

NORTH DUFFERIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009, 1:00 P.M.

Annual General 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, Midland, New Lowell, Orillia.

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

Other: Representative of Alliston Athletics (Senior Team), Representative of Bolton Braves (Senior Team), Representative of Tottenham Mavericks (Senior Team).

President Myles Morrish called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

1. WELCOME

President Morrish welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased with the representation.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Mark Obee (Orillia), THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the League Wednesday, July 30, 2008 be adopted as printed, SECONDED by Don Dunn (Lisle), CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

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4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(a) 2008 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gowan presented a verbal report. Income for 2008 was \$6,722.34 while expenses were \$7,136.91 for a loss of \$414.57. The bank balance stands at \$5,333.80.

It was MOVED by Don Dunn (Lisle), THAT the 2008 Treasurer's Report be adopted as read, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), CARRIED.

(b) 2008 Awards Night and Dance Report

Secretary Anderson presented a verbal report on the event. The event raised \$497.89. The following teams owe for tickets: Aurora, Clearview and New Lowell.

It was MOVED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), THAT the Report be adopted as read, SECONDED by Don Dunn (Lisle), CARRIED.

5. BY-LAWS

There were no amendments to the By-Laws.

6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND OFFICERS

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

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), THAT part of Article 6 of the By-Laws, which reads "No more than one member of any team may hold an Executive position, with the exception of Past-President.", be suspended for the 2009 year, SECONDED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), CARRIED.

Past President:	Myles Morrish, acclamation.
President:	Allan Brownridge, acclamation.
Vice President:	Peter Kinghan nominated by Mike Wallace, Seconded by Vance White, acclaimed. Jesse Raggazon nominated by Scott Anderson, Seconded by Don Dunn, declined.
Secretary:	Scott Anderson, acclaimed.
Treasurer:	Dan Gowan, acclaimed.
Statistician:	Scott Anderson, acclaimed.
York-Simcoe Rep:	Paul Carruthers, acclaimed.

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It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), THAT nominations be closed, SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland), CARRIED.

The Executive and Officers took their seats with President Allan Brownridge as chair.

7. CONFIRMATION OF TEAMS RETURNING

(a) Confirmation of Teams

The following teams confirmed for the 2009 season:

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

(b) Confirmation of Teams on Probation

Barrie 'B' (Senior)

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the probation period for the Barrie Red Sox 'B' end, SECONDED by Vice President Kinghan, 12 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

8. NEW TEAM PRESENTATIONS

(a) Alliston Athletics (Senior)

Mr. Robert Hinde made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Don Dunn (Lisle), THAT the Alliston Athletics senior team application be denied, SECONDED by Brad Grieveson (Creemore), 12 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, CARRIED.

(b) Bolton Braves (Senior)

Mr. Tony Gemmiti made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

Bolton played in the Junior Division of the League for three years, but since a Junior team will remain at Bolton an application to join the League was required.

It was MOVED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), THAT the Bolton Braves senior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, pending payment of 2008 forfeit and game fines, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), 13 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

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(c) Tottenham Mavericks (Senior)

Ms. Lorrie Van Luven made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Brad Grieveson (Creemore), THAT the Tottenham Mavericks senior team application be denied, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), 11 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, CARRIED.

Representatives were asked to leave the room while their requests were discussed.

9. TOURNAMENTS

- (a) Lisle Astros – May 16, 17 and 18.
- (b) New Lowell Knights – August 1, 2 and 3.

10. ALL-STAR GAME

It was MOVED by Don Dunn (Lisle), THAT the Lisle Astros Baseball Team host the All-Star Game, with a date to be presented with the schedule, SECONDED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), CARRIED.

11. SCHEDULING

(a) Regular Season

Discussion occurred as to possible schedule options.

It was MOVED by Don Dunn (Lisle), THAT the League continue to use two divisions with each division consisting of eight teams, AND THAT each division shall play home and home in their own division and play the other division teams once to a total of twenty-two games, SECONDED by Chuck Coates (Clearview), 11 for, 3 against, CARRIED.

It was decided that the schedule start on May 2 and end on July 28, 2009.

(b) Playoffs

It was MOVED by Don Dunn (Lisle), 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

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other division, AND FURTHER THAT the final series be played with the two remaining teams, SECONDED by Vance White (Barrie 'A').

Secretary Anderson requested a recorded vote.

Teams in favour of motion: Barrie 'A', Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, New Lowell, Bolton 'B'. (7)

Teams opposed to motion: Angus, Aurora, Barrie 'B', Bolton 'A', Clearview, Midland, Orillia. (7)

Executive vote to break tie:

Members in favour of motion: Past President Morrish, Vice President Kinghan, Secretary Anderson, Treasurer Gowan. (4)

Members opposed to motion: (0)

Motion, CARRIED (11:7)

The Executive decided that the Senior Division playoffs first round start on August 4 and end on August 14, the second round start on August 15 and end on August 27, and the final series to start on August 29.

12. LEAGUE AWARDS NIGHT AND DANCE

President Brownridge informed the League an Awards event shall take place with type of event and details to be arranged by the Executive.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) ~~Rob Wilson (Aurora) voiced a concern over home field advantage during the playoffs.~~

REPEALED

~~It was MOVED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), THAT for a playoff series with a predetermined schedule, if a game is postponed due to circumstances beyond the control of the host team, they shall remain as the home team for the next game regardless of game location, AND THAT the home team shall then alternate throughout the remainder of the series regardless of game location, AND FURTHER THAT the home team shall cover all associated costs with the playing of the game, SECONDED by Dave Speers (Ivy), 15 for, 1 against, CARRIED.~~

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- (b) Brad Grieveson (Creemore) expressed disappointment with the cost of umpires. No action was taken.
- (c) Al Elliot (Ivy) brought forward a concern of player tampering by Angus. The issue was discussed.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Secretary Anderson reminded teams that subject to League By-Laws teams who do not attend any regular meeting shall be fined \$40.00 and if the Executive are not informed of the absence before the meeting it will be recorded as a forfeit.
- (b) Treasurer Gowan requested League fees of \$225.00 be paid by each team as soon as possible.
- (c) President Brownridge suggested that teams be open to accepting midget and junior aged players to their player's list to help with transition and longevity of teams.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the League shall be Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Creemore Community Centre.

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Vance White (Barrie 'A'), THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:34 p.m., SECONDED by Brad Grieveson (Creemore), CARRIED.