



Stratford Minor Baseball Association
December 2023
Meeting Minutes
Monday March 18th, 2024 Stratford Army Navy @ 18:30

Attendees:

Jon Paola Ashley Mathieson
Mike Ried Bevan Mathieson
Barry Grasby Kathy Hansen
Chris Redfern Cory Bridges
Jaimie Serf

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 , 2nd J. Paola

Acceptance of Minutes from December 2023 meeting

Accepted by J. Paola, 2nd M. Reid

Business Arising from Minutes

Discussion on not using a dry erase marker system for the pitching machine sign-out sheet – use normal pen and paper. New pitching machines should not be signed out except for the Mega Tournament. Each machine will be marked with a number to indicate which diamond it is to stay at.

Discussion on whether SMBA will front the cost of a team order of player bags for 8U Rep.

Discussion had regarding the request. SMBA will not front the cost of ordering player bags.

Finance Update

C. Bridges reported that money is still coming in from registrations for HL and Rep. Also receiving reimbursement requests from Rep coaches for clinics paid for.

ICBA Update

B. Grasby notified the board of the April 24th ICBA Coaches meeting at North Park Collegiate (280 N Park St, Brantford ON) 1800- 8U to 12U 1930. 13u - 18u. Board was informed that all OBA questions to go through Dwayne first.

Action item : Kyle P. to remind coaches of ICBA coaches meeting. All teams that know they have a scheduling conflict should

Registrar Update

Registrar absent. Information regarding Goal line registration numbers shared to the board by C. Redfern.

Action Item: ICBA requesting all rosters to be submitted April 1st. 12U- need assistant coaches added. 14U 16U- Add coaches and phone numbers 18U

Coaches Update

K. Priestap not present.

Tournament Update

All tournaments are full and all registered teams have paid. Mega Tournament schedule to be prepared shortly. All other tournaments currently have the schedules set.

Action Item: B. Grasby to obtain price for engraved mugs to present to winning coaches.

House League Update

House league registration is currently on track with 2023 registration. Discussion held regarding the scheduling of SMBA House League.

Motion by Corey Bridges to move the House League additional late fee until the 22nd of April
Second. Barry Grasby
All in Favour. Carried.

Fundraising / Sponsorship

SMBA Sponsorship committee confirms they have enough Rep Sponsors for all teams. They are still looking for Banner Sponsors. Discussion held regarding fundraiser dinner being held at the Army and Navy on April 21st.

Umpires Update

22 People registered for the Stratford Umpire Clinic. No age requirement to umpire baseball. \$25 level on \$45 Level Two.

Facilities Update

City of Stratford wanting to charge to the use of the Mega Tournament. SMBA attended meeting and held a discussion with the City of Stratford regarding charging for Mega Tournament. City of Stratford will not charge for 2024, will be charged for 2025. Not allowed on the diamonds until May 1st. SERC and Dufferin outfield to be looking into

Action: Chris. R to send email to Hackett regarding a double door in at optimist.

Sports Council

SMBA Executive informed that due to a scheduling conflict M. Francis is unable to continue as the SMBA Sports Council Rep and D. Grasby will be taking his place. Sports Council Banquet will be on April 27th with Chaz Misuraca as the guest speaker. SMBA will have 10 tickets.

Motion by B. Grasby for SMBA to cover the tickets for SMBA Nominees and any Board Members and Spouses that wishes to attend.
Second. M. Read.
All in Favour. Carried.

Action: D. Grasby to reach out to E.Priestap and The Cook Family regarding the amount of tickets they require.

Uniforms

Previous meeting discussion brought up regarding second jerseys.

Motion by J. Serf to defer this until the 2025 budget.

Second. M. Reid.

All in Favour. Carried.

Other / New Business

Hats will be ordered through Smash It Sports in order to allow for all hats to fit appropriately.

Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for 15 April 6:30PM @ Army and Navy

Motion to adjourned meeting by Mike

Seconded Jon.

Meeting adjourned at 2033hrs.