



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

**Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:30**

**Attendees:**

Chris Redfern  
Kyle Priestap  
Emily Priestap  
Bevan Mathieson  
Ashley Mathieson

Larry Balkwill  
Steve Vaters  
Jon Paola  
Barry Grasby

**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 J. Paola , 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Mathieson

**Acceptance of Minutes from December 2023 meeting**

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

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Kyle reminded coaches of ICBA coach's meeting. Rosters are all in. Barry to get price on mugs; will go tomorrow.

**Umpires**

Ashley Mathieson reported, hosted umpire clinic yesterday. Many registrations lead to hosting 2 separate clinics; 35 local, 17 non-local. Many senior umpires came out to redo the clinic. 2 clinicians, so they broke into 2 different groups. Ashley will send out reminders of what umpires will require for uniforms.

### **Finance Report**

Have paid for rep and houseleague jerseys; just need to finish paying for some hats and coach's clinics. Haven't received any information from Canal (8U) regarding tournament or clinic reimbursement. Corey requires confirmation of who needs to be reimbursed for tournaments.

### **ICBA**

Barry spoke, asking if we are aware that we need to submit for house league insurance. For future, with OBA, we just need to do house league numbers for our insurance. Need confirmation from OBA regarding house league insurance. Emily to submit another application for house league insurance. Barry reminded that coaches need to schedule unscheduled games. Once dates have been confirmed, need to let Jason know. Kyle has already sent this information to coaches.

### **Registrar**

Still missing a couple of rep registrations.

### **Coaches**

Have a meeting on Wednesday to go over various things for upcoming season. Ashley and Bevan will pick-up balls to be handed out Wednesday. Will go over field maintenance with coaches. C. Redfern suggested going over getting suspended and tossed from games and to go over backing out of OBAs and fines associated. Bevan also stated that we should mention in the meeting getting scores to conveners within 24 hours or local will be fined. Barry added letting every coach know what field they have for practices. Still many coaches without courses completed.

**Action Item: B. Mathieson to bring baseball to coaches meeting on Wednesday.**

### **Uniforms**

All handed out. Hats; spoke via text with Vail and he has last 3 orders done which will be dispersed. Chris has remaining hats. 22U doesn't have hats. Barry asked to set some aside. Chris stated that Vail has almost finished website for the online store. Once ready to go, will do an email blast. It was discussed that all stores have the ability to offer apparel.

**Action Item: C. Redfern to get hats to B. Graby for 22U.**

### **Tournaments**

Bevan stated they are all full; need to get the 18U schedule teams plugged in and need to get it out a month in advance. Other than that, tournament schedules are made but need to find 1 diamond time for 11U.

**Action Item: Kyle and Bevan to meet to complete 18U schedule.**

### **House league**

Blastball at 45, 5U at 30, 7U at 47, 9U at 32, 12U at 48, 16U short in numbers. All diamonds are locked in. 12U convener is going to be Ian Schenck. On track for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Will do first 4 time slots practices before getting into games.

### **Fundraising**

20 house league sponsors, might need 2 more. Banners will be up by end of April. Access to the hall from 4-9pm for spaghetti dinner. No cash will be accepted at door. Have sold 453 tickets. Website has been updated with all sponsors.

### **Facilities**

Steve ordering chalk next week. Bevan will see if he can find a way to save on shipping, or offer to make them a banner for free delivery. Steve ordering new plugs.

Dos and don'ts of field maintenance, just rake at end of game and pack down.

If it rains between the time the field manager gets the field ready and game time, it's up to the coach to cancel. Umpire will have the final say during game time.

SERC softball, Homeplate needs to be removed by 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Will contact the city.

### **Action Items:**

City rep to contact city about removing home plate form 3<sup>rd</sup> base at SERC Softball

S. Vaters to order plugs.

B. Mathieson to look into cheaper transportation for chalk.

### **Sports Council**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Emily has contact for AEDs.

Barry questioned having umpire shirts, Ashley suggested parents just buy them.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 – Army Navy