

NORTH DUFFERIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010, 1:00 P.M.

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

Attendance:

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

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

Senior Teams: Angus, Aurora, Barrie 'B', Bolton 'A', Bolton 'B', Clearview, Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, Midland, New Lowell, Orillia.
Absent: Barrie 'A'.

Junior Teams: Bolton, Midland.

Other: Representative of Orangeville Bengals (Junior Team), Representative of Collingwood Jays (Junior Team).

President Allan Brownridge called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

1. WELCOME

President Brownridge welcomed everyone to meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Sean Hayward (Ivy), THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the League Thursday, July 30, 2009 be adopted as printed, SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland), CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(a) 2009 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gowan presented a verbal report. Income for 2009 was \$6,619.45 while expenses were \$8,208.87 for a loss of \$1,589.42. The bank balance stands at \$3,744.38.

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Currently there is \$700.00 in outstanding fees from League teams.

It was MOVED by Ken Winch (Clearview), THAT the 2009 Treasurer's Report be adopted as read, SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland), CARRIED.

(b) 2009 Awards Night and Dance Report

Secretary Anderson presented a verbal report on the event. Income of the event was \$1,500.00 with expenses at \$1,285.48 for a balance of \$214.52.

It was MOVED by Mark Obee (Orillia), THAT the Report be adopted as read, SECONDED by Ken Winch (Clearview), CARRIED.

(c) Ontario Baseball Assn. Senior Playoffs

York-Simcoe Representative Carruthers and Vice President Kinghan presented a verbal report on their attendance at an Ontario Baseball Association (O.B.A.) meeting earlier this year where discussion surrounded Senior O.B.A. Playoffs. The O.B.A. will be holding bi-yearly meetings with Senior Leagues and Associations to discuss senior baseball issues.

5. BY-LAWS

It was MOVED by Mike Wallace (Bolton 'A'), THAT Article 22 of the By-Laws be suspended for the 2010 year to allow all senior teams to apply for O.B.A. Playoffs, since O.B.A. Playoffs are open tournaments, SECONDED by Michael Keon (Aurora).

President Brownridge requested a recorded vote:

Teams in favour of motion: Aurora, Barrie 'B', Bolton 'A', Clearview, Creemore, Lisle, Mansfield, Orillia.(8)

Teams opposed to motion: Angus, Bolton 'B', Ivy, Midland, New Lowell. (5)

Motion, CARRIED (8:5)

Mike Wallace (Bolton 'A') expressed concern regarding By-Law article 17 in particular poor reasons for approving players for playoffs in past years. The concern was discussed with no change to the article in question.

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6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND OFFICERS

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

Past President: Allan Brownridge, acclamation.
President: Peter Kinghan, acclamation.
Vice President: Mike Wallace nominated by Allan Brownridge, Seconded by Dave Speers, declined.
Sean Hayward nominated by Scott Anderson, Seconded by Dave Speers, acclaimed.
Secretary: Scott Anderson nominated by Allan Brownridge, Seconded by David Anderson, acclaimed.
Treasurer: Dan Gowan nominated by Paul Carruthers, Seconded by Fred Flood, acclaimed.
Statistician: Scott Anderson nominated by Fred Flood, Seconded by Tony Gemmiti, acclaimed.
York-Simcoe Rep: Paul Carruthers nominated by Fred Flood, Seconded by Dave Speers, acclaimed.

It was MOVED by David Anderson (Lisle), THAT nominations be closed, SECONDED by Ken Winch (Clearview), CARRIED.

The Executive and Officers took their seats with President Peter Kinghan as chair.

7. CONFIRMATION OF TEAMS RETURNING

(a) Confirmation of Teams

The following teams confirmed for the 2010 season:

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

Barrie 'A' requested a one year leave of absence, through letter dated March 10, 2010.

