

**Stratford Minor Baseball  
Meeting Minutes**



**Association**

Tuesday February 11, 2020 @ 6:30pm  
Stratford Army & Navy

**Attendees:**

Chris Redfern	Brian Hawley	Corey Bridges	Brian Grasby
Sue Smith	Don Grasby	Brian Grasby	Bevan Mathieson
Ashley Mathieson	John Brightwell	Steve Vaters	Mark Hall

B. Hawley called the meeting to order.

B. Hawley declared conflict of interest on PFTA situation (Agenda Item #16).

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by Barry Grasby, seconded by A. Mathieson. Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting dated December 10, 2019.

Moved by J. Brightwell, seconded by Brian Grasby. Carried.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting dated December 10, 2019.

Moved by C. Bridges, seconded by D. Graff.

**Budget**

*Operational:* The Finance Committee met and found a deficit of -\$2,400. Discussion on how to make up for that - fundraising, promoting house league, hosting tournaments.

Home tournaments made up for significant revenue in 2019.

Motion to approve 2020 budget and improve sponsorship revenue and tournament revenue to combat deficit.

Moved by Brian Grasby, seconded by J. Brightwell. Carried.

*Capital Budget:*

Motion that we have a guideline that we spend no more than 20% of surplus (bank draft) on capital projects each year.

Moved by J. Brightwell, seconded by M. Hall. Carried.

Motion to bring scoreboard monies out of capital and into sponsorship/fundraising.

Moved by J. Brightwell, seconded by A. Mathieson.

Motion to formalize shed and tractor into capital for 2020, and hold balance in reserve for future capital projects that may come up.

Moved by J. Brightwell, seconded by Brian Grasby. Carried.

Potential capital projects: dufferin backstop, irrigation at dufferin, and cement at SERC dugouts.

### **Fundraising/Sponsorship**

B. Hawley explained that the Fundraising Committee came up with a few sponsorship ideas for banners to be hung at the stadium and Dufferin Park. Plan is to have 2 sponsorship options: \$290 for a one year sponsorship banner, \$600 for a 3 year sponsorship banner - banner is always owned by the sponsor.

Motion to have 2 banner sponsorship packages:

1. \$290, one-year sponsorship - sponsor keeps banner.
2. \$600, three-year sponsorship - sponsor keeps banner.
  - a. 4x8 banner, 2 colour.

Moved by Barry Grasby, seconded by A. Mathieson. Carried.

Discussion on how to promote House League. J. Brightwell suggested we try to promote HL in May, like a clinic for parents to bring their kids out to see if they like baseball.

**Action Item: A. Mathieson to email school board to ask if we can make up a HL poster and have principals hand out at schools to promote HL baseball.**

Taco night: Jay Ford requested that we have Taco Night in April.

Motion to have Taco Night on April 7th and 21st.

Moved by Barry Grasby, seconded by M. Hall. Carried.

**Action Item: Barry Grasby and B. Hawley to meet with Jay Ford and decide who is printing tickets. (Update: C. Redfern had Pat Kelly of PK Design create tickets, and Business Centre to print and cut them so they are ready for coaches meeting.)**

Motion to have coaches meeting this week to hear about Taco Night changes.

Moved by Barry Grasby, seconded by M. Hall. Carried.

**Action Item: D. Graff to organize coaches meeting this week to hear about Taco Night changes. (Update: meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 19, 2020).**

### **Registration Update:**

C. Redfern updated that 62 rep kids have registered as of February 10th, 2020. 52 have paid. 26 HL registrations - 23 have paid. 3 blast ball registered. 9 rep players have paid the full \$450

**Action Item: C. Bridges to contact 9 parents for reimbursement.**

**Action item: Board to find two more house league convenors.**

### **Umpires Update:**

B. Hawley informed that the umpires committee was able to stay under the \$5,000 allocated budget for umpiring (\$4,400). Refunding the registration fee after they've umpired their 5th game for SMBA. S. Vaters mentioned UIC needs to make sure it's not after they've been scheduled 5 games, rather after they've completed 5 games.

New umpiring rates:

**Houseleague**

\$35 plate

\$30 bases

**Peewee/Bantam**

\$45 plate

\$40 bases

**Rookie Rep-Midget**

\$40 plate

\$35 bases

**Junior**

\$80 plate

\$70 bases

Motion to pass new umpire rates.

Moved by A. Mathieson, seconded by M. Hall. Carried.

**Hitmen Update:**

M. Hall is no longer able to do the liquor permit.

**Action Item: Board needs to find a new liquor license holder for the Hitmen Tournament.**

**Uniforms:**

No update.

**ICBA:**

B. Hawley updated that some teams have shortfalls: 8U Tier 2 - only 4 teams, 15U Tier 2 - only 3 teams, two 16U teams who want to go elsewhere. Discussions about certain leagues changing their playoff structure.

**Tournaments Update:**

Tournaments are filling up well - 18U, 14U and 10U tournaments are full.

**Sports Council:**

Brian Grasby brought up covers for dugouts and cement pads at SERC hardball to council. Murray Patterson suggested looking at doing SERC softball at the same time as the hardball diamond. Sports council to look into lighting in building.

**Concrete for Dugouts:**

No update.

**Facilities:**

No update.

**New Business:**

No new business to report.

**PFTA Situation:** B Hawley notified board that PFTA is not closed, but most areas cannot be used until wall is built. Permit for wall is in (21 day process), and then wall will be built in 4-6 weeks. 1st or 2nd week of may will probably operational.

C. Redfern took over meeting. Discussion regarding PFTA issue ensued.

**Adjournment.**

Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30PM

Location: Queen's Inn