



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

**Monday May 13th, 2024
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:30**

Attendees:

Chris Redfern
Kyle Priestap
Emily Priestap
Bevan Mathieson
Jess Klumper

Larry Balkwill
Mike Reid
Cory Bridges

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. Klumper , 2nd B. Mathieson.

Acceptance of Minutes from April 2023 meeting

Accepted by L. Balkwill, 2nd B. Mathieson.

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Finance Report

A few reimbursements have been given for house league. In a good position for the season. Estimating a surplus at the end.

ICBA

Bevan reported. Issues with the mound at Caledonia. ICBA tournaments all scheduled. Coaches have until June 30th to finish their coaching certification. Had the coach's and convener's meeting. Bevan asked Kyle to remind coaches not to touch the website for scheduling games or scores. \$200 fine if convener or the coach doesn't get the score posted.

Registrar

Still some outstanding payments due, but for the most part have most funds in.

Coaches

One of SMBA's coaches failed 3 times on practice plan. C. Redfern reached out to OBA, and it has now been approved. Discussion took place about the requirements of coaches from OBA.

Uniforms

All uniforms are distributed. Going forward in the fall, would be a good idea to bring in a few different suppliers to showcase what they can offer. 80% of teams are going with second uniforms this year which might be something to discuss for next season. Would like to see suppliers come to a meeting in November to present what they have to offer. Would like 1 quote for both jerseys and hats. To send message to suppliers in September.

Tournaments

B. Mathieson discussed that every schedule is done, but one of the 16U teams is looking for a replacement. Bevan has informed him the money is not refundable. Bevan has contacted Baseball Ontario to advertise. Just need to send out the rules. Everyone has the schedule. OBA is allowing tournaments to start at 8am. Bevan realized the 9U team has a tournament the same weekend as the 16U. Need a convener for the 16U tournament.

House league

C. Redfern reported, house league started last week. Did evaluations on Wednesday, went well. Saturday was cancelled due to rain. Teams have been made and evaluations went well. Games start after holiday Monday. House league numbers are around the same as last year. Looking at opening registration immediately after season is done.

Fundraising

J. Klumper reported, all banners are up. Humphrey banner damaged and needs replaced. A. Mathieson trying to get sponsors on social media, asking for photos to be passed along during the season. Discussion took place around fundraising ideas. It was discussed that we could try something different, such as Elmira Chicken, or open spaghetti/taco night to house league.

Banquet; looking at a Sunday and looking to do subs and pizza again. Looking at quotes for build your own sundae bar from Jenn and Larry's. Also looking at adding a few new awards such as Jr. Coach of the Year and Sr. Coach of the Year.

It was discussed about coach appreciation night. C. Redfern stated that since we don't pay our coaches, have a coach appreciation night and supply pizza. More to come. Discussion about buying an alcohol ticket at the banquet. Will also look into house league appreciation night

Umpires

Have a few umpires to complete online courses and won't get any games until they've been completed. Please remind coaches that we have new/younger umpires this year. E. Priestap stated that it would be nice to get umpire schedules out at least a couple weeks in advance for planning purposes. Could also look into an online booking system like what SMGSA has.

Facilities

C. Redfern reported that roof is done. No one running the booth this year, and work needs to be done to get it up and running. Mud and Sue will run it during tournaments.

Sports Council

Mud, Sue and C. Redfern went to Sports Council banquet.

New Business

C. Redfern needs new link for Dunny's. J. Klumper to send it.

Motion to Adjourn

M. Reid, 2nd by L. Balkwill.

Next Meeting TBD in the fall.