

V.W.F.L. ~ Team Rep Meeting
Wednesday February 27, 2008, 7pm
Hillside Boston Pizza

MINUTES

Attendance

President, Dawn Evans
Secretary, Teresa Bubela
Registrar, Theresa Hardy
Tournament Director, Chelsey Oman
Treasurer, Brenda Parke
Statistician, Candace Anderson

Absent

Vice-President, Val Przybysz

Team Reps

Stephanie Fredette (Wild)
Erin McCaghren (Brewers)
Susan Atkinson (Brewers)
Uta Garost (Storm)
Alyssa Taylor (Storm)
Loni Nightingale (Storm)
Sharon Stewart (Reds)
Lindsay Halkett (Panthers)
Shannon O'Brien-Lepp (Pirates)
Sarah Collins (Heat)
Jaime Milligan (Heat)
Tracey Dow (Summit)
Michele Smith (Summit)
Amber Ball (No Name Team)
Ashley Nelson (No Name Team)
Nicole Parker (Pirates)
Amanda Crowder (Sliders)
Donna Sereda (A's)
Christina Butler (A's)
Denise Sam (W3)

Absent

None (all teams represented)

Meeting called to order at 7:13 pm.

Dawn welcomes everyone to the first team rep meeting of the new season, which is earlier than usual in order to help get the new teams set up earlier.

*** each team rep has been provided a package containing minutes from April 16th team reps meeting, "Things to Know" document and other league information.**

1. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from April 16, 2007 meeting made by Donna (A's), seconded by Lindsay H. (Panthers).

2. Status of Teams

- It was previously thought that the Brewers had folded, but they have decided to put together a team this season. Since one of the Junior teams that had expressed interest has dropped off (Dawn has emailed to follow up), this leaves **12 teams** total (10 returning, 2 new teams)
- New teams include a Masters Team formerly of Hyacinth (Summit) and a Junior team from Langford and area (No Name team).
- Dawn is getting queries daily from people interested in finding teams. Since several teams are asking for players, they need to let Dawn know what their needs are as soon as possible.
- There are currently 4 girls to be placed on teams according to need.

3. Field Update

- Val has put in requests for all city fields
- We are 90% sure we have Bullen for the extra night, we also have extra fields from Cordova Bay and View Royal this season.
- We have a field from Cedar Bay Rec Centre both Monday and Wednesday as needed.
- Some general discussion about the status of the various fields around the city.
- Suggested that the league create a document for field usage protocol (set up, getting bases out, where to find things, who rakes before and after etc.). Include that home team sets up, away team takes down.
- ALSO: at some parks such as Cordova Bay, there is no smoking on the park grounds.

ACTION: Val to work on this document; she has rules from Bullen Park

4. Softball BC

- Dawn has given all the teams VWFL/Softball BC info as part of their package.
- Insurance documents are to be distributed at the Ice Breaker Tournament
- Dawn asks all teams to note key dates such as Provincials and when fees are due to Softball BC.

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5. Invitational/Getting to Know You Tournament

- The league is considering merging an invitational tournament with the Getting to Know You tourney.

Chelsey reports the following:

- we are considering a mixed format with some invited teams and some minor teams (as many as possible)
- Timing will be mid-season, possibly the weekend of May 24-25.
- Two brackets: rec/minor teams and more competitive (pay to play, possible prize money)

- Rec pool: Ideally 4 minor teams and 4 fun/rec teams from our league, playing 2 games each
- Competitive pool: 3 round robin games each plus single knockout
- Reminder that it's part of team rep duties to help out at the tournaments!
- Question from the floor: can we use the minor fields if they play?
A: View Royal will likely provide all fields?
- Question from the floor: Can we have a beer garden?
A: No, as there are minor teams involved. Some discussion about how visiting teams will react to lack of beer garden. Suggested that we could schedule all minor games Friday evening and Saturday morning, but minor teams would theoretically still be at the park watching other games, which makes having a beer garden impossible.
- It is suggested that there may be conflicting interests in trying to combine a fun invitational tourney with minors.
- ACTION: Chelsey will talk to minor teams to feel out their interest in participating.
- All teams are asked to think about their commitment level and how competitive they might want to play, by the Ice Breaker Tourney.
- ACTION: All teams reps to report on their team's possible interest at the next team rep meeting in April.

6. Golf Tournament

- All team reps have been given info about this fun, optional event.
- No skill required, the league has participated for the past 5 years.
- Kat and Uta have taken on the organization
- All monies from participating teams must be received by May 21st
- Question from the floor: Do all teams need to provide a prize and what is required?
A; Anything is fine, it's by donation.

7. Orientation/Information for Teams

- There have been some miscommunications in the past so hopefully this document will help clarify things for everyone!
- Each team rep is given a copy of the Team Orientation and Information document. Dawn proceeds to outline some of the key points as listed.
- Both team rep members are listed on the website and must let Dawn know ASAP if they don't want to be there (first name and last initial)
- Important Dates: -- Ice Breaker is April 26-27th
-- Start of league is Monday April 28
-- Sue B. tourney is July 26th-27th.
*Games are every Monday and Wednesday except stat holidays.
- Reminder that game scores, MVPs must be reported each game via the website.
- ACTION: Dawn to send each team rep the information to log in and upload this data.

- Some discussion of playoff format now that we have additional teams. Possibly add more teams to the top tier (6 teams). To be considered for next season.

The next Team Representative Meeting will be held in April before regular league play, date and time TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Teresa Bubela
Secretary