

LEHA MEETING
January 22, 2016 – 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Ted Reeve Arena

Minutes

Executive Members Present:

Mark Thoun – President (Ice Hogs); Jason Dale – Past President (Ice Hogs); David Marks – Secretary (Flyers); Mike Walker – Rules Chair (Hawks); Marc St. Rose – Treasurer (Flames).

Executive Members Absent:

Andy Campbell – Vice-President (Leafs)

Team Captains or Team Reps Present:

Brad (Leafs); Jay (Bruins); Eric (Flames); Steve (Titans); David (Flyers for Eric); Mike (Canucks); Mike (Hawks for Colin); Sean (Ice Hogs)

1. League Parity and Overall Season Review

The progress and development of the current season was discussed, with special emphasis on league parity. A round table discussion ensued, with the President asking the two lowest placed teams, the Titans and the Leafs on their satisfaction with the current season. Both team reps indicated that they are not happy with losing, but they and their teams are realistic about the situation and both teams seem to have good team camaraderie. Some ideas brought forward included a possible rating system for both players (with a rating scale of 1-10), and teams using a total points team threshold to try and help out the lower teams.

It was decided by all that the end result is that perhaps we are trying to fix a problem that possibly does not exist at the moment. However, it was discussed that perhaps this issue be re-visited in the spring, with an eye towards helping the lower teams through the draft process.

2. Refereeing Quality

Steve from the Titans brought up the issue of the quality of the refs that we use, and thinks that there is room for improvement. Many others agreed, but the question becomes how we replace 6 refs all at once, and with whom?

Mike Walker brought up a convo that he had with a Junior "A" ref, who suggested that if we offered more money, then perhaps we would be able to attract better, more qualified and more stringent refs to our league. Jason Dale suggested that we reach out to the Balmy Beach League to inquire about their refs, and Mike Walker volunteered to investigate further with his ref contacts. He will then advise the board of his findings.

3. Deposit Monies

Mark Thoun brought up the issue of player deposits, which are used to hold a player's spot for the next season. It was discussed that team captains need to stress the importance of the deposit, and to stress that the deposit is mandatory for all players. The idea of some kind of forceful penalty was discussed, since the league is perceived to be somewhat lax in the past about collecting the deposit. All agreed that the deposit has to be given by all players to the league before the end of the round robin portion of the playoffs. The idea of a monetary penalty of \$50 was discussed, and a vote was held on the proposal.

The vote was 5 teams YEA, and 3 teams NAY. The majority vote carried the day. No clear determination about how to introduce or enforce the new penalty was decided. ****This issue may need more discussion??****

Mark Thoun will suggest to the captains that this be put in writing that \$100 deposit is due before the end of round robins. Otherwise it is \$50 more for their league fees overall and their spot is not reserved.

4. Year End Party

Mark Thoun brought up the year end party, and there was a very brief discussion on the matter, though nothing was clearly decided. Mark indicated that he would look into the arrangements, and that we would probably make the same arrangements as last year.

The year end party will be the same as last year (at Ted Reeve snack bar during and after final game). Mark will need to speak with the 'Cool Runnings' owner to arrange for food.