



SLO-PITCH

2016 Special General Meeting

November 23, 2016



SGM Agenda

- Confirmation that we have a quorum
- Scope of the Special General Meeting
- Meeting protocol
- Presentation of proposal & discussion
- Vote
- Adjournment





Attendance

- Count of members in attendance
- Confirm that there is a quorum

(A quorum at all Special General Meetings and Special General Meetings of the Corporation shall not be less than twenty (20) members in good standing not including current members of the Board of Directors)





Scope of SGM

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the President, the Board of Directors or at the written request of ten (10) members of the Corporation.

At such meeting, no other business other than that specified in the Notice of such Special General Meeting shall be transacted. Ten (10) days clear notice shall be given to each member of the Corporation of such Special General Meeting. Such notice being given by regular mail, facsimile or Electronic Mail (E-Mail) to the address of each member of the Corporation as it appears on the register of the Corporation.

No error or omission in giving notice of any Annual or Special Meeting or any adjourned meeting, whether Annual or Special, of the members of the Corporation shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat.





Protocols

- Indicate that you wish to speak by raising your hand
- Once acknowledged by the facilitator, please stand and speak to the full audience
- Please allow the speaker to finish and once done, the speaker will sit.
- Please respect all those in attendance, by ticking to the subject tabled, and allow your fellow members to voice their opinions



Current By Law

Returning members from the previous season, provided their registration has been accepted by the elected Board of Directors and their registration payment has been made by the communicated deadline, will receive first priority for placement in the annual player draft. Players returning from previous seasons or new to the Burlington Old-timers Slo-pitch League will be eligible for the draft based on approval of their registration by the Board of Directors and payment of their registration fee subject to the available positions in each annual draft as determined by the elected Board of Directors. Players with injuries or illnesses may be granted an exception to this restriction, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.





Proposed Change

- **Membership to the Burlington Old-timers Slo-Pitch League will be open and inclusive and will be on a first come-first served basis for the following season. The registration period will be determined by the sitting Board of Directors and communicated to all existing and potential members via the League Website along with any other form of communication deemed acceptable by the Board. The Board of Directors reserves the right to set the limit of members in any given year based on, but no limited to, number of teams and/or number of players per team.**





Rationale #1 for Proposal

By rule, if there is no expansion to the league this year or in subsequent years, any and all new members and members from past seasons (i.e. who have taken a year or more off) who have registered and paid their dues, will not be made aware of their status in our league until early March. This is inherently unfair as our league, for 35+ years, has been one that has been first come-first served. Giving preferential treatment to those who played in our league the previous year has a very strong undertone of segregation and turns our league that is based on “fun and fellowship” and one that is equally open to all members of our community into one that is essentially an exclusive old boys’ club.





Rationale #2 for Proposal

Under a first come-first served system, those currently in the league will have motivation not to delay in signing up for the following season. With the wording of this paragraph as it is now, there is no incentive to sign up before February 28th as knowing one's spot is secured simply because they played last year. This will lead to a back end loaded registration system thus making it virtually impossible for any potential new or returning member from previous years to know whether they will be playing in our league or not. The end result will be these players finding new leagues to play in – leagues that will accept their registrations without unfair conditions attached to them. We have dozens of players that have come and gone over the years while taking time off for worthwhile reasons (children, work, travel, etc.) and they should not be affected by the inherently punitive nature of this new section of the By-Law.





Rationale #3 for Proposal

Logistically-speaking, the impact on the league and, more specifically, its Board of Directors will be significant with regard to budgeting, draft planning, sponsorship, park planning, etc., should the By-Law as it is worded currently remain in place. It creates an atmosphere of uncertainty with regard to the following year's membership where otherwise this uncertainty would not exist.





Vote

- Those in favour will stand for the formal count





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- Motion to adjourn





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