



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

**Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:30**

**Attendees:**

Chris Redfern  
Kyle Priestap  
Emily Priestap  
Bevan Mathieson  
Ashley Mathieson

Jessica Klumper  
Mike Reid  
Jon Paola  
Barry Grasby  
Mike Reid

Kathy Hansen

**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> D. Grasby

**Acceptance of Minutes from December 2023 meeting**

Accepted by B. Mathieson, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Reid

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Machine with the electrical issue has been fixed; unknown who fixed it. 1 at Optimist needs to be fixed. Lock is fixed at Optimist. One machine is missing. C. Redfern will look into locating the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitching machine. From now on when doing work with pitching machines, board needs to be informed. It was suggested that a sign-in sheet be used when someone wants to use them. J. Paola is going to take machine next week from SERC to tryout and will put it back. One will be left at Pinnacle.

**Action Item: E. Priestap to make a sign-out sheet for pitching machine so field manager is aware.**

## **Finance Report**

C. Bridges not in attendance. Nothing to report.

## **ICBA**

Hosted ICBA President's meeting in Stratford that went well. 16U division is one division of 12.

90% of each teams' regular season schedule has to be completed, if not will be reviewed by ICBA.

18U – 7 innings for whole year. Only 2 teams wanted 9, rest wanted 7.

8U Tier 1, 8U Tier 2 Guelph August 16-18

9U Tier 2 Cambridge August 16-18

10U Tier 1 – Guelph August 23-25

10U T2 – Cambridge August 16-18

11U Tier 2 -Kitchener August 16-18

12U T2 – Stratford August 23-25

13U Tier 1 August 16-18

14U Tier 2 – Brantford August 23-25

16U – Kitchener August 23-25

18U Tier 1 – Hamilton August 9-11

12U and 13U need to declare as a ground rule before the game a time limit of 2 hours and 15 minutes; for parks that don't have lights.

## **Registrar**

Continuing to send rep coaches updates on registrations. Still some teams practicing without kids being registered. It was discussed that the 2023 insurance should still cover the kids who played in 2023.

## **Coaches**

K. Priestap stated that all coaches have been updated on what they need to do. 3 teams left for sizing. Hats – only 3 sizes this year. Got a good deal on them, but next year might want to go back to originals. Mostly younger ages having issues with sizing. C. Redfern suggested speaking with Tallman to see about options for those kids they don't fit.

Discussion took place about 2<sup>nd</sup> jerseys. This year's jersey was switched up to red for the option of only get the odd jersey for a 2<sup>nd</sup> set. Teams currently responsible for paying for 2<sup>nd</sup> set of jerseys if they want a 2<sup>nd</sup> set.

J. Paola made a motion to pay for new players and coaches to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> jersey paid for them by SMBA. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Mathieson.

B. Grasby made an amendment to put the motion off to next meeting when the treasurer is present. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Priestap. Carried.

Same pants as previous years.

Action Item: C. Redfern to look into hat options.

### **Tournaments**

Every tournament is full and 16U just requires payment for 1 team. B. Mathieson has informed teams that if they now backout that payment is non-refundable. 16U is currently still open on the website. K. Priestap asked if it can be put on the OBA website that the tournaments are full.

Action Item: B. Mathieson to contact OBA to advertise the tournaments are full.

### **House league**

Update given on house league registration. 5U and 7U, no days or times listed yet because we haven't heard from city. Hoping for Monday/Thursday for 7U and Tuesday for 5U, all at Packham. Last year added t-ball teams and 12U teams and diamonds were overrun. D. Grasby asked why Dufferin can't be used, and it was discussed that we could do multiple nights for house league, utilizing Dufferin. Weekends will also be discussed for house league. 12U and 16U will be on weekends. Also discussed the possibility of using SERC Hardball for 13U since there's only 1 team currently playing there. Final day will be July 27<sup>th</sup> at Packham. 16U likely still at SERC Hardball. Possibility for final day for 16U at National Stadium.

### **Fundraising**

J. Klumper discussed we need to discuss the price of tickets for spaghetti dinner. Decided \$20/ticket is reasonable. C. Redfern will have tickets printed. SMBA board will be responsible for clearing tables and washing plates. Need 9 more sponsors for house league, some haven't responded. A. Mathieson will make another social media post.

Action Item: C. Redfern have tickets printed for spaghetti night.

Action Item: A. Mathieson create an additional social media post looking for house league sponsors.

### **Umpires**

Clinic is online, moved to Bedford. M. Grasby asked for A. Mathieson to reach to OBA see about age limits. C. Redfern asked about doing an umpire meeting. D. Grasby stated it's not necessary. A. Mathieson suggested getting more contact information (phone numbers) for umpires. A. Mathieson to confirm what the cost of the clinic is, and C. Redfern to put cost on site. It was determined that the age limit was a glitch in the OBA system, and kids who are turning 12 can still register using a different year as the birthdate.

### **Facilities**

Starting on the stadium roof next week. Lock was fixed at Optimist. City is going to get a quote on putting a double door at Optimist. Also looking into fixing water problem at Optimist.

### **Sports Council**

M. Francis absent, nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Orr insurance sponsoring first aid kits. A. Mathieson stated that she will look after ensuring the medical kits are stocked for the next seasons. Coaches will need to let association know when the kits need to be

replenished.

B. Graby – Dana Desky would like to know if he were to run a summer camp if he can use the stadium. SMBA board ok with it, however, he will need to go through the city to book.

M. Reid discussed the possibility of going with a different colour of jersey to differentiate from other teams.

**Motion to Adjourn**

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

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 – Army Navy