

# Meeeting Agenda Details

- 1 League Future - No I am not selling right now. That was not the reason for this meeting. However I will be looking at retiring in 2-3 years. That plan is still up in the air and could take many different forms. I could sell outright, stay on as a partner or hire a League Manager so I can still retire but would still be the majority owner. Not exactly sure what it will look like at this point. Nothong is set in stone at this point in time but i do intend to make sure the league is in good hands when i do retire from it.
- 2 Week 4 - Memberships paid by week 4. Rosters Frozen. Changes with LO approval only
- 3 Communication/Information - Facebook Group, Member services app, League Website - check for information on a regular basis. I will begin posting notices on the Member Services app shortly
- 4 Real Deal - Tables will be re clothed sometime between late Febraury and mid March. They are likley going to change to a darker grey cloth. I have seen the cloth if it's the one they choose. It looks good amd it hides marks better. It will take some time to get used to it as it did when they switched to the brown. Some people just hate change.
- 5 APA Standardization - Scorekeeping - all areas must score every match where possible. Member numbers - eventually going to a universal number. - Terminology from National Championship to World Pool Champiponship and from Regionals to World Qualifier - Qualifying structure - that is our biggese change. I will get into that later. Other items may include a change to singles qualifying structure, or other things.
- 6 Singles Board Fee Increase - Singles Board are now \$160 and are going to \$200. They were going to \$240 but backed off. Costs are way up. Hotel rooms were double occupancy and are now single and they didn't change the fees then. Hotel Rooms are subtanially higher than they were when we went from \$120 to \$160. Staffing costs are up (flights, hotel rooms, per diem etc) We will have to change from the \$100 we charge through the guaranteed winner format. That will be going to \$140 now. I will still subsidize the balance. We can expect another increase in 4 or 5 years time.
- 7 Ladies and Masters Divisions - These divisions will return to a once a month format . Will start in March and end in January. Playoffs and Regionals will be in February. The plan will be to have one match scheduled in July that the teams could reschedule if the choose to do so.
- 8 Doubles Division - New Sunday evening Doubles Division will begin in late March and play once a month. The exact schedule is being worked out. The division will max out at 20 teams. There will be playoffs at end of January/early February and a Regional tournament in February. Details will be released shortly.
- 9 Border Balltle/Montral Changes - Border Battle will be likely making some changes either in 2025 or in 2026. The expected changes would see the 8-Ball start on the Wednesday and wrap up on the Friday afternoon. It will also see the 9-Ball expand to 64 teams starting on the Friday afternoon and wrapping up on the Sunday. 2 huge benefits are obviously more teams at the event with the 9-Ball increase. More days for minis, but the biggest benefit is 99% of the rooming will be on site as the 8-Ball teams check out on Friday and the 9-Ball teams check in. Montreal Event - Regional Winners will now have a choice of Border Battle or Montreal (With only 1 slot if both teams want Border Battle then we wil fip a coin)

- 10 Destination or Vacation Divisions - Other league areas are running Destination Divisions. Concept is that in one specific division all teams would pay an extra amount of fees and that money funds the trip. Some areas go to Hawaii, some areas do Cruises. Some keep it open to the winning teams choice. Math is as follows - 6 Teams X 47 Weeks X 60 = \$16,920 - 8 teams X 47 weeks X 50 = \$18,800 - 10 teams X 47 weeks X 40 = \$18,800. . Division would be no different than our standard division other but would result in a Destination Tournament weekend after Regionals. All teams would make the Tournament although those finishing higher have an easier path to the trip. All teams would be required to play all 3 sessions in this divisions. At the end of tonight anybody interested please see me so i can follow up.
- 11 Slow Play - over 30% of our matches took over an hour in 8-Ball or 55 minutes in 9-Ball. I will be highlighting to captains any players on their teams that data shows are in the bottom 10-20% of their skill levels in terms of speed of play.
- 12 Scoresheet Procedure Changes - Beginning with play Monday February 3 we will no longer print out scoresheets for the Guelph Divisions. Teams will be given blank scoresheets to use in the event that the app goes down. We will provide scoresheets for new teams (if necessary) for a few weeks in order for them to get up to speed on the electronic scoring. Also, any mathes that are scored on paper must be sent in by a picture and then the scoresheet left in the envelope. We will still be sending out pins in the envelope and envelopes will be picked up twice a week as they are now. Teams should be submitting their electronic scoresheets and sending any applicable messages along with the submission.
- 13 Pins - Due to the ever increasing cost of pins we will be limiting pins to 1 per type per player per team per session for player of Skill Level 5 and above and 2 pins per type per team per session for players skill level 4 and under. Cost of pins has increased over 100% over the last few years. We currently spend on average \$120 on pins per week.
- 14 E-Transfers and New Procedures - E-transfers, as a form of team payment, are acceptable. Please put notes in your e-transfer of what team and date it is for. Please have e-transfers sent within 3 days after your match. Please, where possible, try to have the same person send it on a regular basis or if you need to change the sender or it is a one off then text me and let me know. After 3 days, Team bonus points for fees will be retroactively removed and i will be sending out an e-transfer request for funds. E-transfers for singles boards are acceptable as well. Please put notes in as for who it's for and what format.
- 15 New Playoff and Regional Qualification - As per the APA - new Regional Qualification and playoff guidelines will be implemented. This will be a huge change from where we are now. Part of the changes involves only 1 team per division per session will qualify for playoffs (exception in summer). First off no team will be able to qualify directly to the Regionals without having won a round of playoffs. 4-5 team divisions - 1st vs WC - 6-11 team divisions - 1st vs WC, 2nd vs 3rd - winners play for the final. 13 -16 teams divisions (2 spots) 1st vs WC, 4th vs 5th - winners play final also, 2nd vs 7th, 3rd vs 6th winner play in final. The other big change is that going forward playoff winners will receive trophies. There are 2 exceptions to the above qualifying process - In summer in divisions of 6 teams or more, both sem final winners qualify for regionals and the final is for trophies. The second is that any division winner (1st place overall) that does not qualify will be entered into a year end tournament where an additional 1 or 2 teams (depending on the numbers) will qualify for Regionals. These changes apply to 8-Ball and 9-Ball Formats and do not apply to Ladies/Masters/Doubles. All changes will be updated in the by-laws in time for the start of the summer.

- 16 World Pool Championship Travel - The APA Has given us the right to a room block at the Westgate Hotel in Vegas for the first time. This year, on a trial basis, we will booking travel for you. I will be getting a block 32 flights for our players along with the rooms. The way i envision it happening is that extra travellers or any flight changes will be done through the travel agent. I will collect information from the winners within a week of winning and forward to the Westgate and the Travel agent for flight booking.
- 17 League Fees - we will be inceasing league Fees to \$60 and \$110 beginning in the Fall Session. Discussion was held on where the Fee increases would be going along with a discussion on historical fee increases and where that money went.