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# 19th Annual WFBL Winter Talks

## January 27, 2013 ▪ Burlington, NC

1. Attendees:

Adam Brake, Commissioner, Owner – Power Rangers

Thomas Lipps, Vice Commissioner, Owner – Raleigh Middle Fingers

Andrew Blue, Owner – Fuquay Nine

Chris Burkett, Owner – Hickory Scorpions

Matt Burkett, Owner – Ball Hawks

Dennis Close, Owner – Durham Indians

Jeremy Moore (not the minor leaguer), Owner – West Raleigh Moundchargers

Mike Rudd, Owner – Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls

Daniel Warren, Owner – Spivey’s Corner Knockouts

Dennis Welly, Owner – Fostoria Screwballs

Sort of attending, via speaker phone, for Open Forum tiebreaker discussion only:

Chip Kiel, Owner – Ellicott City Black Sox

Not attending:

Don Hunnicutt, Owner – Apex Alleycats

1. 20th draft this year… need a logo – Jeremy
2. Check Presentations

2012 League Fees: ($40 x 11) + ($20 x 1) = $460

2012 League Expenses: ($150 CBS) + ($10 engraving) + ($16 ball) = $176

2012 Prize Money: $460 - $174 = $284

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|  |  | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| 3rd Runner Up | Ball Hawks (Matthew Burkett)  2012 Avent Division Champion (14-9) | $40 | $40 | $40 |
| 2nd Runner Up | Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls (Mike Rudd)  2012 Gottfried Division Champion (18-5) | $52 | $52 | $52 |
| 1st Runner Up | Spivey’s Corner Knockouts (Daniel Warren)  2012 Wild Card Winner (13-10) | $77 | $77 | $78 |
| League Champion | Power Rangers (Adam Brake)  2012 O’Brien Division Champion (15-8) | $115 | $115 | $116 |

1. Trophy Presentation
2. 2012 Season in Review

* No team that made the playoffs in 2011 returned to the postseason in 2012.
* Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with the best regular-season record (18-5). Pittsburgh has the most league wins in the past two seasons (31 wins, 0.674 PCT).
* Spivey’s Corner was the most improved team in 2012, winning 7 more games than in 2011. Apex Alleycats had 6 more losses in 2012 than the previous year, tying their own record for fewest wins in a season (3).
* Trends
  + 16 draft picks traded (down from 24 in ‘11) – most active was Fuquay (5), W. Raleigh (4), Ellicott City (4), Spivey’s Corner (4)
  + 92% (11/12) of the league either traded away or received a 2013 draft pick (100% in ’11)
  + 83% (10/12) participation in the 2012 Minor League Draft (up from 66% in ’11)
  + 100% (12/12) participation in the 2012 Winter Talks (up from 82% in ’11)
* A Summer Talks event was not held in 2012
* All 2012 3rd-year protectees were traded away during 2012.

1. Draft Location & Date

Location

* Raleigh, NC?
* Mike’s house? Other ideas or suggestions?
  + Mike house - unanimous

Considerations

* MLB Opening Day is Monday, April 1st
* Chip will be at a cheerleading competition in Myrtle Beach March 23-24
* Sunday, March 31st is Easter Sunday
* Chris’ birthday is Mar 25th
* Natureboys draft
* Droopy traveling to London Sat. March 16-Sat. March 23
* ACC Tournament March 14-17 in Greensboro
  + Many league members desire to go this year

Potential Dates, as voted by the league:

* Sat. March 30th 🡨 *preferred* (need to confirm availability for all)
* Fri. March 29th 🡨 *2nd choice*

1. Important Dates

The official WFBL Player Price Guide must be released no later than 2 weeks prior to the draft, ideally, 2 weeks prior to when protection lists are due (which would be 3 weeks prior to the draft, since protection lists are due 1 week before the draft).

