

# **PMSPL 2015 Fall AGM Minutes**

## **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION**

### **2015-11-18**

**In attendance – *Executive present*** - Wayne, Al, Kaus, Brian, Tom, Ted, Dale, Alex, Rob, James, Keith, Jeff

***Members present*** – **A**1,2,4,5,6,7 **B** 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 **C** 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12 **D**4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 **E**1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10 **F** ,2,3,4,5 A total of 46 out of 54 teams were represented

Wayne opened the meeting at 7:30 by welcoming everyone and congratulating all the Winners of regular season and playoffs.

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Introductions Curent Executive – Wayne MacFarlane**

Wayne introduced the current 2015 Executive and thanked everyone for their efforts and dedication to our league. Special thanks for all the work done to get all rained out playoff games re scheduled and played.

### **2. 2016 Executive Position Elections – Wayne MacFarlane**

Wayne announced that we are holding the election tonight and we now have our new 2016 Executives:

1. President --- Wayne MacFarlane
2. Vice President --- Kaus Chandroga
3. Past President --- Peter Whitfield
4. Liaison Officer --- Al Luce
5. Treasurer --- James Unger
6. Registrar --- Jeff Martell
7. Secretary – Vacant
8. A Convener --- Vacant
9. B Convener --- Mike Mastromattei
10. C Convener --- Dale Sutor
11. D Convener --- Rob Mackay
12. E Convener --- Tom Park
13. F Convener --- Alex Regan
14. Equipment Manager --- Brian Sharples
15. Umpire In Chief --- Brian Sharples

### **3. 2015 Financial Statements – James Unger**

Our Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations and Net Assets for 2015 as prepared by Keith was presented to the membership.

The membership asked to see more details of both the admin and Equipment expenses and those have been provided in the table below

<b>Details of Expense Line Items - Administration &amp; Equipment &amp; Repairs</b> <b>(From Statement of Operations &amp; Net Assets - Nov 20, 2015)</b>				
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Δ</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Admin	666	(113)	779	
Donations In Memory	1000	0	1000	Donation in Memory of Freddy
PO Box	249	0	249	
DeFib Training	900	790	110	Increase in Annual Rate
Website	1,670	1,330	340	Increase in Annual Rate
Phone	200	400	-200	
Legion - Room Rental	1,000	1,000	0	
Sub Total	5,685	3,407	2,278	
<b>Equipment &amp; Equipment Repairs</b>				
City Of Pickering Parks	3,804	0	3804	Donation to City for Infield Sweeper
Balls / Bases	4,494	6,051	-1557	
Sub Total	8,298	6,051	2,247	

### **4. President Report --- Wayne MacFarlane**

Team Registration date is Wednesday Feb.24, 2016 at the Legion and Teams must provide any special scheduling exception required for 2016.

Spring AGM is Wednesday April 13, 2016

The League is looking for players over 40 or Teams to join F Division for 2016

### **City and Parks Report – Al Luce**

Al's discussed several items. New Sports complex (quad diamonds) – City is still looking at Whitevale of Green River which our league has advised we are not interested in going that far north. There are still possibilities of the 5<sup>th</sup> concession and 16<sup>th</sup> side road just west Brock and south of Taunton.

### **Discipline Committee Report – Jeff Martell**

Another successful year has been closed out by Pickering men's slow pitch. As the outgoing vice president and member of the Disciplinary Committee I would just like to express my deep appreciation to the members of the executive that I have worked with these past four years. By its very nature the D/C is a thankless job obviously no player takes being told they can't play for a game, several games or a year very well but it is our responsibility to ensure that the games are played in a safe environment, and that players are not subjected to verbal abuse or physical threats. This is especially true when it comes to the umpires. We have made it a priority to ensure that the umpires know that we will protect them from any form of abuse and as such have stiffened the penalties to provide security for them. I cannot

stress enough that they are human, only one set of eyes and make mistakes. It's the responsibility of the players and team reps to manage their emotions and act in a sportsmanlike fashion at all times. There is a formal protest protocol that can and should be used, as the moment you allow your anger to take control you have lost your right to engage the umpire or other players you, will be ejected from the game and depending on the severity of the offense subjected to multiple game suspensions. We are fortunate that with close to a thousand players only a small fraction have had to have their playing privileges revoked. Finally I would like to thank Mike McMahon and Jeff Martrell for their unwavering support while we served together on the Disciplinary committee.

Lee Keeso

### **Umpire In Chief Report – Brian Sharples**

Only the challenges presented to reassigning umpires due to numerous weather interruptions to the league schedule.

### **5. Presented Motions- Review and Vote – Wayne MacFarlane**

Five motions that had previously been discussed and approved by the executive were presented to the membership to vote on. Motions and results below.

1. Brian Sharples – August 19 Executive Meeting Motion move that the league executives deem it mandatory for each team's players to have a uniform that consists of identical shirts or jerseys with unique and individual numbers to be worn in able to play in game. Second by Al Luce .Carried
2. Dale Suitor --- August 19 Executive Meeting Motion: I move to change roster cut off date to July 1<sup>st</sup> instead of June 15. Seconded by Kaus Chandroga. Carried
3. Brian Sharples --- October 21 Executive Meeting Motion: Whereas: each year it is becoming more and more difficult to recruit and retain qualified umpires to service our slo-pitch league and Whereas: In order to retain the qualified umpires we do have on the current crew and Whereas: keeping our umpire game rates either close to the middle or above the middle rates throughout the GTA area and Whereas the PMSPL umpire game rates of \$35/game/umpire have been held firm for the past 6 years with no increase Be it Resolved: that umpire rates be increased to \$40/game/umpire effective for the 2016 season. Seconded by Jeff Martell Carried.
4. James Unger --- October 21 Executive Meeting Motion: To include a direct link on the league website to team tournament, season and playoff winnings each year. Seconded by Brian Sharples. Carried.
5. Wayne MacFarlane – October 12 Executive Meeting Motion: To change the courtesy Runner Rule sentence as follows: "The courtesy runner will be" the last player "declared out( F Division Only " any player ")", as marked on the score sheet, or the last batter in the batting order should there be no outs in the first inning. Seconded by James Unger. Carried.  
Motion 1 amended by members who voted in favor to change the word identical to similar. Members voted in favor of Executive motion 1 as amended by members and motions 2 to 5.

## **6. Old Business – Brian Sharples & Wayne MacFarlane**

Brian Sharples to Report On Spring AGM Motion 2: For league executive to investigate feasibility, cost and umpire availability for two umpires in all playoff games in all divisions and report back to team representatives at the next Fall AGM. Made by Dam Murphy. Seconded by Justin Knox. Carried.

Wayne MacFarlane to Report On Spring AGM Motion 3: For league to investigate feasibility and cost of having foul lines at each diamond every Sunday we play and report back to team representatives at next Fall AGM. Made by Adam Gardner. Seconded by Peter Joncos. Carried.

## **7. New Business - Open**

1. Need for details of expenses going forward.
2. AI to inquire about warning tracks brought up by Adam Gardner
3. Motion to have a 2-umpire system for the final two weeks of the playoffs for each division. Made by Dean Paggos and Seconded by Mike Mastromattei. Motion was Carried.
4. Motions made by A and B Division to just walk off the field for homeruns--- Motion was defeated.
5. Norm McLeod made a motion about amending courtesy runner rule to use last "available "runner in the order as there was 2<sup>nd</sup> .The Motion was defeated.

**“Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:30pm by Tom Park Seconded by Jeff Martell Carried “**