



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

**Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Stratford Army Navy @ 18:00**

**Attendees:**

Chris Redfern  
Kyle Priestap  
Emily Priestap  
Bevan Mathieson  
Ashley Mathieson

Corey Bridges  
Jaimie Serf  
Jon Paola  
Barry Grasby  
Don Grasby

Matt Frances  
Jeff Morris  
Steve Vaters  
Ben Ehgoetz  
Kathy Hansen

**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 B. Ehgoetz , 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Mathieson.

**Acceptance of Minutes from 2024 AGM meeting**

Accepted by C. Bridges , 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Ehgoetz.

C. Redfern read the President's report, thanking everyone on the board for their time and effort. Rep and house league programs are thriving, based on finance reports. 3 ICBA champions and 3 OBA champions. Have received a lot of positive and constructive feedback from parents. Stratford also received ICBA Association of the Year, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Well deserved.

Motion to approve

A. Mathieson, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Mathieson. All in favour. Carried.

**Finance Report**

C.Bridges presented the financial report. At a point where we have enough money in the bank that we no longer have to rely on commitment fees to get us through until registration. Surplus for 2024 season was just over \$16,000. Decided to purchase capital items such as pitching machines and utilized approximately \$7,000 for some of the capital items. On budget for the year, which is fantastic. When thinking of 2025, suggested thinking of things such as an edger. 10% to be used for capital projects.

Motion to approve S. Vaters, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Mathieson. All in favour. Carried.

### **Constitution**

Only constitutional change proposed included removing the requirement of the President to be part of the Coaches Selection Committee and adding 2 non-board members. No change at this time due to the change with separating the bylaws from the Constitution. To be addressed at a later date.

C.Redfern and C. Bridges discussed the subject of constitutions vs bylaw requirements. ONCA has set out that all not-for profit need to follow certain rules. C. Redfern spoke to lawyer. Because we are such a small organization, we don't require some of the stricter guidelines such as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to audit. Can get to a point when there could be penalties for not having bylaws. If an NPO isn't in compliance, could be personally responsible. C. Bridges believes that because we have a constitution that is voted on by a board, we should be ok. C. Bridges stated that we can't get rid of the constitution, but can replace it once we have bylaws. Lawyer is going through the constitution to separate bylaws. C. Bridges recommended a motion that we don't have to appoint an auditor, and do so at the AGM so we don't have to do a special meeting. Special meeting would only speak to the bylaws. External auditor required for donations over \$10,000.

Motion by A. Mathieson to waive auditor and waive audit review engagement.

2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vaters. All in favour. Carried.

Legal fees will be in 2025 budget. Lawyer has already given a draft that C. Redfern and C. Bridges have to review and then will be presented to board.

Motion to adjourn 2024 AGM by B. Ehgoetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Mathieson.