



**Stratford Minor Baseball Association  
AGM Meeting Minutes**

Monday October 17, 2022  
Tim Taylor Lounge @ 18:30

**Attendees:**

Don Grasby  
Corey Bridges  
Emily Priestap  
Kyle Priestap  
Bevan Mathieson  
Chris Redfern

Sue Grasby  
Ashley Mathieson  
Jessica Klumper  
Matt Francis  
Jonathan Paola  
Ben Ehgoetz

Dave Graff  
Mike Reid  
Jeff Keller  
Larry Balkwill  
Beth Hovius  
Barry Grasby

**Call to Order**

Don Grasby called the meeting to order.

**Acceptance of Minutes from October 2021 AGM**

Approved by A. Mathieson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Grasby.

**President's Report**

President Don Grasby extended a thank you and expressed his appreciation to those who have helped make Stratford Minor Baseball run successfully. He provided a recap of the season, noting that Stratford won one OBA Championship at 16U A, as well as 2 ICBA titles at 16U T1 and 11U T2. Stratford also hosted many successful tournaments, including 14U OBAs.

D. Grasby made motion to accept the President's Report. Approved by A. Mathieson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Priestap.

**Financial Statement**

C. Bridges presented the financial report, noting an \$8,000 deficit for the year. The deficit was influenced from the absence of the Hitmen Tournament fundraiser in the 2022 season. There were also some large expenses surface that were not budgeted for, including the shed at SERC Softball, speakers and stands for the Stadium, and a large expense associated with an unanticipated tractor repair. Tournaments were a large part in generating income for SMBA.

Motion to Approve Financial Report

Approved by B. Ehgoetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Mathieson

## Constitutional Changes

### 1. 1.06 Objectives

- a) To foster, encourage, promote and supervise baseball for boys and girls in the City of Stratford, Province of Ontario, between the ages of two and twenty-one, in accordance with the standard and under the rules presented by the Inter County Baseball Association and the Ontario Baseball Association and amended for House League and Rep. teams by the Association.

Change to:

- a) To foster, encourage, promote and supervise baseball for **young athletes** in the City of Stratford, Province of Ontario, between the ages of two and **twenty-two**, in accordance with the standard and under the rules presented by the Inter County Baseball Association and the Ontario Baseball Association and amended for House League and Rep. teams by the Association.

All in favour; Carried.

### 2. Schedule F:

Player Movement: If there is no team formed for a player's age group, player movement may be allowed.

Change to:

Schedule F:

***All player movement will be at the discretion of the SMBA Board.***

All in favour; Carried.

### 3. Outside Release Request:

All release requests for movement outside the organization will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the SMBA release committee.

Change to:

***All release requests for players who reside within Stratford Minor Baseball's boundary, with the exception of ICBA Bearcats release requests, will be brought to the SMBA Board and voted on. A decision will be provided within 7 days of receiving the request. In the event of such requests, an emergency meeting may be called in order to provide the decision within the required timeframe.***

All in favour; Carried.

4. 2.05 Remuneration of Directors

- b) iii) in compliance with the conflict of interest provisions of the Act.
  - a) An exception being the treasurer elected by the SMBA board – will receive a yearly honorarium in the amount of \$600
  - b) UIC – Rep will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$1,500 per season plus an additional \$30 for any meetings held outside of the City Limits of Stratford
    - ii. UIC House League will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$500 per season

Change to:

2.05 Remuneration of Directors

- c) iii) in compliance with the conflict of interest provisions of the Act.
  - c) An exception being the treasurer elected by the SMBA board – will receive a yearly honorarium in the amount of **\$900**
  - d) UIC – Rep will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$1,500 per season plus an additional \$30 for any meetings held outside of the City Limits of Stratford
    - ii. UIC House League will receive an honorarium in the amount of **\$650** per season

**ADD**

- e) Rep registrar will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$350 per season***
- f) House league registrar will receive an honorarium in the amount of \$350 per season***

All in favour. Carried.

5. 3.02 Regular Meetings

The Board may fix the place and time of regular Board meetings and send a copy of the resolution fixing the place and time of such meetings to each Director, and no other notice shall be required for any such meetings. A coach or designate from each Rep. team must attend SMBA general meetings from November to August, as teams are selected in the Fall. The Penalty for a team not having a coach or head coach representative at a board meeting will be a two game suspension to be served by the head coach immediately following the meeting. Coaches wanting to join the board as a voting member or director, must attend the AGM to be a director.

Change to:

The Board may fix the place and time of regular Board meetings and send a copy of the resolution fixing the place and time of such meetings to each Director, and no other notice shall be required for any such meetings.

**ADD**

***a) Emergency meetings may be called at any time during the year. 2 days' notice should be given but is not required. Regular meeting guidelines must be followed. A virtual/phone option must be provided in the case of an emergency meeting for those who cannot attend in person.***

All in favour. Carried.

**6. 3.05 Voting**

Each Executive Member/Director has one vote. Questions arising at any Board meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes, the President or designate shall have a second or casting vote.

**ADD**

***a) Email voting is only permitted in special circumstances where time is a factor – whether an email vote is necessary is decided on by the President. Board members must be given at least 10 hours to vote and voting must close no later than 9pm on any given day.***

All in favour. Carried.

D. Grasby made motion to adjourn AGM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Mathieson. Carried.