



Stratford Minor Baseball Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 21, 2020 @ 6:30pm
Zoom Conference Call

Attendees:

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| Chris Redfern | Emily Priestap | Brian Hawley | Brian Grasby |
| Steve Vaters | Amy Brightwell | John Brightwell | Ashley Mathieson |
| Bevan Mathieson | Ben Eghoetz | Beth Hovius | Corey Bridges |
| Dave Graff | Mark Hall | Kyle Priestap | Sue Smith |
| Don Grasby | | | |

B. Hawley called the meeting to order.

No conflicts of interests declared.

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by J. Brightwell, seconded by Corey Bridges. Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting dated March 10, 2020.

Moved by D. Grasby, seconded by Steve Vaters. Carried.

Discussion about letting ICBA know if we are willing to extend our season into September if needed due to COVID-19. Issue of hockey tryouts going on during September SMBA games came up – decision was made to tell ICBA that we are willing to extend season into September but we are cautious that hockey tryouts may interfere.

Action Item: B. Hawley to tell ICBA that we are willing to play into September but are cautious that hockey may interfere. Also reach out to Stratford Minor Hockey to open up communication about the issue.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Still no convener for peewee/bantam house league. Scoreboard sponsorship is not being pursued any longer for 2020 season. All rep teams now have a sponsor.

Fundraising/Sponsorship

B. Hawley explained that all fundraising is basically on hold for now, as we do not want to ask companies for sponsorships when we're not sure about our season.

Discussion about how to reimburse sponsors for payments already made for 2020 season if we don't have a season. No decisions on this will be made until we have more information on season.

Taco night: Have not heard anything from Jay Ford at Queen's Inn.

Action Item: D. Graff to email coaches and let them know that Taco night is postponed until further notice.

Registration Update:

C. Redfern updated that 105 rep kids have registered as of April 21th, 2020. 87 HL registrations. 26 blast ball registered.

Discussion about how SMBA will eat cost on credit card charges for parents who paid through Goalline. Approx. \$570 has been paid by SMBA in credit card charges. Decision was to keep things as is and allow parents to register and pay online through Goalline until we have more information on season. Estimated that we could be close to \$900 in credit card charges for 2020.

Discussion about having to refund parents if a partial season is played in 2020. No decisions made until we have further information.

Finances

If season is cancelled, it is estimated that we would be out \$4,000 in costs that would not be offset by revenues like fundraising as we usually do.

Umpires Update:

B. Hawley explained that if OBA still requires all umps to pay full price to certify for 2020 and umps only get 2-3 games in due to partial season, then charging a full fee for certification would be less than ideal. ICBA to protest regarding this issue going forward.

Action Item: C. Redfern to update umpire page on web site to reflect where things are at regarding COVID-19. B. Hawley to inform of any updates for umpires.

Hitmen Update:

There has been talk about slo-pitch season being cancelled, which could affect availability of diamonds. Also an issue of volunteers if season has been extended.

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

Uniforms:

K. Priestap informed that house league hats have been ordered. We are holding off on ordering jerseys for now.

Concrete for Dugouts:

Most likely not going to happen for 2020. Probably push to 2021.

Facilities:

City of Stratford didn't specifically say whether or not we can maintain diamonds.

Action Item: B. Hawley to find out from City if we are allowed to maintain fields.

Tournaments Update:

Emails will be sent out to tournament participants notifying of cancellations when we know more information.

Sports Council:

No meetings for 3 months now. Still waiting to hear from city on concrete in dugouts, and AED's. Banquet has been cancelled.

New Business:

Tractor and C-Can – decided to move forward as per usual and buy tractor as planned.

Action Item: B. Hawley to email St. Louis and Bryson to confirm purchase of C Can.

Action Item: A. Mathieson to email Blastball parents again letting them know that Blastball is postponed until further notice.

Action Item: B. Hawley to talk to Michelle to see if there is any flexibility in our date.

Adjournment.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday May 12th, 2020 6:30PM

Location: Zoom Conference Call