

Minutes

2017 Annual Winter Meeting of the Delta Stars Baseball Club

Held at the Ladner Landing

Saturday January 21, 2017

3:00PM

In Attendance: Crash (Chair), OConn, Physio, Big Lar, Big Lefty, Tup, The Champ, some guy named Mike, Mrs. OConn

Regrets: Simply, Hardcore, IKat, ARob, Hawk, Who, Razor, VanDor

AWOL: TrainRick

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of Minutes – 2016 Winter Meeting

There was no 2016 Winter meeting.

3. Special Recognition

Crash began the meeting with a moving tribute to Tup and his managerial skills. Debate ensued about who really managed the Stars? It was moved (Physio) and seconded (Big Lar) that yes. Motion carried.

Crash called a 'rule of order' and insisted on presenting Tup with a handcrafted coffee cup recognizing Tup as the "World's Greatest Manager." It was moved (Tup) and seconded (Tup) that this gift was a blatant attempt by Crash to garner favor and playing time, and to promote his new pottery business. Motion carried. A motion to refer to the coffee mug as the 'Tup Cup' was also carried. Crash asked that the minutes note that he would be taking custom coffee cup orders after the meeting.

4. Nicknames

The subject of nicknames was brought forward. A motion to change TrainRicks name to 'RunAwayTrain' failed to get a seconder and was defeated.

Big Lefty moved that his name be changed to 'Big Righty' in recognition of all the practising he has done to learn to throw right handed. It was moved and seconded that Big Lefty be censured for this blatant attempt to try and play Shortstop. Motion carried.

OConn proposed that in recognition of his performance last season that his name be changed to 'Magnificent Mike.' Mrs. OConn suggested that '27 Seconds' was a more appropriate description. Motion carried by acclamation.

It was moved and seconded that Crash's name be changed to 'Mr. Pathetic' in response to his efforts to get the waitress to call him 'Sweetheart.' Motion was defeated since we would miss all those Bull Durham references.



Action: Team members are reminded to submit nickname suggestions for the two new players, even though it is assumed that 'Paul' and 'Neal' are likely fake names. Please leave suggestions in the SGR mailbag under the mat behind the Landing.

5. Team rules

It was proposed by OConn that the team consider a no facial hair policy as per the New York Yankees, or at least require team members who do have moustaches to keep them properly groomed, or at least keep them trimmed evenly *'for crying out loud.'* Tup responded that as much as he would like to be able to yell at players to 'trim those sideburns' he didn't think this motion should come from someone who's hair was in such short supply. It was moved (Big Lar) and seconded (Big Lar) that when it comes to facial hair they were both pikers. Motion carried.

6. Positions

Big Lefty proposed that not allowing him to play Shortstop because of his lefthandedness was a violation of the Canadian Human Rights Act and that he was prepared to file a complaint. It was then moved and seconded that Big Lefty not be allowed to play Shortstop not because of his lefthandedness, but because of his non-righthandedness. Motion carried.

7. Tournaments

A discussion of participation in tournaments took place. Interest was expressed to attend a tournament in Arizona. Because of the age disparity between members of the Stars, discussion ensued as to the possibility of some younger players being able to acquire fake IDs and pass themselves off as old enough for the older age divisions. OConn indicated that he 'knows a guy' and that getting fake IDs is not a problem. It was suggested that if players were to borrow some of Tups clothes it would make them appear like they were born during the Great Depression. That or they would make them look so poor that people would feel sorry for them.

On a related note, it was moved (Crash) and seconded (Big Lar) that The Champ be recognized for the first insult of 2017. Upon Tup's arrival The Champ inspected each piece of Tup's apparel noting that nothing he was wearing was made in this century. The Motion was defeated. Upon further inspection, it was noted that Tup was donning a Blue Jays hat with their new logo which meant the hat was from at least 2011.

8. Vimy Ridge

OConn noted that his daughter's grade 11 class was holding a fundraiser at the Landing to raise funds for a trip to France to take part in the 100th anniversary of the battle at Vimy Ridge. Apparently, they thought the 2017 Stars Winter Meeting would attract large crowds. A discussion ensued as to whether Vimy Ridge, which apparently took place 100 years ago, took place during WWI or WWII. That settled, discussion ensued as to whether Vimy Ridge was the battle where Tom Hanks saved Matt Damon, or the one where Slim Pickens rides an Atom bomb as it drops out of a B-52 onto Russia. Big Lefty suggested that we ask Tup since he fought in the battle. It was moved that Big Lefty be allowed to play Shortstop. Motion defeated. It was noted that Tup's presence at Vimy Ridge had always been assumed, but that it was less clear which side he was on. Tup replied that it was long ago and really didn't matter anymore as he quietly returned to eating his schnitzel and Becks.

9. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to close the meeting. Motion carried. GOSTARS!!!

