

# Colby Village Gentlemen's Slowpitch League



Winter Meeting 2017

Date: February 20, 2018

Location: Cole Harbour Place, Harbour Room

Start time 19:05

## Attendance

- a) Presiding Officers
    - i. Craig Appleby, President
    - ii. Greg MacLean, Vice President
    - iii. Monte Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer
  - b) Teams not represented
    - i. Bluewave
    - ii. Investor's Group
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1. Item by Craig A.--intention to nominate Shaun Doyle for additional Vice President
    - a) Shaun D. not present; Craig A. to follow-up in person.
  2. Kick-off Auction
    - a) Moosehead hosting.
    - b) Friday, April 20.
    - c) Discussion on historical lessons learned:
      - i. Do not serve unopened drinks; prevents hoarding.
      - ii. Prefer cans as goodwill gesture to hosting facility.
      - iii. Item donation due date is April 13.
      - iv. Send any notes and preferences to Chris H./ Mike M. at Moosehead.
  3. Pool Tournament
    - a) Need an organizer/ host.
    - b) Monte S. will send an information package to any volunteers.
  4. Banquet
    - a) Bluewave hosting (not present).
    - b) Date TBD, pending playoffs schedule.
    - c) Discussion on at-field event in fall of 2017:
      - i. Generally favorable.
      - ii. Weather is a factor.
      - iii. Attendance not bad but not great.
      - iv. Costs at the high end of previous fall events; there are opportunities for cost savings for a repeat event.
      - v. General discussion on alternate event types.

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5. Fields Rental
  - a) Chris H. is ready to retire as Fields coordinator; volunteers(s) needed to study under Chris in 2018.
  
6. Equipment
  - a) Same balls as last year.
  - b) Craig A. to check on condition of field boxes and locks.
  - c) Bat list not available; will be forwarded to team reps when available.
  - d) Discussion on helmets:
    - i. Chris Godfrey of Comox Valley Slopitch League died in hospital in 2017; injury was a result of a thrown ball from shortstop impacting the back of the head.
    - ii. CVGSL will move to adopt mandatory helmets for each batter, batter-runner, and base runner in play in 2019, and in 2018 Fall Tournament. CVGSL strongly encourages each batter, batter-runner, and base runner in play to wear a helmet in regular season and Spring Tournament games in 2018.
    - iii. CVGSL will move to adopt mandatory pitching masks in 2019, and in 2018 Fall Tournament. CVGSL strongly encourages each pitcher to wear a pitching mask in regular season and Spring Tournament games in 2018.
    - iv. CVGSL will subsidize each team to purchase 4 batting helmets and 1 pitching mask in 2018. Following initial purchase, each team will be responsible to maintain at least 4 batting helmets and at least 1 pitching mask. Players are welcome to purchase and maintain individual batting helmets and pitching masks.
    - v. Craig A. and Monte S. to follow up with regard to applicable CSA standards, i.e., will a hockey helmet be acceptable?
  
7. Spring Tournament
  - a) Most likely a one-day tournament
  - b) Discussion on adding outside teams.
  - c) Discussion on adding a bouncy castle.
  
8. Fall Tournament
  - a) Scheduling TBD based on fields rental agreement.
  
9. Sponsorship
  - a) G. W. Paving and Collins Barrow are due for a new 3-year sponsorship agreement.
  - b) G. W. most likely renewing.
  - c) Collins Barrow most likely looking for a new sponsor.
  - d) Question from Monte S.: Is \$1500 enough for uniforms purchase. Consensus: no need for an increase at this time.
  - e) Sponsorship staying at \$1200 for a 3-year agreement.

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### 10. Team dues

- a) Remaining at \$1250.
- b) Playoff hockey pool split was applied as a discount to the team dues in 2017.
- c) Alan S. ran the pool in 2017; Alan is open to repeating this year.

### 11. Rosters

- a) Team reps to send active rosters to Craig A.
- b) Greg M. has the billboard.
- c) League contact email address is forward to Brendon M.
- d) Discussion on the state of the roster committee.

### 12. Next meeting

- a) March 20
- b) Financial statements review with Monte S.

### 13. Additional items

- a) Home Run rule (Greg M.)
  - i. Would serve to temper the disparity between teams.
  - ii. Helmet introduction is a major change; best to review Home Run rule in a future year.
- b) Two umpires for all play-off games, not just semis and final. (Dave R.)
  - i. Certain umpires may not be able to visually process plays at second base from home.
  - ii. Monte S. to calculate additional cost of two umpires for all games on the first weekend.
- c) Batting practice (Mike G.)
  - i. \$15 for 90 minutes at Sport Wheels' new Indoor Training Centre.

Adjourned.