any player, coach, or manager who is ejected from a League sanctioned game shall be automatically suspended for his team’s next League sanctioned game. A second ejection during the same season shall result in a two game suspension. These suspensions shall be considered automatic, and are to be enforced by the Team Representatives without the involvement of the Executive. If a player is ejected a third time in the same season, the Executive shall decide a course of action. Exceptional events and behaviour shall be reported to the League Executive, who may impose additional sanctions at their discretion. All ejections

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shall be reported to the Statistician following the game and listed on the game summary report submitted to the Statistician by the home team.”, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie), CARRIED.

Article 45

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT Article 45 be removed, SECONDED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), CARRIED.

New Article

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie), THAT a new article be added to read “This Baseball League shall be known as the North Dufferin Baseball League (N.D.B.L.) which was established in the year nineteen hundred and thirty. The League is an affiliate of York Simcoe Baseball Association.”, SECONDED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), CARRIED.

New Article

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT a new article be added which reads “A player release shall not be approved until financial and or uniform obligations are met. The Executive shall approve all releases.”, SECONDED by Mark Kellett (Bolton Jr.), CARRIED.

New Article

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT a new article be added which reads “If no umpires are present to umpire a game, the game shall be rescheduled at the visiting teams park, with the original home team covering the cost of umpires, baseballs, and the diamond. The original home team shall remain the home team at the visitors park.”, SECONDED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), CARRIED.

Secretary Anderson is to rearrange By-Law Articles and revise the amended Articles.

6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND OFFICERS

Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Statistician; York-Simcoe Representative.

Past President: Sean Connor, acclamation.

President: Myles Morrish, acclamation.

Vice President: Allan Brownridge.

Allan Brownridge nominated by Todd Patton, Seconded by Peter Kinghan, acclaimed.

Chuck Coates nominated by Scott Anderson, Seconded by Al Elliott, declined.

Secretary: Scott Anderson nominated by Todd Patton, Seconded by Vance White, acclaimed.

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Treasurer:	Dan Gowan nominated by Al Elliott, Seconded by Vance White, acclaimed.
Statistician:	Scott Anderson nominated by Shane Walker, Seconded by Fred Flood, acclaimed.
York-Simcoe Rep.	Paul Carruthers nominated in absentia by Allan Brownridge, Seconded by Todd Patton, acclaimed.

It was MOVED by Todd Patton (New Lowell), THAT nominations be closed, SECONDED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), CARRIED.

The Executive and Officers took their seats with President Myles Morrish as chair.

7. CONFIRMATION OF TEAMS RETURNING

(a) Confirmation of Teams

The following teams confirmed for the 2008 season:

Aurora, Barrie, Bolton, Bolton Jr., Clearview, Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, Midland, New Lowell, Orillia.

Teams confirmed by Secretary Anderson subject to additional information: Barrie Jr., Midland Jr.

(b) Confirmation of Teams on Probation

Angus Black Sox (Junior)

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the probation period for the Angus Black Sox end, SECONDED by Jesse Ragazzon (Mansfield), 12 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

S.C. Cougars (Senior)

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the probation period for the S.C. Cougars end, SECONDED by Ryan Galbraith (Mansfield), 12 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

8. NEW TEAM PRESENTATIONS

(a) Barrie (Senior)

Secretary Anderson read a letter from Ross Stark dated March 2, 2008 requesting admittance to the League. No representative was present.

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It was MOVED by Fred Flood (Midland), THAT additional information be obtained from Ross Stark by Secretary Anderson AND THAT the Executive are to approve or reject the application, SECONDED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), CARRIED.

(b) Mansfield Brewers (Junior)

Secretary Anderson read a letter from George Linger dated February 24, 2008 requesting admittance to the League. Mr. Linger was present.

Mr. Linger was asked to leave the room while the request was discussed.

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the Mansfield Brewers Junior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie), 12 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

9. TOURNAMENTS

(a) Lisle Astros – May 17, 18 and 19.

(b) New Lowell Knights – August 2, 3 and 4.

10. ALL-STAR GAME

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the Lisle Astros Baseball Team host the All-Star Game on Sunday, July 6, 2008 starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Ross Houston Memorial Park, Lisle, SECONDED by Dave Speers (Ivy), CARRIED.

11. SCHEDULING

(a) Regular Season

Todd Patton (New Lowell) proposed that the League be divided into East and West Divisions. Discussion occurred.

President Morrish took an unofficial vote of Senior teams to decide either home and home or divisional play for a schedule. Vote: 8 for home and home; 4 for divisions.

It was decided that the schedule start on May 3 and end on July 29, 2008, and that Senior teams play home and home against teams in the Senior Division and play no more than 26 games and that Junior teams play no more than 25 games.

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(b) Playoffs

It was decided that the Senior Division playoffs first round start on August 5 and end on August 15, the second round start on August 16 and end on August 27, and the finals to start on September 6.

12. LEAGUE AWARDS NIGHT AND DANCE

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the League hold an Awards Night and Dance for 2008, AND THAT each senior team be required to purchase at least 10 tickets and each junior team be required to purchase at least 5 tickets at \$10.00 each, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie), CARRIED.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Secretary Anderson raised the issue of the possibility of Owen Sound applying to the League next year and wished to set requirements and to gather opinions. General consensus was to deal with the situation when they apply and many teams at present would not support the application.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Treasurer Gowan requested that teams pay their entry fee of \$225.00 at the Schedule meeting.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next meeting of the League shall be Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Creemore Community Centre.

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:48 p.m., SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie), CARRIED.