



Stratford Minor Baseball Association Meeting Minutes

Sunday June 26, 2022
National Stadium @ 19:00

Attendees:

Chris Redfern	John Brightwell	Mark Hall	Sue Grasby	Ashley Mathieson
Emily Priestap	Don Grasby	Barry Grasby	Steve Vaters	Brian Grasby
Kyle Priestap	Jamie Serf	Beth Hovius	Bevan Mathieson	Cory Bridges

Call to Order:

D. Grasby called the meeting to order at 1900.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No conflicts declared.

Approval of Agenda:

J. Brightwell, 2nd S. Vaters

Approval of Minutes:

J. Serf, 2nd S. Vaters

ICBA/ OBA

Nothing to report.

Registration Committee:

- More house league registrations, charging \$75 as the prorated rate. Can discuss something for the future in regards to cost of late registrations. Waiting on a few payments. All house league numbers sent to OBA, need to send updated numbers. Beth will send updated house league numbers to OBA.
- Coaches needing certification, Graffer sending out email on Monday.

Action Item: D. Graff to send coaches an email regarding outstanding certifications.

Tournament Updates

D. Graff advised tournament full for Bantam.

Uniforms

K.Priestap advised expected date for rep hats now mid-July

K.Priestap made motion to hold onto hats until next year. Barry Grasby 2nd. Carried

Discussion took place on possibility of switching suppliers. To be discussed again at a later date.

It was asked that D.Graff send email to coaches to advise if there are any kids on the team who do not have a hat at all so we can try to source hats for those who don't have one.

Action Item: D. Graff send email to coaches for any kids who have NO hat at all (this doesn't include having a faded hat, etc. as supply is extremely limited).

Umpires

Some discussion took place regarding the consideration of networking with other centres to source umpires. It was discussed that all centres seem to be having the same shortage of umpires that Stratford has.

Facilities

Bathrooms at SERC – seems that the bathrooms have been unlocked the past few games. Lights have been fixed by city.

Cement pads are in at SERC, one on 3rd baseline is cracked, C. Redfern to call Nicholson to discuss.

Action Item: C. Redfern to call Nicholson Concrete to advise about crack in new concrete at SERC.

Sports Council

Trying to get a hold of Murray to look into getting lights adjusted from volleyball.

Financial Report

Question about how do we pay for kids to be registered through baseball Ontario? ICBA pay intercounty for the insurance, ICBA sends it to OBA, centres send in separately for house league.

Action Item: Mud, Beth and Chris to look into the house league insurance coverage through OBA.

House league final day

- Blastball final day is July 9th at SERC softball
- Final day July 23rd (15U)
- 15U Coaches would like to do a final game ending in a playoff
- No bbq, \$10 Dunnys gift cards (for 15U)

Motion by E. Priestap to have final day for 7U on Friday July 22, and give out \$10 ice cream cards and a Gatorade. 2nd by A. Mathieson.

Motion to have 10U final day on the Tuesday July 25, to hand out \$10 ice cream cards and a Gatorade. 2nd by E. Priestap. Carried.

Hitmen Tournament:

Need to let city know by tonight. Currently have 19 teams registered.

Motion by M. Hall to cancel Hitmen Tournament hall, 2nd by K. Priestap.

During budget time will discuss if we go ahead with it next year.

Discussion took place about having silent auction items for Hitmen tournament at the Bantam tournament instead.

Motion by E. Priestap to contact those who have donated items and see if they are ok with auction items being auctioned at the Bantam tournament, 2nd by J. Brightwell.

Action Items: Sponsorship committee to contact those who donated to see if they are ok with items being auctioned at Bantam tournament.

New Business:

Baseball Ontario – 9U house league tournament being ran in St. Marys. Francis asked for permission to reach out to house league coaches to see if they can form a team to play. Discussion took place that he can ask, but it will be at the cost of those interested in doing it, and they will have to figure out all of the logistics (i.e. jerseys).

Barry – Boars Head banner? Chris looking into minutes and will contact Jay for logo and what he wants on the banner.

Discussion took place regarding an incident that took place at the beginning of the year, resulting in a child visiting a dentist office where they addressed the bill to Stratford Minor Baseball without SMBA's knowledge or consent. This incident was brought to the board's attention at the June 2022 meeting. Discussion surrounding incident reporting was had, and it was discussed that there is a form on OBA's site that needs to be filled out.

J. Brightwell – needs to be a process for incidents and communicated to coaches.

Action Item: D. Graff to email coaches letting them know of the process that needs to be taken for incidents.

Next Meeting: TBD