

SVPL Meeting Minutes – 3/4/2019

Meeting started at 7:30 pm

Attendance:

Officers:

Kevin McGrath
Jim Valerio
Doug LaSalle
Larry Kovacs

Teams:

American Legion SC
Creekside
Friendship Fire Company
Gallagher's Tavern
Holy Trinity
Italian Club
Liberty Fire Company
Royersford VFW
St Gabriel's Lodge #1
St Gabriel's Lodge #2

Not in attendance:

Pete Piccaretta

Tickets, Score Sheets, and Eligibility Forms:

Captains turned in Banquet Tickets, Score Sheets, and Eligibility Forms along with monies owed. Holy Trinity and St. Gabriel's Lodge #2 did not turn in Eligibility Forms

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance = \$6,948

Less Monies Received (e.g. Banquet Ticket receipts, match fees)

Closing Balance: to be reported after Expenses and Monies Received are completed

Old Business: None

New Business:

Timeliness (of play):

Kevin McGrath reported that there have been complaints regarding shooters taking too long between each shot. Players are consulting their partner, then looking at the table, then consulting again, etc., causing the matches to take way too long. It was asked that all Captains ask their teams to be considerate and not take too long between each shot.

Consultation (with Captain during match):

The question was raised concerning “Alternate Captain” or “Captain’s Designee”. If the Captain will not be present for the night, then the Co-Captain steps in and acts as Captain. If both the Captain and Co-Captain are not present for the night’s matches, then the Captain should appoint another member of the team to act as Captain (the “Captain’s Designee” or “Designee”). The Designee should notify the opposing team’s Captain that they are the Designee prior to the beginning of the night’s matches. The question was then raised if a different person can be appointed to act as the Designee for each match. The example was given that for the first match the players want “Joe” to act as their Designee, but the players in the next match want “Steve”. The answer was No – to avoid confusion there is only one Captain’s Designee for the entire night’s matches. This is not entirely clear in the League Rules and By-Laws. Based on the discussion and decisions made during the meeting, Larry will draft a clarification of the Rules and By-Laws for review and approval next year. The above also holds true if the Captain needs to step away for a time. If this occurs, the Captain needs to notify the opposing team’s Captain that they are stepping away, and the Co-Captain or Designee is acting as Captain until their return.

Starting Time/Grace Period:

There were complaints regarding teams abusing the “Grace Period” and “time limit”. The League Rules and By-Laws state that if a team is not present and ready to shoot by the Start Time (currently 7:30 pm), there is a 10-minute Grace Period. If no one shows by the end of the Grace Period, the team forfeits the night’s matches. Also, the Rules and By-Laws state that there is a 5 minute “time limit” between each match. It seems that some teams, in order to wait for late players, are using the Grace Period and time limit, even if they have shooters available for that match. This is not allowed. The Rules and By-Laws state that if there are 2 shooters present for each team, then the night’s first match must start at 7:30 pm. It was decided that this should be true for each match, as invoking the Grace Period and each time limit increases the overall night’s time by 30 minutes. So if each team has shooters present, then the match must begin immediately after the previous match finishes. If the team has no more shooters present, then the 5- minute time limit would be invoked. If no shooters have arrived by the end of the 5 minutes, then the team forfeits that match and any following matches for that night. Larry will draft a clarification for the Rules and By-Laws, to be completed and distributed in time for approval at the Captains Dinner/Meeting.

Playoffs: (finalized by phone/text between Captains due to make-up scheduling)

Kevin McGrath proposed a change to the playoff schedule as it was used last year. He proposed the top 4 teams in each division play for the Championship and the bottom one in each play for the Best of the Rest Championship. After discussion and vote, it was decided that we would stick to the playoff schedule used last year. The first 3 teams in each division will play for the League Championship, and the last 2 teams in each division will play for the Best of the Rest Championship. Schedule to be published after the make-up matches are held. Still in question is when the Creekside vs Gallagher’s make-up night from December 5 will be held. Proposed is Thursday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 13. Gallagher’s Captain reports either are fine. Creekside Captain to report.

Playoffs - Follow-up – Secretary was notified by the Creekside Captain that Thursday, March 7 is acceptable, so the make-up match will be held then. This allows the playoffs to begin on March 13. See below and attached.

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Playoff Schedule:

March 13 – Round 1 – By Division - 1 Place Team has BYE, 2nd Place plays 3rd Place
Best of the Rest - by Division – 4th Place plays 5th Place
March 20 – Round 2 – Division Championships (each division) - 1st Place vs Winner of (2nd vs 3rd)
Best of the Rest – Division winners play for Championship
March 27 – BYE – planning for Championship Match
April 3 – League Championship – Division Winners Play

See Playoff Schedule Tree for details (attached)

Captain's Dinner/Meeting – The Captains Dinner will be held on April 8 as previously scheduled. At that meeting Captains and Officers will nominate and vote on League Officers for the coming year. As a reminder, ALL League Officer positions are open to nomination. It was also announced that SVPL Treasurer Doug LaSalle is retiring from the position, so a new Treasurer is needed for next year.

SVPL Banquet – the Banquet will be on May 4, as scheduled. Contact Doug LaSalle if you need additional tickets.

Terminology:

During the discussions of Timeliness and Consultation (see above), it was discovered that there are differences in the terminology used in the Rules and By-Laws and certain League Forms. Specifically, and for example, the League Score Sheet shows 5 Matches for each night's play. The Rules and By-Laws list 5 Games for each Match, where a Match is identified as a night's play. This difference will be discussed, and one terminology identified for use on all League forms and the Rules and By-Laws. Larry will correct the affected League forms and the Rules and By-Laws as necessary. Larry will review the League forms and the Rules and By-Laws to identify other possible terminology discrepancies. As other differences are identified they will be discussed and resolved, and the affected documents corrected.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Larry Kovacs, Secretary, SVPL