## **OBG MEN'S BILLIARD CLUB**

## **MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

TO: Tom Fetherling, President

FROM: Fred Kells-Murphy, Secretary

SUBJECT: Captains Meeting Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Tom Fetherling, President called the meeting to order at 10:00am

**Officers in attendance were:** 

Tom Fetherling, President; Dennis Textor, Vice President Buddy Nichols, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Bill Finn, Treasurer Fred Kells-Murphy, Secretary; Walter Ennes, Asst. Secretary.

Tom Introduced two new captains, Phil D'Angelo and Vince Gerhiem

Tom informed us that the fall meetings of captains will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> followed by the "Captains Day Tournament At Silver Lake

Tom introduced the officers of the club and acknowledged that Bill Turechek as the club's Web Master. Bill has done a phenomenal job.

Our next session will be a 10 week session.

Tom noted that he had received numerous comments about allowing the Slackters to play on the same team. Tom stated that Tom Slackter has agreed to select a C player and immediately select a D player when it becomes his selection in the draft. Tom said that the captains would now be polled by written ballot as to whether to allow the Slackters to stay together in this manner or whether John Slackter should be available in the draft. Leo Fraser stood and raised an objection to the ballot until someone was given the opportunity to explain the situation and propose an alternate solution. Tom gave the floor to Leo and Leo stated that Tom Slackter should be treated as having the first draft pick, and then he would not have another pick until everyone had two picks. Tom Slackter said that he would select only from the D players when it became his turn if allowed to have his father on the team. Leo said no, he should make his selection after everyone had made two selections. Tom Slackter said he would do whatever was agreed to and it was agreed that Tom would be allowed to have his father on his team as if he had the first selection and then would make his next selection after everyone had made two selections, and then he would select last.

Tom said that he had received several comments on how the draft is conducted. Players have commented both on the general method for determining the order of

selection by the captains and method of selection. Some players have suggested going back to the method of a blind draw. In that method, both the order of selection and the players selected were determined by a blind drawing by the captains. Tom asked for a vote on whether the draft should remain the same or be switched to a random draw for the winter session. The vote initially got 17 votes for keeping the present method, but before the vote for all those in favor of a random draw was called Jim Price was given the floor and brought up an issue with the current method of reversing the order of selection whereby the player that selects first in the first round selects last in the second round. Jim felt that the selection sequence should be the same in every round as it is in professional sports drafting. Players have commented that using the order of finish is not a meaningful way to determine the selection sequence because only the captain of the team is affected by this since only the captain remains with the team. The best players that are not captains have a better likelihood of being on the top finishing teams than the captains do. Leo Fraser said that the vote on the first issue needed to be settled before any other issue was brought up. At this point, Tom put the issue to a vote again by asking if the draft should remain the same for the winter session or if it should be switched to a random draw. The vote was taken and the motion was decided in favor of using the random draw method.