



Ontario Softball Cricket League

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Number 42 Police Division

ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance were:

Albert Ramcharran (President), Terry Mathura (Vice-President), Frederick Halley (Secretary). Kim Sue (Treasurer), Vish Jadunauth (Coordinator), Ravin Babulall (Assistant Registrar/ Statistician), Kenny Ramsawak (Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer.

Romando Sugrim, Mohan Singh, Dharmendra Kumar, Nyssa Narine, Triveni Singh, Patrick Shivrattan, Peter Narsingh, Mokeem Sattaur, Amit Bacchus, Ravi Bodo, Bobby Ramlagan, Shawn Persaud, Sunil Ramkissoon, Shiv Persaud.

WELCOME

Meeting commenced at 1.30 pm with President Albert Ramcharran welcoming those present and reminding all that the OSCL has reached a remarkable milestone as it will be celebrating 25 years.

CORRECTIONS AND OMISSIONS

There were no corrections and omissions from the previous minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting was adopted after being moved by Natasha Sue and seconded by Nyssa Narine. The president had earlier suggested that all amendments be deferred for the new executives after reiterating that he wasn't seeking re-election.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary/PRO read the written correspondence which were as follows: Apology from Sha Mohabir for his inappropriate behaviour and the use of profanity via email at the tail-end of the season. According to Mohabir, due to the situation at the time, he was unable to think clearly which resulted in several emails to the league's executives and to various team representatives.

Email from Arvin Persaud, President of the Ontario Roundarm Softball Cricket Association (ORSCA), proposing ways the respective softball leagues can work together going forward to reduce operational costs and improve the game in Canada.

Email from Bobby Ramlagan of Wakenaam 3C, proposing a fees amendment.

Following is the proposal:

A minimum deposit of 50% of league fees to be paid to the treasurer of the league or any member of the executive board before or at the Annual General Meeting. Once this requirement is met, teams will be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

All outstanding balances will have to be paid at least two weeks from the date of the Annual General Meeting or risk not participating in the upcoming season. Deposits made towards the league will not be refunded.

Any dishonored cheque will be subject to a surcharge. Active members are responsible for all monies owing to the League by their individual club.

NOTE: This proposal did not find favour with the members present and wasn't passed.

The other proposal was for: Only members who have served or is currently serving a minimum of one year in an executive capacity is eligible for nomination as president or vice-president.

NOTE: This amendment got the approval of members.

Correspondence from the Canadian Cricket Umpires Association (CCUA) concerning umpiring seminars and exam dates.

Correspondence from the CCUA concerning increases in fees for the 2020 season.

Correspondence from the CCUA informing the OSCL about the merger between the CCUA and the Scarborough Cricket Umpires Association (SCUA).

Application from Chargers Cricket Club requesting to participate in the OSCL 2020 season and onwards.

NOTE: The club, having fulfil all the requirements, was accepted.

EXECUTIVES REPORTS

Coordinator Vish Jadunauth referred to an article in the "Wickets", written by journalist Tony McWatt on the history of the OSCL, pointing out that no mention was made of him although he was one of the founding members in 1996.

Jadunauth said being an executive has gotten very tough as blames are flying left right and centre.

Touching on the declining members, Jadunauth, who is also the coordinator for the Scarborough Cricket Association (SCA) juniors, pointed out that Guyanese kids are reluctant to turn up for training sessions.

Jadunauth said a certain club was in the habit of attacking him on the allocation of grounds. He also touched on players attending meeting and not understanding what they vote for. While acknowledging that everyone wants to win, Jadunauth said they should also aspire to win fairly.

Junior Singh of Canadian Legends felt that the executives should make suggestions to improve the game and not bring players down.

Triveni Singh said his main concern was Jadunauth was not responding to emails in a timely manner but the latter informed that decisions are made by the executives and not by any one member.

Assistant Registrar/Statistician Ravin Babulall said he was disappointed that the president was leaving and was hoping he was doing so on a more prosperous note. According to him, the president gave everyone a fair chance and there was too much biasness within the executive body, He reiterated that he was not happy that Albert was leaving after serving for 25 years faithfully.

Babulall said the entire executive, including himself, weren't being fair to the president, pointing out that "we have to be able to separate the team's business from the executive business." He said the league was looking for a clean start, even if it means dissolving the entire executive body.

