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#  21st Annual WFBL Winter Talks Meeting Minutes

## February 8th, 2015 ▪ Burlington, NC

1. Check Presentations

2014 League Fees: ($40 x 11) + ($20 x 1) = $460

2014 League Expenses: ($150 website) + ($10 engraving) + ($16 ball) = $176

2014 Prize Money: $460 - $174 = $284

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|  |  | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| 3rd Runner Up | Spivey’s Corner Knockouts (Daniel Warren)2014 Wild Card Winner (13-10) | $40 | $40 | $40 |
| 2nd Runner Up | Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls (Mike Rudd)2014 Avent Division Champions (14-9) | $52 | $52 | $52 |
| 1st Runner Up | Power Rangers (Adam Brake)2014 Doeren Division Champions (15-8) | $77 | $77 | $77 |
| League Champion | Fuquay Nine (Andrew Blue)2014 Gottfried Division Champions (16-7) | $115 | $115 | $115 |

1. Trophy Presentation – updated with new layer!

2014 Season in Review

* The Fuquay Nine, Power Rangers and Spivey’s Corner Knockouts all returned to the postseason in 2013.
* The Power Rangers and Spivey’s Corner Knockouts have made the playoffs each of the past 3 seasons.
* Down by 50+ points heading into the weekend, the Fuquay Nine made yet another incredible, improbable comeback to win their 2nd WFBL Championship.
* Mauer Patch Kids was the most improved franchise in 2014, winning 7 more games than the Apex Alleycats won in 2013
* The Ball Hawks had 6 more losses in 2014 than the previous year
* The great Derek Jeter retired from fantasy baseball in 2014 as an unsigned Free Agent.
* Trends
	+ 19 draft picks traded (up from 15 in ‘13) – most active was Spivey’s Corner (7), Power Rangers (3)
	+ 92% (11/12) of the league either traded away or received a 2015 draft pick (up from 83% in ’13). The West Raleigh Mounchargers were the only franchise that was not involved a trade which included a 2015 draft pick.
	+ 66% (8/12) participation in the 2014 Minor League Draft (same as in ’13)
	+ 100% (11/11) participation in the 2014 Winter Talks (up from 92% in ’13)
* A Summer Talks event was not held in 2014.
* All 2014 3rd-year protectees *except* Jose Bautista (FUQ), Ben Zobrist (WRM), Jared Weaver (PIT), Adrian Beltre (HIK), Matt Holliday (HIK), Carlos Santana (DUR) and Jason Kipnis (DUR) were traded away or dropped during 2014.
* Adam read a really long summary of the season from CBS Sports.
1. Draft Location & Date

Location

* Hickory? No – Chris’s schedule to up in the air
* Raleigh?
* Cary – Mike house
* Other ideas or suggestions?

Date

* Sunday, March 29th 10am? 11am? Conflict for Chris
* Sat, March 28th is good
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 | *Saturday, March 7, 2015* |
| Protected Lists Due | *Saturday, March 14, 2015* |
| Schedule Released | *Friday, March 27, 2015 or April 3* |
| 22nd Annual WFBL Draft | *Saturday, March 28, 2015* |
| MLB Opening Day | Monday, April 6, 2015 |
| Initial Roster Transaction Requests Due | Friday, April 17, 2015 (10pm) |
| Minor League Draft | Sunday, April 26, 2015 (online, 9pm) |
| Expanded Rosters | Monday, August 24, 2015 |
| Trade/Transaction Deadline | Monday, August 31, 2015 |
| Playoffs Begin | Monday, September 14, 2015 |

1. League Software

Cost for CBSSports.com remains $149.99 as the “Early Bird Special” (deadline Feb 12th).

* Don’t ask again
1. Draft
* Online draft board: expect only minor improvements in the 12th installment of our home-grown online draft software.
* Projector?
1. Minor League Draft

The last five 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.

1. Open Forum
2. We exceeded our $10 budget by $38 (total $48) by adding another tier to our league trophy. Should we impose a 1-time $3.17/team charge, or take the money out of the 2015 league winnings?

All 12 teams will pay additional $3

1. Thomas is still having issues getting emails addressed to the league using our wfbl@baseball.cbssports.com email address. Is anyone else having issues?
2. Roster expansion is kind of a pain and happens 1 week ahead of Transaction Deadline. Is it worth it? Can we just fix the max roster size at 25 (or 30) and just leave it?

Vote to remove – 5 for, 6 against

1. For regular season matchup tie-breaker, CBS Sports supports the following: a) allow ties, b) home team wins, c) team with better reserves wins, or d) team w/ better category (single categories like HR, RBI, etc.). Our current tie-breaker of HR+W+SV is not supported. The same options are available for the playoff matchups. This can be the same or different than that of regular season.

Leave as is… commish can manually set who wins the tie.

1. The Trade Deadline can be set using the CBS Sports website (as taking effect at 11:59PM on the day specified). Our constitution says Transaction Deadline goes into effect when lineups lock (may be as late as 6:45pm). So, if we set the Trade Deadline on the website to that Monday when the scoring period starts, the website will not prohibit trades until 11:59PM that day (after lineups lock). If we set it on the website to the Sunday before, trades will not be allowed at all on that Monday. We should probably keep the Transaction Deadline at Monday lineup lock, but should we “break out” the Trade Deadline and set it to the day before? Or just keep it as it is, and not set the date on the website?

Keep as is

1. Other?
	1. Reduce or eliminate transaction freeze after the draft
		1. Proposed to have FA immediately after the draft
			1. 2nd received
			2. Vote 2 for, 9 against
	2. Propose to lower salary cap to $280 for 2015
		1. 2nd received
		2. Passed, 7 for, 4 against
2. Constitution Review
3. Rules Committee Nominations and Elections

Daniel was elected to a 2-year term beginning in 2013. Matt and Chip were elected to serve a 2-year term beginning in 2014. So, we need 1 new guy to replace Daniel and serve a 2-year term beginning in 2015. *Andrew elected.*

1. Draft Lottery

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

4 “chances” – All other teams

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

\*Defending Division Champs:Fuquay Nine (Gottfried), Power Rangers (Doeren), Pittsburgh Brahma Bulls (Avent)

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