

## WECSL 2018 AGM

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Meeting start time

13:30

### Agenda

#### 1. Opening Statement from WECSL President Jeff Kingsley

The online registration this year has been a success and has allowed us to get a head start on the administrative tasks. This is the 39<sup>th</sup> year of the league. It's going to be an interesting year and a "building" year that bridges over to the big events of next year, our 40<sup>th</sup> year. We will have reports from executive team next. We're going to have a different version of the jerseys than years past, this year will have two button v-neck style jerseys.

### Executive Reports

- **Vice President- Cathy Kingsley**
  - i. First game day is April 21<sup>st</sup>, we're not sure if this is going to be a practice day or scheduled game day. We are working on insurance details and whether we need signatures for the insurance or not. We will let everyone know once the details are confirmed.
- **Treasurer- Ang Hallett**
  - i. Bank account is looking great, online registration makes it easier. That's about it. The social bank account still has a healthy amount, so we have some funds to use.
- **Head Umpire- Mike Slaney**
  - i. Not present
- **Social Director- Trevor Lutz**
  - i. **Not present, Jeff K. spoke on Trevor's behalf:** Thank you for all your support last year, it was a blast. He's going to propose a WECSL golf tournament at an executive pitch and putt golf course, with transportation. Other fun league activities TBD.
- **Secretary/ Webmaster- Desiree Hamilton**
  - i. Thank you to everyone for the support in changing to online registration, it really makes it easier to organize behind the scenes. Gives us a head start on administrative tasks, etc. Ryan Gatten will be helping out with the website so hopefully standings (etc.) will be posted in a timelier manner. This greatly depends on getting the scores from the team captains faster though, so please make sure to get those in asap.
- **Equipment Manager - Beck Hallett**
  - i. The bats are dirty, so they will be cleaned up and re-wrapped. We are buying two new bats, as well. We are all set for balls. We'll be purchasing a new post

for 1<sup>st</sup> base because it's bent, that's why the base sticks up. We have two helmets that have always been in the bin, if people use them we'll buy more. We also bought two field masks, one poly carbonate and one with a metal front cage. We bought one of each for preference. Players can test them out and see which kind they like, and if they want to buy their own, they can. We will do our best to keep them clean throughout the year.

## New Rule Discussion/Open Floor

### Rule proposal #1:

If you're the batter and you hit the pitcher (with, for example, a line drive) you're automatically out. The floor suggested Umpire's discretion in these cases, as they can tell if someone had hit it intentionally up the middle, etc. If the pitcher catches the ball and drops it, the batter is not out, but it will fall under Ump's discretion. **Vote: Approved with umpire's discretion**

### Rule proposal #2:

The Ump has to collect scoresheets and submits the scores to the scorekeeper **Vote: Not approved**

**Resolution:** Both teams have to submit their own scores immediately after the game (the Team Captain is ultimately responsible for this task being completed). Simply take a picture of the scoresheet and text it, along with the final score, to the score keeper.

### Rule proposal #3:

Proposal to allow the pitcher to step off the mound when pitching ( up to 3 feet behind the mound) for safety of pitcher. **Vote: Not approved (we will stick with the ASA/CSA standards, but it will be up to the Umpire's discretion on a case by case basis).**

### Rule proposal #4:

If a team is fielding with an overwhelming amount of subs instead of original team members, the team then loses the ability to win the game. The game will still be played, but the team that cannot field with their own team will automatically lose. **Vote: Not approved but will have an alternate solution**

### Executive proposal for solution:

- Team Captains must notify the other captain if they cannot field a full team
- Team Captains must speak to the Umpire if you have any challenges with this
- Team Captains must use a team management app (such as Rosterbot) so that they have the ability to track who will be playing, who will not be playing, and who is not meeting the minimum requirement of attendance at 9 out of 18 games.

- Team captains must submit the scores immediately after the game to the scorekeeper.

Executive asks that if players are asked to switch teams to even out based on amount of people attending, skills, etc. please be flexible instead of refusing to move teams. This will help ensure that all teams are as even as possible.

**Vote: Approval of executive's proposal above mandatory use of team management app. Team captains must report to executive team if they have a member that is not meeting game commitments.**

#### **Rule proposal #5:**

Get rid of the rule that the previous game must supply a 1<sup>st</sup> base umpire for the next playing game. The rule is never used and is therefore obsolete. **Vote: approved but with the caveat that this rule stands for playoff games (home team must supply 1<sup>st</sup> base ump).**

#### **Rule proposal #6:**

Proposal to move weekday games to 30 minutes later because the sun position and how hard it is to bat facing the evening sun. **Rule change not proceeding due to inability to change the times on the Park Board issued permits.**

#### **Rule proposal #7:**

Suggestion that we adjust the schedule for playoff weekend, have more games on the Saturday and fewer games on the Sunday. **Vote: not in favor as it will mean that fewer people attend on Sunday.**

#### **Rule proposal #8:**

Proposal that in the final rounds of the playoffs, the loser final goes last. The champion final goes before the loser round. **Vote: in favor (pitchers of beer will be the last prizes issued)**

### **2 Year Election 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Discussion**

Proposal from executive to members: have a two-year executive duration as a one-time rule. This is so that there is continuity in the planning for the 40<sup>th</sup> year celebration. **Vote: in favor. Current executive team will serve for two-year duration 2018/2018 seasons.**

Meeting adjourned.