

CRVBL League meeting minutes – January 24, 2012
Location – Claremont

Attendance: Kevin M., Brattleboro / Scott R., Chester / Gerry T., Claremont / Mike W., Keene / Phil C., Ludlow / Jason F. & Mike B., Newport / Quinton C & Richard B., Putney / Chris L., Saxtons River / Gary D. & Frank B., Walpole

ANNOUNCEMENT:

A new Walpole team will be playing in Walpole, managed by Gary Dennis.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$500 from each team was due and collected. The next \$500 will be due on 24 FEB, the next meeting. Overall team fees are pending selection of baseballs. Richard B will contact Anaconda to negotiate a reduced price due to the bad product received last year. Total team dues expected to be \$2,000. Different baseballs were proposed. Selection will be based on pricing and guarantee of performance. A sales rep was requested for accountability.

REGULAR SEASON:

9 teams – 16 game season, every team will play at least one DH, one team will play two. Season will start April 15. Official schedule will be released ASAP. Home field fees and discussion took place. Keene will use Dummerston and try to get use of Keene State College for some games. Walpole field is not available June 30.

PLAYOFFS:

Eight team tournament, similar format as last year. There will be a 3-game first round, followed by two elimination contest, then a championship game. This year the first place team will not get a second round bye for the top seed. The last place team will be eliminated and must work the concession stands for the championship game.

Richard B. suggested that we change up tournament pairings in order to make things more competitive: #1 v. #4, #2 vs. #3, #5 vs. #8, and #6 vs. #7. This proposal needs a vote at the next meeting.

PITCHING AGE:

The league voted 8 - 1 to keep the pitching age at 30 years old. No other rules were changed. Richard reminded everyone that the full rules are on the website.

PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY:

A player must appear in 1/3 of their team's games in order to qualify for playoffs. A special waiver was allowed for Eric Webber of Brattleboro, who is recovering from surgery.

ETC.:

- The first open practice at Landmark College is Saturday 28 JAN at 10 AM.
- Championship t-shirts in the winning team's colors were again approved.
- Phil C's website services were again retained for \$250.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for 28 FEB at Walpole Tavern, Walpole, NH. Directions will be on the website.

