

## **WECSL Annual General Meeting: MARCH 18, 2023**

Introduction – Welcome to the 44<sup>th</sup> season!

**14:15** - Confirmation of a Quorum (all those present and paid constitute the quorum)

**14:20** – 2022 Executive Team Reports:

President: Jeff – jerseys are ordered; 8 sponsors are confirmed (6 have paid as verified by Phil): Brockton Oval, Bayside, The Park, 3 Brits, Hung, La Belle Patate, Legal Beagles and Pink Solutions. Ryan and Jeff have worked toward updating/re-wording Constitution and WECSL Rules & Regulations. Fundamental tenets of WECSL: FIRS (fun, integrity, respect, safety)

Treasurer: Phil – WECSL ran at a \$27 loss for the 2022 season. Player registration cost has increased from \$70 to \$80 for the 2023 season. 6 of 8 sponsors have paid. There are 92 registrants so far for the 2023 season.

Secretary: Lindsey – executive is streamlining a process for executive position changeover in terms of access to all documents and accounts. This year, we are asking that all captains send photo of scorecards after games to [wecslEXEC@gmail.com](mailto:wecslEXEC@gmail.com).

Social: Ashley - super successful last year with bake sales and social events (ie: Canadians games) last season. Cans from 2022 paid for entertainment at year-end party. Executive is asking that they have admin access to social media accounts and people do not create groups under the league name (noting last year there were some WhatsApp groups made under the league name but did not include all league members and was independently run).

Head Ump: Ryan – We haven't made updates to the rules this year. The same rules from last year will apply. But we'll discuss the current rules and open the floor to proposed updates later in this meeting. Thanks to all the umps who volunteered last year.

Equipment: No report

**14:35** - Table Constitution for review and approval – modernized it to clarify some of the wording and make it gender-neutral. Updated Constitution is available for any member to view on the league website. Members voted to unanimously approve the updated Constitution.

**14:45** - Open floor for rules or other discussion:

- A WECSL member raised concerns that women won't offer to replace her in a game if they are injured or unfit to play. Head Ump Ryan clarified that no one is required to replace people in a game (this is voluntary). President Jeff discussed issue of respect and that members should speak to their captain if they feel disrespected. Reviewed tenets of WECSL: Fun, Integrity, Respect, Safety.

- **Rule 14: Pitcher position**

Current wording:

The pitcher must have one foot within 30 cm of the pitcher's rubber, which is placed 45 feet from home plate. If, at the discretion of the umpire, this rule is violated, the umpire shall call or indicate an 'illegal pitch' immediately—verbally or by hand signal.

Motion to amend Rule 14 to:

At some point during the pitching motion, the pitcher must make contact with the pitching rubber with at least one foot. If, at the discretion of the umpire, this rule is violated, the umpire shall call or indicate an 'illegal pitch' immediately—verbally or by hand signal—resulting in a ball.

Motion passed; Rule 14 to be amended.

- **Rule 18: Intentional walks – reviewed. No changes made.**

- **Rule 23: Out of play “dead” balls**

Current wording:

If a thrown ball goes “out of play,” (i.e., beyond the lines extending from the fences), the umpire will call ‘dead ball,’ and award each base runner the base they have safely attained, plus one base. “Attained” means the runner has touched a bag safely. It doesn't mean they are almost there or within a few steps. It means they have touched it.

Motion to amend Rule 23 to:

If a thrown ball goes “out of play,” (i.e., beyond the lines extending from the fences), the umpire will call ‘dead ball,’ and award each base runner the base they have safely attained, plus one base. “Attained” means the runner has touched a bag safely. It doesn't mean they are almost there or within a few steps. In instances where two runners would be awarded the same bag, runner positions will be dictated by the runner who is furthest away from home plate.

Motion passed; Rule 23 to be amended.

- **Rule 29: Throwing out runners at first base from the outfield**

Current wording:

- The three outfielders (LF, CF, RF) cannot throw a female batter out at first base. The designated Rover may.

Motion to amend Rule 29 to:

The three outfielders (LF, CF, RF) cannot throw a batter out at first base. The designated Rover may.

Motion passed; Rule 29 to be amended.

- **Rule 30 – Balls hit the middle**

Current wording:

If a batted ball is intentionally hit directly at the pitcher, the batter shall be called out at the discretion of the umpire.

Reviewed and clarified that this is enforced at the discretion of the umpire. No change.

- Reviewed Foundational Tenets of WECSL – FIRS  
Fun, Integrity, Respect, Safety

**15:15 – 2023 WECSL Executive Election:**

President: Jeff Kingsley

Vice President: Ryan Abbott

Treasurer: Phil Schauer

Secretary: Lindsey Daudelin

Social: Ashley VanDeSype

Head Ump: Ryan Abbott

Equipment: Ryan ('Howie') Haden

Next steps: teams will be drafted in April, schedule currently being made; start date is Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Other:

- Suggestion by a member to do something (such as a dinner) for coaches, umps, and people who volunteer their time to the league. Funding options to be looked into.
- Tree down right field line – nothing will be done at the moment. Current priority is bench behind home plate and safety of the field. Maintenance request has been submitted to the Parks Board.

**15:30 - Adjournment**