



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

**Monday December 16th, 2024
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:00**

Attendees:

Don Grasby
Kyle Priestap
Emily Priestap
Bevan Mathieson
Ashley Mathieson

Brett Sippel
Matt Francis
Jon Paola
Barry Grasby
Tyler Marshall

Ben Ehgoetz
Dan Patterson
Jamie Antonio
Gerrad Everard

Call to Order

D. Grasby called the meeting to order.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts reported.

Additions to Agenda

None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by A. Mathieson, 2nd by J. Paola.

Acceptance of Minutes from November 2024 meeting

Motion by B. Ehgoetz, 2nd by A. Mathieson.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Finance Report

Emily presented financial report from C. Bridges.

Uniform Update

K. Priestap presented. Going with Dunny's as our suppliers. Have 6 options for jerseys, and jersey selection will also determine what we do with the hat selection. Planning to stay with grey pants.

D. Grasby asked if we can get the jersey with the 2 buttons. J. Anotonio stated that any of the designs can be done with any style. J. Anotonio confirmed the material will be similar to last year. J. Paola stated that whatever logo we stick with should be the one we stick with for additional swag.

J. Paola made a motion to go with the jersey option on page 2, with 2 buttons, for the 2025 season. 2nd by B. Mathieson. All in favour. Carried.

Will have a fitting night the end of January, that will likely be done at the Army Navy.

Hats for next year will be a full-back.

Coaches Update

Sponsorship, coaches are responsible for finding their own sponsors. Will need sponsors by mid-January.

Kyle has reached out to most coaches. Because so many coaches already have jerseys, they will have the option of getting the 2 jerseys, or getting a coat instead. ¾ style doesn't have the hood. Coaches can do the fitting the same night they do the jersey sizing.

Tournament Update

Most tournaments full, but 8U so far have 4 teams registered. Most teams are all paid up, haven't had to chase.

Have applied to host the 18U OBAs, and that decision will be made in January.

ICBA

D. Grasby stated that they voted on having a 22U T2 loop, denied. Have to get an alias link for OBA put on our website so that any complaints, harassments, ejections, etc. can be reported. \$300 per team for the alias website. \$205 per team also for OBA fees. \$8 per player and coach for insurance. \$75 per team for the banquet. Our association, not including insurance, have to pay between ICBA and OBA \$580 per team. Hoping to have, with intercounty all star teams, getting uniforms every year. Associations have to put

Rule changes for ICBA have to be put in by January. Will need to send requests to Emily by December 31st, and will vote on them at the January meeting.

Barry will be in charge of interlock teams for ICBA. Will be enforcing double-headers if having to travel far distances, of they have to come to us twice.

M. Francis asked if there has ever been any discussion about not tiering out a division. B. Mathieson stated that for teams who have a limited number of teams in a certain loop, they will be given the option.

Have to classify 5 days before your first OBA regular season game. Can go up later on, but you can't go down.

K. Priestap asked if you can classify lower if we are classified at a certain division based on households.

M. Francis asked if there's been a change to qualifications. It was confirmed that was voted down.

Rule change that if the coach declares last batter, their pitch counts won't interfere with subsequent games.

Registrar

Still waiting on some signature sheets. Also a reminder to put APs on the roster. Registration is open on the website.

Facilities

Nothing to report. Still waiting on budget to be passed by City council.

House league

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Umpires

Nothing to report.

Sports Council

No meeting this month.

New Business

Brian Hawley decided to stay with SMBA. He wants to give Pitchers Only a discounted rate. B. Ehgoetz would like to see what he is charging each player. It was discussed that there should be a paper trail.

M. Francis asked if 22U fees were calculated into the budget.

It was decided that this topic should be tabled to next meeting when the treasurer is here.

B. Hawley would like to run a tournament in June. He would like to have a cash prize for the winner.

M. Francis asked if we have run a 22U in the past. It has been done previously, just many years ago. Will defer the cash prize to the next meeting when president here.

B. Sippel asked what sponsorship cost is. B. Mathieson stated \$600.

M. Francis asked if we can be forceful on getting Packham for free. A. Mathieson stated that C. Redfern is working on that. M. Francis suggested St. Al's to run blastball. Discussed that we should reach out to the school board to see about getting St. Al's diamond for blastball. M. Francis asked if coach pitch is even

worth it, or if they should transition from blastball to pitching machine. It was discussed that this should be left to the house league committee.

Motion to Adjourn

J. Paola, 2nd by A. Mathieson.

Next Meeting TBD