



**Stratford Minor Baseball Association
January 2025
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday January 13th, 2025
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:00**

Attendees:

Chris Redfern
Barry Grasby
Emily Priestap
Bevan Mathieson
Ashley Mathieson
Jon Paola

Brett Sippel
Corey Bridges
Jon Paola
Larry Balkwill
Matt Francis

Ben Ehgoetz
Don Grasby
Mike Atkinson (13U)
Tyler Marshall
Jamie Antonio

Call to Order

C. Redfern called the meeting to order.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts reported.

Additions to Agenda

None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion B. Ehgoetz by , 2nd by S. Vaters.

Acceptance of Minutes from November 2024 meeting

Motion by A. Mathieson, 2nd by M. Francis.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Finance Report

Starting to get rep registrations in. Money going out is for rep teams going into tournaments. Coaches should be personally paying for tournament registrations to ensure registrations are secured for tournaments. To get paid, need banking information in order to get paid through Plotoo.

Uniform Update

Kyle will inform coaches as soon a sizing date is determined.

Coaches Update

C. Redfern reminded coaches they have to get their own sponsors. Also need a high resolution logo if it's a new sponsor who hasn't been used before.

Coaches meeting likely April 16th, but C. Redfern will send a meeting update once we know.

Make sure coaches have their courses.

Tournament Update

All tournaments are full, with the exception of 8U. Currently 6 registered for 8U. Just waiting on a few payments to come in and have waitlists.

We applied to host 18U A.

C. Redfern discussed Hawley wanting to host a 22U tournament. It's a matter of if the tournament committee would want to host it. D. Grasby wanted to discuss the 22U giving out cash prizes for their tournament. C. Bridges doesn't believe there's an issue with giving out cash prizes. B. Mathieson discussed that 22U requires level 3 umpires, and we don't have many. It would also be costly to bring in umpires. Concern was also brought up about not having enough people there to help.

B. Grasby stated that because Brian Hawley is a coach, he should attend the board meeting and bring it back in February.

Discussion took place about coaches needing to decide if they plan to convene their own tournaments or pay to go in. It was discussed that the mega tournament must be convened by parents. All other tournaments were also agreed to be convened by the teams.

ICBA

18U year-end tournament is the first weekend in August. 8/9U 2nd weekend in August. They would like to get rid of game sheets and just go with Game Changer. .

14U, Niagara is in the loop.

18U, at away games the home teams have to be off the field 1 hour prior so we can having batting practice.

April 24th is the coaching meeting in Cambridges. Season will start May 12th.

Pitching rule, have choice to declare last batter at which point they can finish off the batter. If it comes below, they go back.

Guelph wants to cut games down to 18 from 24. They feel practices are important and have trouble getting games in with rainouts. It was discussed that we are not in favour of changing the numbers of games.

Discussion also took place at ICBA with not allowing non-competitive teams to play in Tier 1. B. Grasby motioned to vote it down. 2nd by B. Ehgoetz. All in favour.

February 8th is the deadline for reporting if teams are playing T1 or T2.

Registrar

Coaches need to submit parent signatures sheets to Emily, as well as any missing coaching information.

Facilities

Still not sure if we are going to get charged for Packham.

House league

Quoting Dunnys and Tallman for house league jerseys. Registration will be open for house league in the next couple weeks. Hoping to have blast ball final day July 26th at the stadium. Will be reaching out to sponsors soon.

Fundraising

The committee will be meeting soon. It was decided no spaghetti night. Bevan will look into New Orleans pizza night. Will continue to push the banners. Ashley will look into pricing of banners at a new company. Elmira chicken was brought up.

D. Grasby made a motion to handout chicken order sheets out to coaches by Feb. 1st. Teams will have to have the order sheets and money in by March 1st. Orders will then go beginning of March for delivery approximately March 21st.

Umpires

Nothing to report. Once a clinic is available, will register.

Facilities

Nothing to report.

Sports Council

Nothing to report

New Business

Hosting a Blue Jays clinic June 28th. SMBA gets \$1000 from Blue Jays Care for hosting. Our only requirement is to help market and supply water. Ages 8-12.

Bylaws still need to be gone through. Should have it approved for the February meeting. A.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by A. Mathieson, 2nd by M. Francis .

Next Meeting February 10th, 2025.