



**Stratford Minor Baseball Association  
January 2024  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:30**

**Attendees:**

Chris Redfern  
Corey Bridges  
Emily Priestap  
Bevan Mathieson  
Ashley Mathieson

Jessica Klumper  
Matt Francis  
Jon Paola  
Barry Grasby  
Mike Reid

Ben Ehgoetz

**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**

Approved by A. Mathieson , 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Ehgoetz

**Acceptance of Minutes from December 2023 meeting**

Accepted by C. Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Mathieson

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Quote was given from C. Vail for pitching machines. 1 machine is \$2,650 + tax, 2 can do a 5% discount.  
Total for 2 machines is \$5,796.87.

B. Grasby made motion to purchase 2 new pitching machines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Reid. It was discussed that there is room in the budget. All in favour. Approved.

It was discussed that the other pitching machines need to be serviced.

**Action Item: J. Paola and M. Francis will take machines to Pinnacle to determine what servicing is**

required. M. Francis will speak to an electrician about repairs.

Action Item: B. Eghoetz and B. Grasby to look into new wheels for the pitching machines.

### **Finance Report**

C. Bridges advised that most money in has been from tournaments being hosted. Most money has been received for the tournaments. Only money currently going out is for tournaments that Stratford teams have registered for.

### **ICBA**

Next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup> in Stratford, President's meeting. It was discussed that food should be supplied. C. Bridges approved B. Grasby to purchase food for the meeting.

Rule changes being proposed; Tier 1 going to time limit of 2.5 hours.

ICBA has changed website to Sportzhead. Treasurer advised we can't go on our site and make changes because it will override their schedule. She would like to see fines imposed if this happens (\$200). It was discussed that more information regarding this subject needs to be investigated.

Action Items: C. Redfern to contact Sportzhead rep to ensure there's no connection between the ICBA and Stratford website which could result in changes to the ICBA site when changes are made on Stratford's.

Rosters need to be in by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Rep fees paid 30 days after that.

Interlock teams, now paying \$50 more a team.

16U has 12 teams. B. Eghoetz stated he would like it 6 and 6 instead of 1 group of 12.

Next meeting in February tournament requests; we have to determine what ICBA championships we want to host. 12U Tier 2 and 13U Tier 1 are the first choice. 14U is the backup.

Awards banquet is October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **Registrar**

Nothing to report.

### **Coaches**

K. Priestap will reach out again to coaches to remind them of important items to remember. It was confirmed that final amount for sponsorship is \$600, same as last year.

### **Tournaments**

Full. 18U all paid, 8U waiting on 1 team, 10U all paid, 11U all paid, 9 teams now in 16U. 14U has 12 paid teams. 7 teams are on the waitlist. Discussion took place about allowing 16 teams in the 14U

tournament. It was decided to keep the 14U at 12 teams due to umpire availability.

K. Priestap discussed making a schedule amongst board members to assist with convening. C. Redfern asked K. Priestap to make a list of duties that convenors/ parents have to do, and possibly a schedule to ensure there's a convenor for all weekends.

**Action Item: K. Priestap to make a list of duties and create a schedule for convening.**

It was discussed that there will be a parent/ Stratford representative present at each game in order to make phone calls if there's an issue.

B. Grasby made a motion that a hosting Stratford team is required to provide a Stratford representative at each tournament game being played. If the hosting Stratford team is playing, a board member will be present to cover the games at other diamonds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Mathieson. Carried.

**K. Priestap to send out expectations for convening tournaments to coaches.**

### **Houseleague**

Going live with registration tomorrow. Requesting 5U, 7U and 12U at Packham. Currently waiting on the city for confirmation. 7U hoping for Mondays and Thursdays. 12U hoping for Wednesdays and Saturdays at Dufferin. Confirmation given that blastball is ages 3 and 4.

Final day to be determined, hopefully do a BBQ. C. Redfern asked that the Facebook post be shared by board members.

**Action Item: Board members share Facebook post advertising registration for houseleague and rep.**

### **Fundraising**

J. Klumper looked into spaghetti dinner. Joe's Diner said \$25 for tickets, with \$5 kickback. We would have to provide drinks, desserts and volunteers. Black Angus came back at \$9 and offering Caesar salad, spaghetti, sauces, squares and we provide drinks. Only date we can the Army Navy in May is Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>. A. Mathieson will look into mid April. If not, will book May 9<sup>th</sup>.

It was determined that we will do just the spaghetti dinner and not the Elmira chicken.

Sponsorships – Going to start going down the list from last year to ask about house league sponsorships. Still no blastball sponsor.

### **Umpires**

Umpire clinics, can look into booking April at Anne Hathaway. Level 1 and 2.

**Action Item: A. Mathieson to book Anne Hathaway for umpire clinics.**

### **Facilities**

Nothing to report.

### **Sports Council**

M. Francis asked for some answers for booking Packham for the summer. No City representation at the meeting, so nothing to report.

**New Business**

Inquiry into allowing someone to have their wedding at the stadium. It was stated that SMBA has no issue, but they will have to approach the City for permission and insurance requirements.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by A. Mathieson , 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Mathieson

Next Meeting Scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 18:30 – Army Navy