

NORTH DUFFERIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011, 1:00 P.M.

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

Attendance:

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

Officers: Statistician Scott Anderson.

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

Junior Teams: Bolton, Midland, Orangeville.

Other: Representative of Rama Chiefs (Senior Team), Representative of Barrie Red Sox (Junior Team), Representative of New Lowell Knights (Junior Team), Representative of Richmond Hill Phoenix (Junior Team).

President Peter Kinghan called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

1. WELCOME

President Kinghan welcomed everyone to meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the League Wednesday, July 28, 2010 be adopted as printed, SECONDED by Ken Winch (Clearview), CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Fred Prosser of Garner's Source for Sports made a presentation to the membership regarding rates and availability of baseball apparel through the store. If interest warrants, Mr. Prosser would issue 'membership cards' to League players for discounts on apparel. Each team also received a complimentary scorebook.

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(a) 2010 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gowan presented a verbal report. Income for 2010 was \$5,632.19 while expenses were \$5,463.81.87 for a profit of \$168.38. However \$1,915.00 is outstanding from teams and will need to be paid as soon as possible. The bank balance stands at \$3,822.76.

It was MOVED by Ken Winch (Clearview), THAT the 2010 Treasurer's Report be adopted as read, SECONDED by Howard Buck (Orangeville), CARRIED.

(b) Ontario Baseball Assn. Update

President Kinghan noted Secretary Anderson and him attended a meeting of senior teams with OBA in January. For provincial championships, another division has been created and division names changed. AAA is former A, AA is former B, A is former C, B is former D, and C is a new category.

Each Association will be permitted to only send two teams as each tournament will be capped at 12 teams, although additional teams may be permitted if spots need to be filled. The NDBL is part of York-Simcoe Association, and therefore play downs may be required as scheduled by York-Simcoe to determine representatives.

Champions and Finalists in classifications A and lower will be required to move up to the next level the following year.

5. BY-LAWS

It was MOVED by Past President Brownridge, THAT Article 15 be amended by removing "Senior team players" and inserting "Senior aged players", SECONDED by Mack Morrish (Lisle), CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Past President Brownridge, THAT Article 15 be amended by removing "in any other hardball league" and inserting "intercounty or higher level" after "Senior aged players cannot play", SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland).

Secretary Anderson requested a recorded vote.

Teams in favour of motion: Aurora, Bolton 'A', Bolton 'B', Clearview, Creemore, Midland, New Lowell, Orillia. (8)

Teams opposed to motion: Angus, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield. (4)

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Motion, CARRIED. (8:4)

It was MOVED by Past President Brownridge, THAT Article 24 be amended to read “When an altercation occurs involving an umpire and a player, coach, or manager, and in the umpire’s decision, the behaviour of that person or persons warrants more than just a one game suspension, then the home plate umpire must contact the Statistician within twenty-four hours of the altercation. The League Executive shall then notify all parties involved, who shall be given twenty-four hours to discuss/defend the altercation with the League Executive. The League Executive shall make a decision not later than seventy-two hours from the initial report to the Statistician. There shall be no appeal to the Executive decision.”, SECONDED by Fred Flood (Midland), CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Past President Brownridge, THAT Article 22 be suspended for the 2011 year to allow all senior teams wishing to apply for O.B.A. Playoffs to do so, SECONDED by Jesse McIntyre (New Lowell), CARRIED.

The Executive noted Article 8 will be strongly enforced this year regarding payment of League fees prior to first game of teams.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND OFFICERS

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

Past President:	Peter Kinghan, acclamation.
President:	Sean Hayward, acclamation.
Vice President:	Mike Wallace nominated by Peter Kinghan, Seconded by Rob Wilson, acclaimed. Gord Dunn nominated by Al Elliott, Seconded by Andy Vander Heyden, declined.
Secretary:	Scott Anderson nominated by Ken Winch, Seconded by Tony Gemmiti, acclaimed.
Treasurer:	Dan Gowan nominated by Fred Flood, Seconded by Mack Morrish, acclaimed.
Statistician:	Scott Anderson nominated by Allan Brownridge, Seconded by Brian Bissell, acclaimed.
York-Simcoe Rep:	Todd Patton nominated by Jesse McIntyre, Seconded by Tony Gemmiti. Vance White nominated by Al Elliott, Seconded by Chris Esson. Todd and Vance were absent and nominations will be decided at the next meeting.

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It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT nominations be closed, SECONDED by Vice President Hayward, CARRIED.

The Executive and Officers took their seats with President Sean Hayward as chair.

6. CONFIRMATION OF TEAMS RETURNING

(a) Confirmation of Teams

The following teams confirmed for the 2011 season:

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

Barrie 'B' will not be returning. No request for a leave of absence has been received, although one may be forthcoming.

(b) Confirmation of Teams on Probation

Orangeville (Junior)

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the probation period for the Orangeville Bengals juniors end, SECONDED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), 19 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

7. NEW TEAM PRESENTATIONS

(a) Orangeville Bengals (Senior)

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

Orangeville played as a junior team in the League's 2010 season and requested entrance to the senior division for 2011.

It was MOVED by Ken Winch (Clearview), THAT the Orangeville Bengals senior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, SECONDED by Jesse McIntyre (New Lowell), vote of membership and executive, 19 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

(b) Rama Chiefs (Senior)

Mr. Cliff Sharpe made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Past President Kinghan, THAT the Rama Chiefs senior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, pending proof of diamond time

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and availability for two days/nights per week by March 25, 2011, SECONDED by Allan Brownridge (New Lowell), vote of membership and executive, 16 for, 1 against, 2 abstained, CARRIED.

