



Stratford Minor Baseball Association Meeting Minutes

Monday February 14th, 2022 @ 6:30pm
Army Navy

Attendees: Ashley Mathieson Bevan Mathieson Chris Redfern
Brian Grasby Matt Francis Barry Grasby
Don Grasby Corey Bridges Sue Smith
Jaimie Serf Beth Hovius John Brightwell

D. Grasby called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by Brian Grasby. Seconded by J. Brightwell. Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting dated January 10th, 2022.

Moved by Jaimie Serf. Seconded by A. Mathieson. Carried.

IBL Team

C. Bridges informed board that council has approved to spend \$100,000 on National Stadium for improvements, not contingent on any grants.

Finance Report

C. Bridges informed board about cheques coming in for tournaments that are not post-dated.

Motion to approve financial report.

Moved by A. Mathieson. Seconded by M. Francis. Carried.

ICBA Update

B. Mathieson informed that 16U Niagara and St Catherine's want to put 2 teams in the 16U ICBA League. Discussion from 16U coaches on whether we should approve – decided yes. SMBA responsible for 10U Tier 2 and 14U Tier 1 division convenors. Bearcats 16U team asked to play in the 18U Tier 1 division in ICBA, voted unanimously no.

Registration

B. Hovius informed that we still need a roster for 18U. Initial rosters due end of April. Most of teams are rostered and approved, just waiting on coaching info for a few teams.

House League Update

C. Redfern informed video for marketing HL is being worked on and will be posted on FB. Registration will be posted soon. M. Francis suggested an FAQ sheet for parents.

Fundraising/Sponsorship

C. Redfern informed that he and M. Hall will be co-chairing the Hitmen tournament. Board members will be required to volunteer the day of and help out beforehand.

Taco night – Barry Grasby to reach out to Jay Ford about Taco Night.

Pizza night – B. Mathieson informed that New Orleans has agreed to hold SMBA pizza night on April 18 and 19. Board agreed that March would be better – March break.

D. Grasby informed board that the 14U team has a sponsor wanting to sponsor them for \$1,500. Discussion on how we can properly navigate the sponsorship.

Action Item: B. Mathieson to reach out to John at New Orleans and ask to move Pizza Night to March 14-15.

Uniforms Update

No update.

Coaches Update/Tournaments

C. Redfern informed that 14, 15 and 18U tournaments are full. St. Mary's has been secured for Friday of the 14 and 15U tourney to accommodate extra game slots. 14U OBA decision between SMBA and LaSalle on Feb 24.

Action Item: D. Graff to bring thank you letter to sign for Mike Musselman funeral donation.

Umpires Update

D. Grasby informed that OBA is doing an accelerated clinic for umpires. Offering an adult with previous baseball background to become certified level 2 and 3 before season.

Facilities

Barry Grasby asked about the shed that was planned on being built for SERC Softball. Budgeted for \$2,200 for this project.

Motion to request artwork from JVK Masonry and Powerhouse Painting for stadium scoreboard signs.

Motioned by C. Bridges. Seconded by A. Mathieson. Carried.

Action Item: D. Grasby to speak to St. Mikes about building shed.

Action Item: B. Mathieson to reach out to JVK to obtain artwork for sign.

Action Item: Barry Grasby to reach out to Powerhouse Painting to obtain artwork for sign.

Sports Council

No update.

New Business

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by A. Mathieson, seconded by J. Brightwell. Carried.

Adjournment.

Next Meeting: Monday March 14th, 2022 6:30PM Location: Army Navy