

**LAKE ORION MEN'S "WORLD FAMOUS" TEAM DRAFTED  
SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
11:00 am MARCH 3, 2019**

- 1. Brian brings meeting to order at 11:00am. He talks about growing the league and being a good teammate.**
- 2. Brian Introduces Gabe as Umpire in Chief. Gabe comments that he has 6 umpires and was grateful for the raise we gave them. The 6 umpire are Gabe, Rob Griffin, Rob Ryan, Hammer, Jim Bonnici and M. Serial.**
- 3. Erik Davenport showed the membership the financial statement of the league. We had a \$5800 surplus from last year and that fund raising was critical to offset loses the last 2 years. He also stated how we haven't raise league fees since 2009 but we may have to next year because of raises to the umpires and projected balance for this year. He also ask the members for any new ideas for fund raising.**
- 4. John Dalton is introduced as Player Rep. He ask for the players to keep trying to fill the hat. He also stated the he had new proposal for Father/son to get the new 18 year olds in the preferred hat.**
- 5. Brian went on to discuss Blessings in a Backpack and Field of Dreams. LOMSL donated \$300 to each of these charities from what the Golf Outing raised and the league donated. He also stated that the FS fields would be updated light, infield and bring in the fence next year 2020.**

**6. Brian brought up to the membership about the last day of registration that the last 2 years we had past members call hours late and we couldn't let them in the draft. He suggested that if a hat pick turns down being pulled from the hat we put the late player in. Membership voted 50-0 to let the board decide.**

## **9. Open discussion, By-law changes/additions. Everyone.**

2019 Bylaw proposals:

Erik Davenport

Current:

Article 7 Section 19 Sponsor A General - All coaches must find an individual or business to sponsor their team, and that sponsor must pay the Sponsor's Fee, which is determined by the Executive Board before the annual General Meeting.

Addition:

Sponsor Fee must be paid by May 1<sup>st</sup>

Penalty - Games played after that date, without paid sponsor, will result in a loss of one home game for every game played without it. The LOMSL Executive Board will designate the home games to be lost, if necessary.

This will put a hard date for paying the sponsor fee and eliminate excuses. Passed 50-0

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No Current Bylaw for this one but it would fit under Article 7 Rules-

The umpire must call an illegal pitch (ie. to high, to low or two fast) before it gets to the batter. The batter still is able to hit the pitch if they choose to.

This will take the pressure off umpires when they have borderline pitch's and the batter's will know that if it isn't called illegal they need to swing. Will also lead to less controversial calls and heated tempers. Passed 27-11

LOMSL Board.**Current,**

### **Section 10 Minimum Number Of Players**

A **General** - A team is required to field at least eight (8) players in order for the game to be official. Under no circumstances can a game be official if less than eight (8) players are used.

Add that there is no automatic out for starting with 8 or nine players. Passed 50-0

John Dalton

Section 3 Preferred Hat and General covering rules.

Father/ Son rule 5 year rule {section 1,F} be directly put into the preferred hat upon their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday {section 1,A] bypassing the General hat. Passed 50-0

**14. Conclusion Meeting Adjourned.**

**Break for 10-15 mins for draft set-up.**