
Minutes of CGSL Executive Meeting – Feb. 19, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – Ken Tedford’s Home

(action items in italics)

Present: Mark Hamilton, Secretary
Kevin Sun, Commissioner
Ken Tedford, Asst. Commissioner
Chad Simon, Membership

Regrets: Robert Tanguay, Treasurer
Kate Fudge, League Rep/Events
Ryan Webb, Field Operations

1. **Secretary – Mark**

1.1 Minutes of Feb 12, 2018 CGSL Managers’ Council Meeting

The minutes were distributed by email to managers by Kevin. He removed the references to the recent Arbitration Committee matter from the MCM minutes as well as the minutes of the January 2018 Executive meeting.

1.2 Managers’ Handbook

Mark to send a soft copy to Ken. Mark will start work on 2018 Handbook including the dates of events, etc. Target date for distribution to managers is April 21, 2018. *(Chad later recommended distribution of Handbook April 7 at registration event).*

2. **Commissioner – Kevin Sun**

2.1 Fees: It was proposed that fees remain at \$150. We have \$35k in GIC’s. Kevin agreed with the \$150 reg. fee + \$500 team fee. The late fee would be \$180 for players. *(The fees were subsequently lowered to \$140 as Rob T. indicated that the league was in a position to offer a reduced fee for this season.)*

2.2 On-line Registration: Chad to ask Jim R. to go ahead + start up on-line registration. Jim will be asked to test the system first. And Chad will ensure that the date/time for the higher late fee is correct. Goal will be to open registration by end of February.

2.3 Part-time Players: The fee for pt/time players was discussed: possibly \$100 or less. It was suggested that they be limited to no more than 8 games. Ken said that managers could list any p/time players on website as they submit game scores. *Chad to work on proposal for p/time players + circulate to Exec members by Wed Feb 21.*

2.4 League Survey: The results of the survey of league members was discussed at the Feb 12 MCM meeting. *Ken to put together a summary of survey results for posting on league website.*

2.5 Number of teams/Schedule: Kevin said most teams have responded to his request for an update for the 2018 season. Currently it looks like 24 teams (see also 2.7 below).

2.6 Ken said we could add another Saturday time slot to allow for more games. The last game could be 7:00 to 8:15 pm on Saturdays. Chad said the late game would be conducive to teams socializing after playing.

2.7 Kevin suggested capping at 26 teams. *Ken to check on status of Flo Bro’s + Schwingers.* There are at present 3 new teams. Kevin said this should put us at 25 to 26 teams.

2.8 MIST Tournament – Labour Day Weekend 2020: Chad asked if we should reserve the fields. However, it may be too early to reserve. East Point (4 fields) will be too small. Perhaps Brampton or Oshawa fields could be used for MIST. Ken favoured the Brampton location. One has 8 diamonds while the other Brampton venue has 4 to 5 fields. *Kevin to check with his contact about Brampton fields.* He said they have concession facilities. Ken said he will speak with the Courtyard Marriott. Will also require a few rooms near the fields for early setup, etc.

2.9 Gay World Series 2018 Teams: Kevin said we need to know which CGSL teams plan to attend by May 31, 2018, in case we need to form a non-rostered team.

2.10 Ken said the league will cover the GSWS team registration fee only.

2.11 Ken said the GSWS still lasts 1 week for all teams. There is an idea of having a Canadian version of the GSWS although it may mostly be Toronto + Vancouver teams. Perhaps Halifax, Montreal + Ottawa teams would also be interested.

2.12 SPO Membership/Insurance: Kevin said he spoke with SPO. All CGSL teams are eligible to play in provincials tournament in late August to early September. Chad said our teams can also play in qualifying tournaments. The higher ranked teams may be interested. Ken said he doesn’t want to detract from our tournament.

2.13 Kevin said the SPO on-line store has some interesting items for sale at good prices. Kevin

- said we could look at possible co-branding arrangement.
- 2.14 Player Ratings Committee/Workshop: The PRC needs to be in place by Apr 22. Kevin to look at this issue. Last year at the ratings clinic, players were slotted as C or D players.
- 2.15 Ken said managers want ratings workshop + he agrees. He suggested a separate meeting for this purpose before April 22 – e.g. April 8 or 15. Umpires could also attend.
- 2.16 Kevin said SPO is willing to send representative to meet with CGSL Executive. *Kevin to follow up.*
- 2.17 Umpires: Ryan is concerned about number of umpires for this season. *Kevin + Chad to take umpire training.*
- 3. Treasurer – Robert Tanguay (Regrets)**
- 3.1 *Chad to meet with Kate regarding events/registration budgets.*
- 4. Assistant Commissioner – Ken Tedford**
- 4.1 Opening Pitch Event at Woody's confirmed.
- 4.2 Registration Event confirmed for The Drink, Church Street.
- 4.3 Fundraiser Ticket Sales: Target is to distribute raffle tickets to teams by May 31/18. Prizes will be similar as before (i.e. gift cards).
- 4.4 Player Draft Committee: Ken said he will deal with this matter.
- 4.5 Northern Classic August 2018: To be held Aug 3-5. 1st meeting of tournament committee to be held Feb 21. *Kevin to post tournament info on NAGAAA website ASAP.*
- 5. Field Operations – Ryan Webb (regrets)**
- 5.1 2018 Field Bookings: Chad asked if Sundays could be used for clinics. Ken said this can be finalized after permits are received.
- 5.2 Cap on Number of Teams: Ken + Kevin agreed that we should cap at 26 teams. Chad suggested a wait list be set up if necessary. Mark/Chad said we should allow for rainouts + other contingencies.
- 5.3 Supplies: Ken said we usually get new balls from Eagle Beaver. *Kevin to check the prices at SPO/National Sports.* He said they also offer a loyalty card/discount.
- 5.4 Bases: Chad asked about the possibility of rubber bases. Mark said they may be a safety hazard. Ken said they are hard to secure + must be set onto bases.
- 6. Membership – Chad Simon**
- 6.1 *Chad to contact Jim R. right away to get registration up and running ASAP. He will finalize a draft proposal for part-time players by Feb 21. Hopefully it can be approved + included as a registration option.*
- 6.2 Registration Form Updates: Kevin said date of birth should be a mandatory field. *Chad to advise Jim R.*
- 6.3 Chad said registration event will be April 7 from 2 to 4 pm at The Drink. He'd like Managers' Handbook to be ready for this date. Mark said we'll need important dates to be confirmed ASAP to accommodate this deadline. Awards banquet may be held Oct 13 (TBC). Kate to speak to Jimmy about dates for League Fundraiser. Draft to be held at Boston Pizza after ratings clinic.
- 6.4 Chad asked about option of combining fundraiser with Northern Classic event. Ken said it's best to separate these events as the Northern Classic runs on its own budget.
- 6.5 In terms of recruitment, Ken said we should continue to recruit new players.
- 6.6 Ratings clinic likely on April 21 or 22. Player draft to be held afterwards as in 2017.
- 7. Events – Kate Fudge (regrets)**
- 7.1 See above
- 8. Other Business**
- 8.1 Next MCM Meeting – Monday March 19. MARK TO BOOK 519.
- 8.2 Next Executive Meeting – Sun Mar 11/18 – 11 am - MARK TO BOOK 519 if available.
- 8.3 Protective Equipment: Chad asked about this. Mark said it is voluntary but recommended. Teams must supply their own masks, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.