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# 20th Annual WFBL Winter Talks Meeting Minutes

## March 9, 2014 ▪ Burlington, NC

1. Check Presentations

2013 League Fees: ($40 x 11) + ($20 x 1) = $460

2013 League Expenses: ($150 website) + ($10 engraving) + ($16 ball) = $176

2013 Prize Money: $460 - $174 = $284

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|  |  | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| 3rd Runner Up | Power Rangers (Adam Brake)  2013 Doeren Division Champion (14-9) | $40 | $40 | $40 |
| 2nd Runner Up | Spivey’s Corner Knockouts (Daniel Warren)  2013 Avent Division Champion (14-9) | $52 | $52 | $52 |
| 1st Runner Up | Raleigh Middle Fingers (Thomas Lipps)  2013 Gottfried Division Champions (16-7) | $77 | $77 | $77 |
| League Champion | Fuquay Nine (Andrew Blue)  2013 Wild Card Winner (16-7) | $115 | $115 | $115 |

1. Trophy Presentation

2013 Season in Review

* Both the Power Rangers and Spivey’s Corner Knockouts returned to the postseason in 2013.
* Having just lost 6 of 7 for a 3-9 start, the defending Champion Power Rangers rattled off 11 straight wins to win their division and make the playoffs (winning streak: June 24th – Sep 8th).
* Down by 26.5 points at 6:30pm on Sunday, the Fuquay Nine made an incredible, improbable comeback to win their first ever WFBL Championship.
* Fuquay Nine was the most improved team in 2013, winning 7 more games than in 2012.
* The Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls had 9 more losses in 2013 than the previous year.
* The great Mariano Rivera retired from fantasy baseball in 2013 as a Middle Finger.
* Trends
  + 15 draft picks traded (down from 16 in ‘12) – most active was Spivey’s Corner (6), Raleigh (3), Ellicott City (3)
  + 83% (10/12) of the league either traded away or received a 2014 draft pick (down from 92% in ’12)
  + 66% (8/12) participation in the 2013 Minor League Draft (down from 83% in ’12)
  + 92% (11/12) participation in the 2013 Winter Talks (down from 100% in ’12)
* A Summer Talks event was not held in 2013
* All 2013 3rd-year protectees *except* Clayton Kershaw (HAW) *and* Giancarlo Stanton (WRM) were traded away during 2013.

1. Draft Location & Date

Location

* Kernersville, NC

Date

* Sunday, March 23rd 11am

Vote = 11-0 for

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 | Tuesday, March 11, 2014 |
| Protected Lists Due | Sunday, March 16, 2014 |
| Schedule Released | Friday, March 28, 2014 |
| 21st Annual WFBL Draft | Sunday, March 23, 2014 |
| MLB Opening Day | Monday, March 31, 2014 |
| Initial Roster Transaction Requests Due | Friday, April 11, 2014 (11:59pm) |
| Minor League Draft | Sunday, April 27, 2014 (9pm) |
| Expanded Rosters | Monday, August 18, 2014 |
| Trade/Transaction Deadline | Monday, August 25, 2014 |
| Playoffs Begin | Monday, September 8, 2014 |

1. League Software

Cost for CBSSports.com remains $149.99 as the “Early Bird Special” (deadline Feb 6th).

Done already.

1. Draft

* Online draft board: expect only minor improvements in the 11th installment of our home-grown online draft software.
  + Yes 11-0
* Networking available? Wireless? Yes
* Projector? Someone to bring

1. Minor League Draft

The last four 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.

Same: Yes 11-0

1. Open Forum
2. Update on Dennis (updated his on-the-block list just 12 days after accident)
3. 12th owner?
   1. Don out: 10-0, 1 abstain
   2. Bo? Former owner. Can’t make the draft
   3. Daniel’s guy – will get an answer tonight
   4. Dennis and Chip both know people too
4. Multi-team tie-breakers for standings (last year Apex voted against mini-division for multi-team ties), so the tie-breaker remains total points.
   1. Vote again (2nd)
   2. New Proposal: Ahead of total points, create “Mini-division” where only team’s season series is counted in the division as one W or L, This adjusts for division series vs. non-division opponents that play only once. Ex:
      1. Teams A & B play in the same division, and Team C is not in that division
      2. Team A went 4-1 vs. Team B, Team A would count as 1-0 and Team B would count as 0-1 in the mini-division.
      3. Original Proposal: Team A wins tie-breaker
         1. Team A: 4-1, 0-1 = 4-2 = .667
         2. Team B: 1-4, 1-0 = 2-4 = .333
         3. Team C: 1-0, 0-1 = 1-1 = .500
      4. New Proposal: Goes to total points
         1. Team A: 1-0, 0-1 = 1-1 = .500
         2. Team B: 0-1, 1-0 = 1-1 = .500
         3. Team C: 1-0, 0-1 = 1-1 = .500
   3. Vote: 11-0
5. Schedule snafu
   1. Need to make sure this doesn’t happen again
   2. Help with checking
6. CS -1, remove?
   1. 2nd for 2015
   2. Vote: 3-8 against
7. Proposed scoring system change: instead of W +10, what about W +7, QS +3?
   1. 2nd for 2015
   2. Vote: 3-8 against
8. Count March 22nd Dodgers/Diamondbacks games?
   1. No 11-0
9. Count March 30th Dodgers/Padres game?
   1. Yes 10-0 1, Whatever
10. Consider lowering protection amounts across the board ($100/$120 from $110/$130)?
    1. Lowering protection: No 2nd
11. Last year, regular season was 23 games, 9 division matchups, 14 non-division matchups. What about 12 division matchups, 11 non-division matchups?
    1. No 2nd
12. Other?
    1. Lock in Dates above forever
       1. Add to Constitution general guidelines (11-0)
    2. Proposal: Lower salary cap ($280?), or raise salaries
       1. No 2nd
13. Constitution Review
    * No issues
14. Rules Committee Nominations and Elections

Chris and Andrew were elected to a 2-year term beginning in 2012, and Dennis W. was elected to serve a 2-year term beginning in 2013, so we need 2 new guys to serve a 2-year term beginning in 2014.

2014 Nominees: Matt & Chip, Vote = 11-0

1. Draft Lottery

2 “chances” – Fuquay Nine, Raleigh Middle Fingers, Spivey’s Corner Knockouts, Power Rangers

4 “chances” – All other teams

Draft Results:

1. Power Rangers (Doeren)
2. Spivey’s Corner (Avent)
3. Raleigh Middle Fingers (Gottfried)
4. Durham (Doeren)
5. Ball Hawks (Avent)
6. Fostoria (Gottfried)
7. Ellicott City (Doeren)
8. TBD (Avent)
9. West Raleigh (Gottfried)
10. Hickory (Doeren)
11. Pittsburgh (Avent)
12. Fuquay (Gottfried)
13. Division Alignment

Doeren Division:

Power Rangers\*

Durham Indians

Ellicott City Black Sox

Hickory Scorpions

Avent Division:

Spivey’s Corner Knockouts\*

Ball Hawks

TBD

Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls

Gottfried Division:

Raleigh Middle Fingers\*

Fostoria Screwballs

West Raleigh Moundchargers

Fuquay Nine

\*Defending Division Champs