

2009-10 Duluth BCA Pool League Pre-Season Meeting Minutes 09/16/09

Election of Officers:

Both Jerry Fredrickson and Bill Goldsworthy were nominated for president. After some discussion about both candidates, the teams present voted by ballot – one vote per team. The final tally was Bill Goldsworthy 17 and Jerry Fredrickson 13.

Jeff Schelin was the only nomination for Secretary. The league members present voted unanimously.

Announcements:

BCAPL Sanction Fee: The BCA Pool League Sanction Fee was raised from \$10 to \$15. This increase was made by the national organization, and we therefore must abide.

No Phenolic Break Tips: Phenolic break tips are now illegal. Whatever cuestick is used to shoot the opening break shot must have a natural leather tip, no synthetics. This rule will be enforced at the MN and WI state and regional BCAPL tournaments and at BCAPL nationals. So far, phenolics are allowed in league play.

League Income:

Sponsor Fee: The league members present voted unanimously to leave the Sponsor Fee at \$100.

Weekly Fees: After some discussion about the extra \$1 and the loss of half-time drinks, the league members present unanimously voted to leave the Weekly Fees at \$6 per player per night, with \$1 per player per night reimbursed to the home bars at the end of the year to pay for the league games.

League Expenditures:

Secretary Fee: The Secretary position is the only paid position within league. The position entails the overall management of the league, which includes, but is not limited to: retrieving scores and money from previous week's matches, maintaining accurate league statistics, providing current statistics to the players in a timely fashion, accurately and ethically maintaining the league's finances, and informing the players of upcoming events. There was some discussion about giving the Secretary a raise, but the Secretary politely refused. The league members present unanimously voted to leave the Secretary's Fee at \$3,000 for the season.

Minnesota or Wisconsin State/Regional BCA Team Entry Paid by League: In order to have a strong showing of support for our State and Regional BCA Championships, for the past many years the league has paid the team entry fee to either the Minnesota or Wisconsin BCA Team Championships for any team in the league. The league members present voted unanimously to continue this practice.

Year-End Tournament & Banquet: The league adds \$1000 to the year-end tournament, and the host site has adds \$500. The league pays the host site \$500 for food at the banquet. The league members present voted unanimously to continue this practice.

Year-End Pay-Outs: The league members present unanimously voted to leave the year-end pay-outs the same as last year, which was:

- ✓ **First Half Bonuses:** After the first half of the season is complete, the teams are re-aligned into the “Upper,” “Middle,” and “Lower” divisions. Every team in the “Upper” division will receive a \$100 bonus at the end of the year, and every team in the “Middle” division will receive a \$50 bonus at the end of the year.
- ✓ **Division Champion Bonuses:** \$1200 will be paid out at the end of the year to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each of the three divisions. Each 1st place team will receive a \$265 bonus, and each 2nd place team will receive a \$135 bonus.
- ✓ **Las Vegas Bonuses:** The league will set aside \$4,800 for teams going to Las Vegas. These teams compete for this money at the end of the year. The team that wins that competition will receive \$2,000, the 2nd place team receives \$1,200, and the 3rd place team receives \$800. The top women’s team will receive \$800. If any Las Vegas Bonus money remains, it is returned to the overall league purse to be distributed to all the teams based on Round Points and Ball Points.
- ✓ **Round Points & Ball Points:** After all bonuses have been paid, the remaining purse is paid to the teams based on Round Points won and Ball Points scored.

New Player Handicaps:

The league members present voted unanimously to change the New Player Handicap to 7.5 for men and 6.5 for women.

Table Conditions:

If a host site has pool tables that are not in satisfactory condition, players must notify the league officers so the situation can be fixed. While we cannot expect the host sites to have brand new tables, cloth and balls all year long, some minimum standards will be enforced. Such standards include: level table, responsive rails, clean felt and balls, decent lighting, etc.

Year-End Vegas Bonus Tournament:

After some discussion about handicapping the Vegas Bonus tournament, the league members present unanimously voted to use the same handicapping as the Year-End tournament, which is a 2-game handicap per Division difference. Therefore, if a Division 1 team plays a Division 2 team, the Division 2 team is spotted 2 games. If a Division 1 team plays a Division 3 team, the Division 3 team is spotted 4 games. If a Division 2 team plays a Division 3 team, the Division 3 team is spotted 2 games.