It was MOVED by David Anderson (Lisle), THAT the Barrie Red Sox 'A' be granted a one year leave of absence as requested by letter dated March 10, 2010, SECONDED by Michael Keon (Aurora), 15 for, 0 against, CARRIED

(b) Confirmation of Teams on Probation

Bolton 'B' (Senior)

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It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the probation period for the Bolton Braves 'B' end, SECONDED by Ken Winch (Clearview), 14 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

8. NEW TEAM PRESENTATIONS

(a) Orangeville Bengals (Junior)

Mr. Howard Buck made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Ken Winch (Clearview), THAT the Orangeville Bengals junior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, SECONDED by Michael Keon (Aurora), vote of membership and executive, 19 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

(b) Collingwood Jays (Junior)

Mr. Scott Haines made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Ken Winch (Clearview), THAT the Collingwood Jays junior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, SECONDED by Tony Gemmiti (Bolton 'B'), vote of membership and executive, 19 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

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

9. TOURNAMENTS

- (a) Lisle Astros – May 22, 23 and 24.
- (b) New Lowell Knights – July 31, August 1 and 2.
- (c) Midland – will confirm within two weeks.
- (d) Orangeville Bengals (Junior team tournament) – will confirm within two weeks.

10. ALL-STAR GAME

It was MOVED by Michael Keon (Aurora), THAT the Aurora Jays Baseball Team host the All-Star Game on Sunday, July 4, 2010, AND THAT if arrangements cannot be met Barrie 'B' be the alternate host, SECONDED by Tony Gemmiti (Bolton 'B'), CARRIED.

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11. SCHEDULING

(a) Regular Season

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the League use two divisions with the East Division consisting of six teams and the West Division consisting of seven teams, AND THAT each division shall play home and home in their own division, with the East Division teams playing one interdivisional game, and play the other division teams and Junior teams once to a total of twenty-two games, AND FURTHER THAT the Junior Division teams play three games against Junior teams and play once against each Senior team to a total of twenty-two games, SECONDED by Scott Haines (Collingwood), 17 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

The Executive decided that the schedule start on May 7 and end on July 27, 2010.

(b) Playoffs

It was MOVED by Michael Keon (Aurora), THAT the first two rounds of playoffs be played within each division, with the champions of each division advancing to the finals, SECONDED by Mark Obee (Orillia).

Past President Brownridge requested a recorded vote.

Teams in favour of motion: Angus, Aurora, Barrie 'B', Orillia. (4)

Teams opposed to motion: Bolton 'A', Bolton 'B', Clearview, Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, Midland, New Lowell. (9)

Motion, DEFEATED (4:9)

The playoff format will remain the same as last year.

12. LEAGUE AWARDS NIGHT AND DANCE

Secretary Anderson encouraged the League to hold an Awards Night for 2010 and asked for volunteers to form a four man committee to investigate possible event ideas.

Committee members include: Scott Anderson, chair, Gary Charters (Barrie 'B') and Brian Bissell (Midland Jr.). A fourth member will be sought from the general League population.

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13. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Secretary Anderson informed the League the Lisle Baseball Club will be celebrating its 50th consecutive season as a member of the North Dufferin Baseball League, joining in 1961. The Club plans on holding a public event to mark the achievement.
- (b) Jesse McIntyre informed the League the New Lowell Knights will be retiring their blue uniform pants.
- (c) Vice President Hayward informed the League of the Ivy Leafs Annual Euchre Tournament which will be held on April 3 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Ivy Orange Hall.
- (d) York-Simcoe Rep. Carruthers asked teams to consider playing the Dufferin-Simcoe Rockers in exhibitions games throughout the season. Games count towards players games played.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the League shall be Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Creemore Community Centre.

Meeting Schedule:

Roster and O.B.A. Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2010

All-Star Meeting – Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Playoff Meeting – Wednesday, July 28, 2010

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Scott Haines (Collingwood), THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 p.m., SECONDED by Tony Gemmiti (Bolton 'B'), CARRIED.