

# NORTH DUFFERIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

## MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008

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Special Meeting of the League at Creemore Community Centre, Creemore, Ont.

Attendance:

Executive: President Myles Morrish, Vice President Allan Brownridge, Secretary Scott Anderson, Treasurer Dan Gowan.

Absent: Past President Sean Connor.

Officers: Statistician Scott Anderson, York-Simcoe Representative Paul Carruthers.

Senior Teams: Angus, Aurora, Barrie 'A', Barrie 'B', Bolton, Clearview, Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, New Lowell, S.C. Cougars.

Absent: Midland, Orillia.

Junior Teams: Barrie, Bolton, Mansfield.

Absent: Midland.

President Myles Morrish called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

### 1. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Welcome and Explanation

President Morrish explained why the meeting was called and what the League will be discussing.

(b) Schedule Format

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the resolution relating to the set up of divisions for the 2008 schedule, adopted by the Executive on Sunday, March 9, 2008, be rescinded, FAILED.

Secretary Anderson presented the schedule options to the Team Representatives which included: (a) 30 game interlocking schedule; (b) 26 game Senior schedule and separate Junior schedule; or (c) 23 game divisional schedule.

Discussion occurred about each option.

There was a consensus from Team Representatives to sustain the Executive resolution of Sunday, March 9, 2008, and play a divisional schedule consisting of 23 games for Senior and Junior teams.

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Secretary Anderson requested a recorded vote.

Teams in favour of divisional schedule: Angus, Aurora, Barrie 'A', Bolton, Clearview, Lisle, Mansfield, New Lowell, S.C. Cougars, Barrie Jr., Bolton Jr., Mansfield Jr. (12)

Teams opposed of divisional schedule: Barrie 'B', Creemore, Ivy. (3)

League Executive resolution, SUSTAINED. (12:3)

Discussion occurred regarding proposals for North/South format or East/West format for divisions.

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the North/South division format be used for the 2008 season, FAILED.

It was MOVED by Steve Westbrooke (Creemore), THAT a vote be taken of those in favour of the North/South format or the East/West format, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), CARRIED.

Secretary Anderson requested a recorded vote.

Teams in favour of the North/South format: Aurora, Barrie 'A', Creemore, Ivy, S.C. Cougars. (5)

Teams in favour of the East/West format: Angus, Barrie 'B', Bolton, Clearview, Lisle, Mansfield, New Lowell. (7)

East/West format, CARRIED. (7:5)

(c) Playoff Format

President Morrish presented possible playoff options to the Team Representatives which included: (a) The first two rounds of playoffs are played within each division. The final series would see the division champions face off; (b) The top four teams from each division would be seeded based on overall points from the regular season. Teams would be reseeded after the first round; or (c) The first place team in each division would play the fourth place team in the other division, and the second place team in each division would play the third place team in the other division. A different pairing system would need to be used for the second round.

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Discussion occurred regarding format for the playoffs.

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), THAT the first two rounds of playoffs be played within each division, with the champions of each division advancing to the finals, SECONDED by Bill Dodson (S.C. Cougars). Motion withdrawn by the mover after further discussion.

It was MOVED by Steve Westbrooke (Creemore), THAT part of Article 33 of the By-Laws, which reads "Teams shall be reseeded after each playoff round so that the team with the highest remaining finish in the regular season shall play the team with the lowest remaining standing.", be suspended for the 2008 year, SECONDED by Don Dunn (Lisle), CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), THAT the top four teams of each division advance to the playoffs, AND THAT the first round of playoffs be played within each division with the first place team playing the fourth place team and the second place team playing the third place team, AND THAT the second round be played by the highest ranked teams in each division against the lowest ranked teams in the other division, AND FURTHER THAT the final series be played with the two remaining teams, SECONDED by Don Dunn (Lisle).

Secretary Anderson requested a recorded vote.

Teams in favour of motion: Barrie 'A', Barrie 'B'. Bolton, Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, New Lowell. (8)

Teams opposed of motion: Angus, Aurora, Clearview, S.C. Cougars. (4)

Motion, CARRIED. (8:4)

(d) Other Business

Secretary Anderson informed teams that Team Information sheets must be submitted to him by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday March 18, 2008.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Steve Westbrooke (Creemore), THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m., SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), CARRIED.