



**Stratford Minor Baseball Association  
March 2025  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:30**

**Attendees:**

Chris Redfern  
Barry Grasby  
Emily Priestap  
Bevan Mathieson  
Ashley Mathieson  
Jon Paola

Brett Sippel  
Corey Bridges  
Kara Hishon  
Tyler Canal  
Kathy Hansen

Jaimie Serf  
Don Grasby  
Steve Vaters  
Tyler Marshall  
14U Rep

**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**

Motion by A. Mathieson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vaters.

**Acceptance of Minutes from February 2025 meeting**

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

**Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

**Finance Report**

C. Bridges stated that there is still money coming in for registrations and sponsorships. \$4000 raised from chicken fundraiser.

### **Uniform Update**

E. Priestap reported that everything went well. Juniors will be on their own to get their uniforms.

### **Coaches Update**

Coaches meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the small board room at the Army Navy. A. Mathieson asked that any equipment issues be brought forward to be addressed prior to season starting.

### **Tournament Update**

Schedules have been sent out. Just need to look for a convener for the 8U division.

We are hosting 15U T2 August 22-26.

We are hosting 18U OBAs August 15-17.

Nothing the last weekend of August and nothing on Labour Day.

### **ICBA**

Coaches meeting is April 24<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge at the Glenview Park Collegiate at 6pm 8U – 12U, 7:30 13U – 18.

Stratford isn't allowed on fields until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Registrar**

All rosters have been approved. Reminder that if you need an AP player on your list to ensure they are added.

### **House league**

C. Redfern reported might have less teams at 6U. Have to figure out converts for each league. Numbers are typical for this time of year. Tallman advised he will be ready to fulfill orders this year.

### **Fundraising**

C. Redfern stated we still need a few house league sponsors. Please reach out to companies if you know of someone who might be interested. Banners are being sold, and a few companies have renewed. \$300 for house league sponsorship, and there's a link on the website you can send to sponsors.

Chicken profit \$4,500. Coming Friday, pickup Saturday. Not every team had full participation. Believe we should put a minimum on it for next year, or discuss some type of bond. 11U Tier 1 won with 105 boxes.

Suggested that each team has a minimum rather than each family having a minimum.

To be discussed in the fall.

### **Umpires**

Clinic is April 6<sup>th</sup> at Hamlet Public School. Question if there should be an umpire's meeting prior to

the season. Discussion that a detailed e-mail can be sent out.

### **Facilities**

Lights at Optimist to be started late April, early May. 1 brand new one and replacing another. Have to do all new wiring. We can start field prep anytime. Coaches not until May 1<sup>st</sup>. D. Grasby had discussion about slo-pitch going on our fields early. City stated that there's nothing they can do. Working on getting bylaw officers to fine teams who go on fields prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion about putting snow fences up next year to stop people from going in with dogs. Discussion that we bring up to the City that workers clean up dog feces if they aren't going to put up bylaw signage or enforce dogs not allowed on the field.

Bevan arranging to pickup field supplies. If coaches have any questions about fields, go through field managers who will address it. At coaches meeting, will get information from each field manager

### **Sports Council**

Banquet is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

Need mats for SERC 2 and Dufferin for home plate to lay down for batting practice. \$300 - \$500 each. J. Paola made motion to purchase 3 mats for the 3 parks for total of \$1,750. 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Grasby. All in favour. Carried. Mathiesons will take care of that.

What's the latest to order a sponsorship banner? Anytime. Banner is \$300 for 1 year or \$600 for 3 years.

Can renew after that for less.

Team banners, are we going through fundraising committee? Goes through C. Redfern who will go through Tallman.

Discussion of bylaws. Need to create a committee to create policies and procedures.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Next Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm