



## Stratford Minor Baseball Association Meeting Minutes

Monday April 11, 2022 @ 18:30  
Stratford Army & Navy

### Attendees:

Chris Redfern	Dave Graff	John Brightwell
Emily Priestap	Don Grasby	Sue Grasby
Kyle Priestap	Ashley Mathieson (Zoom)	Jamie Serf
Corey Bridges	Beth Hovius (Zoom)	Kelly Munoz

### **Call to Order:**

D. Grasby called the meeting to order.

### **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

No conflicts declared.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Approved by J. Brightwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Serf. Carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Approved by B. Grasby, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Grasby

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

None

### **Update on IBL Team**

Discussions took place with members of SMBA, David St. Louis from the City, and Dom from IBL. Issues were discussed, and Dom with the IBL acknowledged hesitation on Stratford Minor Baseball's behalf. Dom from IBL stated that he will not be going forward with bringing the Senior team to Stratford because there isn't full support from SMBA and City.

### **Finance Report**

C. Bridges presented the finance report. Registrations still coming in and diamonds are paid for Hitmen tournament. Large purchases to come to get season up and going. In general, many registrants are paying by credit card on GoalLine.

Approved by B. Grasby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Graff

## **ICBA**

A.Mathieson stated that 15U will have Monday as their home nights and the schedule should be out soon. More information to come after the upcoming ICBA meeting on Thursday. Date of April 28 proposed for ICBA coach's meeting, but not yet confirmed. Meeting will be in Brantford.

## **Registration**

B.Hovius gave an update on registration. Houseleague and blastball registration going well, 45 blastball registrations and 120 houseleague registrations so far. Currently there are only 6 registrations for 15U. Rep coaches are to remind their parent groups to register online before end of April. 15U needs a roster approved by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Item: Dave Graff to email coaches to remind them to register players.**

## **Coaches/Tournament Update**

D.Graff gave tournament update. 3 older tournaments are full. 11U tournament is full. 9U has 4 teams registered, and 10U has 6 teams registered.

## **House League Update**

C.Redfern gave houseleague update. The numbers ok, older age group lacking. The age groups were switched up this year initially, blastball 3-4 with flexibility, 7U (5-7) coach pitch, 9U machine pitch, 10-11 player pitch. The older age groups might not work based on numbers. 13-15 year-olds might have to be merged. Will need to hold pitching clinics prior to season starting, although details of how pitching clinics will operate are still in the works. May 9<sup>th</sup> week hopefully start practices.

Discussion took place regarding the best age for pitching to start or pitching machines to be used. Details still to be determined.

## **Fundraising/Sponsorship**

C.Redfern discussed the fundraising and sponsorships. Hitmen tournament planning is going well. M. Hall has liquor license, vendors ready to go. Currently there are 2-3 teams registered in each division.

House league sponsors are almost full, and all rep teams have their sponsors. Jay Ford will require numbers for taco night soon. Discussion of having 50/50 at taco night was discussed, but nothing decided. There will be approximately 200-250 ppl/night. Tickets were graciously created and donated by C. Redfern's brother-in-law.

Discussion took place about the Silent Auction table at the Hitmen tournament. A. Mathieson, J. Serf and S. Grasby volunteered to take care of door prize organization. Members are asked to send email to J. Serf if anyone has a door prize/donation to contribute. They want to ensure there's no overlap when asking companies for donations.

### **Uniform Update**

K. Priestap gave uniform update. 5 teams complete and sent into Provision, 1 team left to get sizes to. Hats ordered in February, told 8 weeks, called back and said delayed until June 5. There are enough leftover Child/Youth hats for the 8U team, and hopefully other teams can use hats they already have until the new ones come in. We are sticking with the same hats from last year. Jersey price has gone up to \$42/ea. A list of the number of houseleague jerseys is required to order.

**Action Item: Redfern to give numbers for houseleague to get jerseys and hats ordered.**

### **Umpires Update**

Lots registered for clinic which could possibly occur on May 11. Coaches will be told that they will be responsible for keeping their parents in check. There will be no online umpire clinics this year. Steve Vaters has resigned from the Umpire in Chief position.

### **Facilities Update**

Email from Michelle Eidt, City of Stratford, stated she wants to deal directly with D. Grasby for facilities issues, other than Hitmen Tournament while dealing with C. Redfern. Special Olympics is using Lower Queens on Mondays, SERC softball Wednesdays.

### **Sports Council**

Brian Grasby not in attendance, but it was discussed that the key situation at Optimist needs to be figured out.

**Brian Grasby to update on keys for Optimist.**

### **New Business:**

Discussion took place regarding the sound system at the Stadium. K. Munoz provided pricing:

- Sound system, suggesting same speakers, \$599 per speaker, 2 with cables and stage \$1660 with tax for 2 speakers (buying), \$70/month to rent.

There were questions about what is covered is something happens to them. To be determined.

K. Munoz made a motion to purchase the speakers and 2 stands. Brightwell 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour. Carried.

### **New Business**

B. Grasby encouraged SMBA board members, especially new members, to reach out for explanations if something doesn't make sense or if they don't understand something going on.

Discussion also took place regarding S. Johnson running the booth at the Stadium. She was not charged last year.

B. Grasby made a motion that we don't charge this year for the booth, but S. Johnson can make donation as she seems fit at end of year.

2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Grasby.

D. Grasby made motion to dismiss. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Brightwell.

**Next Meeting: Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 18:30, Stratford Army Navy**