Referring to the Disciplinary Committee, he said the committee never started to function until close to the end of the season when matters were pending months before. He also alluded to the fact that persons who were supposed to be part of the committee were not showing up and those who were supposed to be there were being kicked out. He pleaded for the league to continue and for all to applaud the outgoing president.

Enmore's Shiv Persaud referred to some issues after Registrar/Statistician Patrick Shivrattan left and hope that things will get better. Babulall pointed out that Patrick didn't have a chance to give him a proper orientation but stressed on the importance of the cards being legible with the correct registration names which appear on the website.

President Ramcharran in his prepared report, stressed that it was the last he was giving as OSCL president after being a founding-member of the league in 1996.

According to Ramcharran, he expected or at least hoped to be around for as long as the players deemed him worthy of the honour of representing them but like everything else, all things must come to and end.

Ramcharran said he ran for office because he believed that there was need to maintain our culture and spread the game of softball extensively but he pointed out that sadly enough, it seemed that his efforts have not been appreciated by many.

He said he was leaving now because of double standards and because of the vile, threatening emails and texts among other things. He was also leaving because family life demands it and also leaving to give "younger blood" a chance to take over.

"During my time as president, I always stressed the importance of accountability and I have been able to maintain that. I hope that whoever takes over the "hot seat" will also make that their number one priority."

Ramcharran also praised his hard-working executives who he said was tested to the fullest during 2019 but have withstood with flying colours and had a special word of praise to the several sponsors.

The president was however up in arms with the Disciplinary Committee who he described as a big downfall.

The president advised that he had already secured the main grounds in Ashtonbee numbers one, two and three and up the hill, Dean Park and Littles for the 2020 season and urged the new executives to ensure that the insurance, which expires around July, is renewed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Before presenting the Financial Report, Treasurer Kim Sue thanked the outgoing president for his outstanding years of service to the league.

Good Success' Shawn Persaud queried the breakdown for penalties but the treasurer disclosed that she didn't have one.

Bobby Ramlagan wanted to know why the cost of trophies for the 2019 presentation was so high in comparison to previous occasions. In response, the president pointed out that he was shocked when he received the invoice for the trophies since the executives had decided at an executive meeting that runners-up teams wouldn't receive trophies, yet the decision wasn't followed. He said that he was further told that the trophies costs went up.

Enmore's Shiv Persaud also queried the cost of the presentation which was over \$,6,000 and why bottles of liquor were handed out during the function. The president said he also observed members taking bottles of liquor into the venue which wasn't fair to the W3C who had control of the bar.

The Financial Report was adopted after it was moved by Natasha Sue and seconded by Shiv Persaud.

Since there was no budget, the treasurer asked that same be deferred to the Captains Table Meeting. It was also agreed that there should no be any increase in fees.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

No disciplinary committee was appointed. However, a motion, which was proposed by Natasha Sue and seconded by Vish Jadunauth was in favour of a representative of each team comprising the Disciplinary Committee. It also proposed that the Chairman be selected from among the members and that the vice-president should not automatically be the chairman.

ELECTIONS

At the election of office-bearers, the following persons were elected to serve:

President – Ravin Babulall

Vice-president – Kim Sue

Secretary/Public Relations Officer – Triveni Singh

Treasurer – Kenny Ramsawak

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Dharmendra Kumar

Schedule Coordinator – Bobby Ramlagan

Registrar/Statistician – Romando Sugrim

Assistant Registrar/Statistician – Natasha Sue-Ramadhar

NOTE: The President (Albert Ramcharran), Secretary/PRO (Frederick Halley), Schedule Coordinator (Vish Jadunauth) opted not to seek re-election. Kim Sue, Ravin Babulall and Kenny Ramsawak resigned from their previous positions of Treasurer, Assistant Registrar/Statistician and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer respectively to facilitate their news postings.

Registrar/Statistician Patrick Shivrattan had previously resigned.

Vice-president Terry Mathura, who was absent from the meeting was deemed to be unfinancial since his team Carr-Tec hadn't paid their entrance fee, a decision that didn't go down well with some members.

The meeting ended at 3.50 pm.

Frederick Halley

Secretary/PRO