



Stratford Minor Baseball Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 10, 2019 @ 18:30
Stratford Army & Navy

Attendees:

Brian Hawley	Steve Vaters	John Brightwell
Corey Bridges	Bevan Mathieson	Barry Grasby
Brian Grasby	Kyle Priestap	Ashley Mathieson
Amy Brightwell	Emily Priestap	Beth Hovius

B. Hawley called the meeting to order.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February.

J. Brightwell requested the minutes be changed to: “that we spend **no more than** 20% of surplus (bank draft) on capital projects each year.” February minutes to be adjusted to reflect this wording.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Action Item: Posters for House League- Avon Maitland has posted on their website, and the Catholic Board has yet to respond.

Action Item: Taco Night- Tickets were handed out for Taco Night at the coaches’ meeting.

Action Item: Fundraising:

- Still in need of someone to hold the liquor license.
- Brian to send an email to coaches to reach out to parents about sharing responsibility on the liquor license.
- CC Brian on the emails when sending out to parents so he knows who has received them
- It was suggested that we look to create a committee of volunteers, first with Smart Serve.

Action Item: B. Hawley to create email and have coaches forward it to their parent groups in regards to volunteering at Hitment Tournament and considering assisting with liquor license.

Action Item: Houseleague Convenors- still need convenor for peewee/bantam

- Individual convenor gets free registration, overall convenor gets a payment
- ***Action Item: Recruitment for Peewee/Bantam Convenor***

Fundraising:

Discussion took place about sponsorships. We will be short at least 3 sponsors for house league from last year. Looking for one more sponsor for the score board. A meeting has been set up with D&S Downham in regards to the tractor, and will determine what will happen at that point with an additional sponsorship.

Meeting about scoreboard happening tomorrow with the City of Stratford. Need to determine how the scoreboard is going to be positioned. Request for confirmation on who is paying for the hydro for the score board. Need to make sure there is enough ampage to support pitching machine and scoreboard.

Action Item: at next meeting with the city, need confirmation on who is paying for the hydro for the scoreboard and also confirm there is adequate power supply.

Rep Division- some confusion amongst coaches not realizing they needed to get a sponsor. Short sponsors for 9U, 11U, and 14U Tier 1.

Action Item: Need to send reminder to teams about obtaining a sponsor.

Fee for the WOBA teams and for sponsorships – leaving the same price.

Sold 2 banners so far. Trying to push towards selling more to eradicate the \$2400 shortfall.

Taco night has been worked out with the restaurant. Not every team got the tickets because we are limiting the number who can attend. Maxing out on 100 tickets per time slot.

House league Committee:

Looking at ideas to enhance blastball. It was discussed that there may be some new equipment needed for blastball as well. Committee to write down on paper some ideas for the best way to run the program to enhance children's interest. Committee also discussed meeting at the National Stadium to sort and organize equipment and determine what is needed.

Uniforms:

Discussion on the option to change the home jersey (if the sponsor pays to have additions, like the player's name on the back).

Discussion also took place on whether or not kids can use the same jersey from last year if they are the same kids playing and have the same sponsor.

Motion to allow the coach to use last year's jersey as their home jersey and instead get a blue jersey given to them. Moved by Barry Grasby. 2nd by J. Brightwell for discussion. Discussion took place that the jerseys are completely different this year so should stay consistent. Motion Defeated.

Motion that each team is supplied a red jersey as decided by the board each year. Moved by Brian Grasby. Seconded by Bevan.

Discussion about second jersey. Does it have to be standard?

Motion that the second jersey has to come to the board for approval first. Moved by Brian Grasby. Barry seconded motion. Approved.

Motion that home jersey can be changed as long as our symbol on the front, number on the back, sponsor pays for the difference, their logo can go on the sleeve. Brian Grasby, seconded Barry Grasby.
Approved.

Facilities:

Minutes from sports council: no meeting because of family day, so will have an answer at that point.

S. Vaters presented sweater for Hitmen winners. NSA ordering them.

Action Item: S. Vaters sending prices to Hawley for shirts.

Dugouts: Brian Grasby waiting for answer from city.

Sports Council:

Action Item: ask all board members who want tickets for banquet, let Brian Grasby know by March 13.

Action Item: Brian Hawley to send email for those who may want tickets.

Tournaments:

Midget has 10, U14/15 closed, U10 closed.

New Business:

Field of Dreams contacted SMBA about the use of their facilities. E. Priestap to send information to D. Graff to distribute to coaches.

Action Item: E. Priestap send email about Field of dreams to D. Graff for distribution to coaches.

Clean-up Day: May 2nd, Rain date May 3rd
Teams to go to their Home park.

Bart – SERC softball, Gerald SERC baseball U14 and U15 at SERC, 3 parents per team.

Action Item: notice to be sent regarding park clean-up.

Wall of Fame; would like to see it be an annual event and requesting more discussion on this. If there is a potential nominee, bring name forward next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 21st 6:30pm (Conference Call, details to come)