(c) New Lowell Knights (Junior)

Mr. Wayne Orser made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Al Elliott (Ivy), THAT the New Lowell Knights junior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, SECONDED by Allan Brownridge (New Lowell), vote of membership and executive, 19 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

(d) Richmond Hill Phoenix (Junior)

Mr. Brent Andrews and Mr. Tom Hayward made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Rob Wilson (Aurora), THAT the Richmond Hill Phoenix junior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, SECONDED by Luciano Di Palma (Bolton Jr.), vote of membership and executive, 19 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

(e) Barrie Red Sox (Junior)

Mr. Jamie Gibbons made a presentation requesting admittance to the League.

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the Barrie Red Sox junior team be accepted in the League on probation for one year, pending the acquisition of a coach by March 25, 2011, SECONDED by Chris Esson (Clearview), vote of membership and executive, 19 for, 0 against, CARRIED.

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

8. TOURNAMENTS

- (a) Lisle Astros – May 21, 22 and 23.
- (b) Midland Indians/Twins – June 18 and 19
- (c) New Lowell Knights – July 30, 31, and August 1.
- (d) Bolton Braves juniors may host a tournament.

9. ALL-STAR GAME

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the Lisle Astros Baseball Club host the All-Star Game on Sunday, July 10, 2011, SECONDED by Jesse McIntyre (New Lowell), CARRIED.

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There was discussion on playing two games, one for senior and junior. Deferred until next meeting.

10. SCHEDULING

(a) Regular Season

Senior Division

It was MOVED by Allan Brownridge (New Lowell), THAT, the Senior Division shall play home and home against teams in their division to a total of 26 games, SECONDED by Brett Bond (Bolton 'A').

Secretary Anderson requested a recorded vote.

Teams in favour of motion: Aurora, Bolton 'A', Bolton 'B', Clearview, Creemore, Ivy, Lisle, Mansfield, New Lowell, Orangeville, Orillia, Rama. (12)

Teams opposed to motion: Angus, Midland (2)

Motion, CARRIED (12:2)

Junior Division

It was MOVED by Wayne Orser (New Lowell Jr.), THAT the Junior Division shall play 5 games against teams in their division to a total of 20 games, SECONDED by Jamie Gibbons (Barrie Jr.), CARRIED.

It was decided both schedules start on May 6 and end on July 26.

(b) Playoffs

Senior Division

The top eight teams in the Senior Division will advance to playoffs. It was decided by the Executive that the first round of playoffs start on August 2 and end on August 12, the second round start on August 13 and end on August 24, and the finals shall start on August 27.

Junior Division

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It was decided to make plans for playoffs for the junior division, a tournament or series, at a later date.

11. LEAGUE AWARDS NIGHT AND DANCE

Secretary Anderson stated a survey has been posted to the League's website regarding the awards event. Information received from members and fans will help the Executive decide and plan an event. It was noted an event will take place and payment will be \$100 for senior teams and \$50 for junior teams.

The Executive will make a decision to present at the next meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Entry Fee

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the 2011 entry fee be increased by \$25.00, to a total of \$250.00, SECONDED by Treasurer Gowan, CARRIED.

It was noted new teams shall pay a \$100 security bond and senior teams \$100 and junior teams \$50 for the awards event when paying the entry fee.

(b) Dufferin-Simcoe Rockers request

The Dufferin-Simcoe Rockers have requested teams to consider exhibition games against them. If willing to play, let the Statistician know. Contact for the Rockers is Tom Anderson at 705-424-0769.

(c) Ontario Baseball Association winners plaque

The League updated the plaque containing the team names who have won provincial championships while playing in the League. It was last updated in 1993 and eight teams since have won championships.

(d) Rob Wilson informed the League that he is unsure of which diamond in Aurora they will play out of. He also indicated Aurora may get new uniforms and will consult the Executive on colour if they go ahead.

(e) Bryan Millerson informed the League of a new diamond in Angus and stated it would not be ready for play until late May.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- (a) Secretary Anderson noted each team has received 5 player release forms with their meeting information.
- (b) Statistician Anderson asked teams to fill out and submit a team information sheet, as provided, with contact information and game dates and times for the preparation of the 2011 schedule and updates to the website.
- (c) Secretary Anderson informed the League that Paul Carruthers was posthumously inducted into the Ontario Vintage Baseball Federation's Hall of Fame in January.
- (d) Past President Kinghan listed the host locations for OBA playoff tournaments.
AA – Niagara Falls; A – Kendal; B – Listowel; C – Port Lambton.
- (e) Cliff Sharpe asked if players from Barrie 'B' require a release to play on another team. Answer: No
- (f) President Hayward announced the annual Ivy euchre tournament on April 23, 2011. Doors open at 12 noon.
- (g) Al Elliott noted the remaining teams in the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association are looking for exhibition games to fill out their season as only three teams remain in the EOBA, as posted on the League website guestbook.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the League shall be Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Lisle Community Hall.

Teams were asked for opinion on meeting location in Creemore or Lisle. Majority wanted meetings in Lisle.

Meeting Schedule:

Roster and O.B.A. Meeting – Wednesday, May 25, 2011

All-Star Meeting – Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Playoff Meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2011

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Jesse McIntyre (New Lowell), THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m., SECONDED by Ken Winch (Clearview), CARRIED.