

NORTH DUFFERIN BASEBALL LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013, 1:00 P.M.

Special Meeting of the League Executive at Lisle Community Hall, Lisle, Ont.

Attendance:

Executive: Vice President Rob Wilson, Past President Sean Hayward, Secretary Scott Anderson, Treasurer Dan Gowan.

Absent: President Mike Wallace (with regrets).

Vice President Rob Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

1. NEW BUSINESS

(a) 2012 Season Recap

The Executive discussed the 2012 season and issues of concern in the Junior and Senior Division. The following are recommendations:

- i) Move Junior Division playoff start up one week to accommodate players returning to school during final series;
- ii) Convenor or Executive are to approve playoff schedules and shall decide schedule in the event of disagreement between teams;
- iii) Enforce by-laws and attempt to reschedule games in a timely manner to prevent games not being played.

(b) Ejections and Conduct

Player and coach ejections from 2012 were reviewed and members discussed how to best deal with reporting of ejections and further discipline from the Executive. The following are recommendations:

- i) Ejections and suspensions posted to the League website;
- ii) Umpire ejection reporting available online and sent by email;
- iii) Create and maintain ejection and suspension log to track and reference;
- iv) Provide an information memo to all umpires on League policies and rules, reporting process, and contacts.

(c) Policy & Procedures

The League Executive will develop policies and procedures on some subjects to better assist the Executive with operations currently and in the future. Policies will include, but are not limited to, ejection and appeal process, website development, media.

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(d) By-Laws

The Executive reviewed select by-laws and discussed the following:

- (i) Ejection and appeal process as provided by Vice President Wilson (bring forward to AGM);
- (ii) Junior player suspensions and eligibility in senior games (player suspensions cannot be served in another division);
- (iii) Ejections in same division to carry over to next year if not served (ejections will carry over to next year as long as player is in the same division);
- (iv) Player unable to make 1/3 games due to a suspension (a player must play in 1/3 of games to make playoffs and suspension is a consequence);
- (v) Players' list deadline for Junior teams (deadline remain the same as senior; teams encouraged to sign at least 18 players).

The following are recommendations:

- (i) Revert Article 24 to 2010 article and reinstate the appeal process for suspensions made by the Executive. A draft article will be circulated to member clubs prior to the AGM;
- (ii) Article 24 – change from Statistician to Secretary.

(e) New Teams & Geographical Boundaries

Possible new teams for the 2013 season were discussed. An application has been received by Stayner for a junior team and an email application by Georgina for a senior team. Applications will be brought forward at the AGM for vote of membership. Geographical boundaries were also discussed.

(f) Stats for Playoffs & Playoff MVP Award

The keeping of player and game stats for the playoffs was discussed and will be brought forward to the AGM for members to consider. Since stats are done electronically, for the most part, keeping of stats for the playoffs is feasible. It was the consensus of the Executive that a Playoff Most Valuable Player award be created. The award would be voted on by members of the Executive.

(g) York-Simcoe Baseball Association

An update on the York-Simcoe Baseball Association was provided.

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(h) Media & Communications

The League currently operates a website and sends out press and news releases regularly. Coverage of the League by media continues to be strong throughout the area.

It was the consensus of the Executive to create a Facebook page to grow the League's online profile.

It was the consensus of the Executive that an email service be provided to Executive members and officers of the League. Email addresses would be noted on the website and allow for greater communication between member clubs and the Executive. This will also prevent Executive members personal email addresses being used.

(i) Awards Event

The Executive decided to hold the 2012 awards presentation at the 2013 Annual General Meeting. The names of award recipients will be posted to the website prior to the AGM and are encouraged to attend.

(j) General Discussion / New Items

The Executive set March 10, 2013 as the date for the Annual General Meeting.

2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular Meeting of the League shall be the Annual General Meeting on March 10, 2013.

3. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Secretary Anderson, THAT the Meeting be adjourned at 3:38 p.m., SECONDED by Past President Hayward, CARRIED.