



**Stratford Minor Baseball Association
October 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Monday October 17, 2022
Tim Taylor Lounge @ 19:30

Attendees:

Don Grasby
Corey Bridges
Emily Priestap
Kyle Priestap
Bevan Mathieson
Chris Redfern

Sue Grasby
Ashley Mathieson
Jessica Klumper
Matt Francis
Jonathan Paola
Ben Ehgoetz

Dave Graff
Mike Reid
Jeff Keller
Larry Balkwill
Beth Hovius
Barry Grasby

Call to Order

Don Grasby called the meeting to order.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts reported.

Approval of Agenda

Approved by A. Mathieson, 2nd by C. Bridges.

Acceptance of Minutes from September 2022 meeting

Approved by B. Hovius, 2nd by K. Priestap.

Business Arising from Minutes

Nothing reported.

Finance Report

Nothing further to report.

ICBA

B. Mathieson presented updates from ICBA. It was discussed that at the next ICBA meeting, there will be a vote Jason Little receiving an increase from \$500 to \$1000 for doing the scheduling. Discussion took place about how workload could change if new convenors take off some workload. All in favour of SMBA's voting against the increase in wage for Jason Little.

Question arose about whether or not SMBA is in favour of interlock teams in ICBA. It was agreed that interlock teams should be allowed as long as they follow protocols and ICBA follows through with disciplinary action if protocols are not followed.

B. Mathieson requires all teams to declare if they are planning to go Tier 1 or Tier 2.

ICBA will be voting on not allowing releases for any players 13 years of age and younger.

November 5th there will be a symposium held for ICBA locals. ICBA would ideally like at least 5 representatives from each local to attend for discussion on how ICBA can be made better. D. Grasby, B. Hovius, E. Priestap, and B. Mathieson will be attending. Anyone from SMBA Board who would like an item brought forward is to relay their wishes/concerns to one of the attending parties, prior to November 5.

November 10th is the ICBA AGM at 7pm, Grand Valley Golf Club.

ICBA is considering going back to tournament style for ICBA Championships for 13U and down, and keeping with the playoff format for 14U and up but no consolation games.

Registrar Update

B. Hovius gave a reminder that she required the signed parent roster sheets back in order to get rosters approved.

Coaches Update

It was discussed that a coach's meeting is taking place next Monday where Travel Rep will go over expectations. D. Graff will also follow up on the status of the 14U team. There was also discussion that there is the potential of a 3rd 18U WOBA Team.

Discussion took place regarding where the 2nd 9U team might play next year, and WOBA was considered as an option. It was also discussed that WOBA would be similar to playing Tier 2 in ICBA. This discussion is ongoing.

Fundraising

Treasurer suggested that we think about fundraising ideas for next budget to better assist in being able to set fees for the 2023 season. The November committees will be meeting after the committees are formed in the November meeting. It was suggested that fees be set at the December meeting.

The discussion of the Hitmen Tournament came up, and it was discussed that we no longer do the tournament.

Motion by C. Redfern that we no longer organize the Hitmen Tournament, 2nd by J. Keller. All in favour. Carried.

It was proposed that we contact the other potential tournament organizer to explore opportunity of running the BBQ at the slo-pitch tournament.

Action Item: Fundraising Committee to investigate doing BBQ at potential 2023 Slo-Pitch Tournament

Facilities

D. Grasby stated that there are still too many people, parents and board members/ coaches, contacting the City when issues arise. He reminded everyone that anything to do with SMBA and the City need to go through him.

Sports Council

It was shared that Brian Grasby has resigned as the Sports Council Rep.

New Business

Sue Grasby made a motion that Beth Hovius receive a retro pay of \$700 for the 2022 rosters. 2nd by Ashley Mathieson. All in favour. Carried.

Action Item: Treasurer to reimburse Registrar to 2022 season.

Mike Reid discussed that the 18Us do not want t-shirts for tournament give-outs and asked that something else be given out. SMBA board to think of options for giveaway at tournaments and bring back to the Board prior to the 2023 tournament season.

Motion to adjourn by K. Priestap, 2nd by B. Hovius.

Next Meeting November 14, 2022
Stratford Army Navy @ 6:30pm