



## Stratford Minor Baseball Association Meeting Minutes

Sunday August 28th, 2022  
National Stadium @ 19:00

### Attendees:

Chris Redfern	Sue Grasby	Matt Francis	Corey Bridges
Emily Priestap	Don Grasby	Barry Grasby	John Paola
Kyle Priestap	Bevan Mathieson	Steve Vaters	

### **Call to Order:**

D. Grasby called the meeting to order at 19:06.

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

No conflicts declared.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

S. Vaters, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Grasby

### **Approval of Minutes:**

C. Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Vaters

Jonathan Paola was introduced as a new Stratford Minor Baseball Board Member.

### **Finance**

C. Bridges reported that we have broken even from last year. Still have Provincials to pay for, and 1 house league registration outstanding.

### **Coaches Committee**

Applications have been received for coaches, and all but 14U are covered. D. Grasby stated that he will reach out to prospective 14U coaches.

### **Action Item:**

[D. Grasby to reach out to prospective 14U coaches](#)

### **House League Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Committee advised that a couple of banners have been sold. C. Redfern suggested doing another pizza night soon. Discussion took place about taco nights and other fundraising ideas. A mint smoothie fundraiser was also proposed. Discussion to take place amongst the fundraising committee to decide on other fundraising efforts.

### **Correspondence**

A letter was presented from a parent that addressed concerns about a team being made responsible for covering the cost of a fine for backing out of OBAs. 2 teams in total from SMBA backed out of the tournament, 1 of which is willing to pay the fine without incident and the other of which expressed concerns about loading this fine onto the parents. Discussion took place regarding what the outcome of the fines should be. It was decided that teams should be responsible for paying the fines, and C. Redfern is to write letters to the coaches.

#### **Action Item:**

**C. Redfern to address the coaches regarding payment for OBA fines.**

### **Facilities**

There is new clay at the Stadium and at Dufferin. City needs to fix the mound. SERC Hardball has crack in the concrete.

#### **Action Item:**

**D. Grasby to contact the City regarding these issues after Labour Day.**

### **New Business:**

8U Player Movement:

D. Grasby proposed holding off on 8U/9U tryouts until the spring. M. Francis proposed hosting sessions in the fall to gauge interest.

It was decided that there would be a mixed 8U/9U fall tryout to evaluate what the numbers are like, and what the caliber of players is. Final rosters can then wait until the spring when there is a better understanding of how many kids are interested. C. Redfern is to send an e-mail to all 7Us to promote coming out for the fall session.

Discussion took place regarding younger age groups playing up with older age groups, and it was clarified that players are to tryout for their own age group so as to not negatively affect other age groups, as has always been historically the way.

3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluators also expected to attend the fall sessions.

#### **Action Item:**

**C. Redfern to send e-mail to current 7Us to encourage attending the fall session between Sept. 5-9.**

Awards Banquet:

There was a reminder that the Awards Banquet is Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. D. Grasby asked for nominations for awards.

New Shirts:

C. Redfern discussed getting new shirts from Tall Man. C Bridges made motion to go ahead with getting shirts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Grasby.

ICBA: Playoff Format

Discussion took place regarding the new playoff format for ICBA, and frustration was expressed on part of some coaches. ICBA Rep Mathieson advised the playoff series are likely to be scrapped in years to come.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 18:30, Stratford Army Navy**

**Meeting Adjournment**

Motion by A. Mathieson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Priestap