

Exec Meeting – Aug 14 2014, 8:00pm at White Spot

Members Present:

Neal Johnson	(President)
Fay Cahoon	(Tournament Coordinator)
Tom Arlidge	(Member at Large)
Paul Finkel	(Member at Large)
Diana Paterson	(Member at Large)
Janet Fraser	(Scheduling)

The executive met to discuss several incidents which occurred at the end of year tournament (Aug 8, 9 & 10). Specifically concerning, **Balls Deep, Highballers and Slambuccas**. Neal has talked to all parties as well as independent witnesses not associated with any of the teams involved.

General discussion around the blatant drinking, heavy drinking, threats to other teams, lack of understanding of rules, and bringing in “pick up” players for the year end tournament. It was decided that a written **code of ethics** is required for the league. It will be drafted and sent out to all teams before the next AGM. It will include consequences if any team violates the code. It was also decided that the league must make it clear that drinking on school fields is **not** allowed.

Highballers: Tony Ruffolo's behaviour. Tony has admitted that he was harsh, but also apologized to the other team (Balls Deep). Tony did ask what he could have done differently, as he was feeling personally threatened by a couple of the “Balls Deep” players.

A written letter from the league warning Tony about his behaviour is recommended.

Balls Deep - a letter of reprimand to be sent due to their excessive drinking and the threats made by two “pick up” players. These players were not to be at the fields on Sunday, but were there. Letter to state that the team is on notice and any violations next season will result in immediate action as set out by the code of ethics.

Slambuccas - a letter of reprimand to be sent due to their excessive drinking and antagonistic attitude to Balls Deep during the tournament. Letter to state that the team is on notice and any violations of the code of ethics next season will result in immediate action as set out in the code of ethics.

In summary:

Draft code of ethics to be emailed to all executive - within email talk about rationale and that once the code of ethics is written and adopted it will be easier to reprimand a team for violations. All captains or team representative(s) will be asked to sign on behalf of their team at the AGM.

Captains should not allow players to be anonymous at a tournament or any regular season game. As threats were made, names should not have been withheld.

Other Tournament Issues:

Where's My Pitches At? Did not show up for two of their four games or donate a 50/50 prize. A letter to be sent regarding the fact that if they could not field a team they should have contacted an executive member and that supplying a prize is mandatory for all teams. Also, as they were drinking and smoking on the field during play, they are on notice for next season.

Bottle Depot Crushers - a letter to be sent regarding not supplying a 50/50 prize for the tournament as required.

A suggestion was made for teams not supplying a 50/50 prize - we could add \$50.00 to their team fees at the beginning of the season so that funds are available to purchase prizes.

Revisit rule re: overrunning a base and intent to go to next base at next AGM