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| Player Price Guide Released | Monday, March 11, 2013 |
| Protected Lists Due | Monday, March 18, 2013 |
| Schedule Released | Monday, March 25, 2013 |
| 20th Annual WFBL Draft | Saturday, March 30, 2013 |
| MLB Opening Day | Monday, April 1, 2013 |
| Initial Roster Transaction Requests Due | Friday, April 12, 2013 (11:59pm) |
| Minor League Draft | Sunday, April 28, 2013 (9pm) |
| Expanded Rosters | Monday, August 19, 2013 |
| Trade/Transaction Deadline | Monday, August 26, 2013 |
| Playoffs Begin | Monday, September 9, 2013 |

1. League Software

Cost for CBSSports.com remains $149.99 as the “Early Bird Special” (deadline Feb 7th).

1. Draft

* Online draft board: expect only minor improvements in the 10th installment of our home-grown online draft software.
* Networking available? Wireless? – all good at Mike’s house
* Projector? – Mike to take care of this

1. Minor League Draft

The last three years, we’ve held the minor league draft online all in one night. This alleviates issues where a player lost minor league draft eligibility during the course of the draft. Owners who cannot be available have the opportunity to submit a list.

Proposed: Expanding ML rosters – up from 8 max to 9

* No 2nd

1. Open Forum
2. Tie-breakers for multiple teams
   1. Discussion of head-to-head across divisions vs. total points
   2. Vote on “total points” for 3 or more teams tied across divisions
      1. For 5
   3. “Mini-division”, as explained by Mike Rudd
      1. What to do when teams don’t play each other the same number of times?
      2. For 6, not enough to pass
      3. Need Don Hunnicutt’s vote to determine next steps.
         1. If he votes “Against”, then the Constitution will be updated according to the ruling made last season by the Rules Committee, as that is the current precedent.
         2. If Don votes “For”, will write the updates to the Constitution and send to the league for final vote on the verbiage.
   4. Change wording to say division tie-breaker done first, then wildcard tie-breaker
3. Result change due to an overruled scoring decision (Adam Jones’ error/Alex Avila triple)
   1. It sucks, but we have to live with it
   2. MLB has a 7-day window in which it can make scoring changes like this
4. Division name change: O’Brien becomes Doeren
   1. Approved – one nay (Dennis C.)
5. Count Sunday’s Rangers/Astros game?
   1. Yes – count it, unanimous
6. Consider lowering protection amounts across the board ($100/$120 from $110/$130)?
   1. Not for this season
   2. 2nd – approved
   3. Vote for 100/120: For 5 – not passed
7. Other?
   1. Commissioner can change lineup for “inactive” teams
      1. 2nd – yes
      2. How to define “inactive” team?
      3. Rescinded
   2. Weekly tie-breaker
      1. Current tie-breaker is bench points
      2. Proposal
         1. HRs + Ws + SVs
         2. If still tied, Coin toss
      3. Unanimous to change
8. Constitution Review
   * Skipped due to lengthy discussions in “Open Forum”
9. Rules Committee Nominations and Elections

Chris and Andrew were elected to a 2-year term beginning in 2012, and Daniel was elected to serve a 2-year term beginning in 2011, so we need 1 new guy to serve a 2-year term beginning in 2013.

Dennis W. – Vote unanimous

1. Draft Lottery

2 “chances” – Ball Hawks, Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls, Spivey’s Corner Knockouts, Power Rangers

4 “chances” – All other teams

* + - 1. Fuquay Nine (Gottfried)
      2. Durham Indians (Doeren)
      3. Apex Alleycats (Avent)
      4. Raleigh Middle Fingers (Gottfried)
      5. Hickory Scorpions (Doeren)
      6. Ball Hawks (Avent)
      7. Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls (Gottfried)
      8. West Raleigh Moundchargers (Doeren)
      9. Spivey’s Corner Knockouts (Avent)
      10. Ellicott City Black Sox (Gottfried)
      11. Fostoria Screwballs (Avent)
      12. Power Rangers (Doeren)

1. Division Alignment

* Defending Division Champs retain their division:Power Rangers (Doeren), Ball Hawks (Avent), Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls (Gottfried)
* Remainder of teams place in division according to draft order

2013 Gottfried Division (2012 division)

Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls (Gottfried)

Ellicott City Black Sox (Gottfried)

Raleigh Middle Fingers (Gottfried)

Fuquay Nine (Avent)

2013 Doeren Division (2012 division)

Power Rangers (O’Brien)

West Raleigh Moundchargers (Avent)

Durham Indians (O’Brien)

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