



## Stratford Minor Baseball Meeting Minutes

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30 PM

Location: Queens Inn, Stratford

**In Attendance:** Dave Graff, Steve Vaters, Jeff Keller, Barry Grasby, Mark Hall, Emily Priestap, Kyle Priestap, Brian Hawley, John McIntosh, Anne Vaters, Heike Reiche, Amy Brightwell, Tom Valcke, Scott Siebert, Corey Bridges, Aly Godina, Don Barber

**Regrets:** Bruce Grasby (Minor Peewee Select), Ryan Kunder (Peewee Rep), Jamie Frey (Junior Rooke), Don Grasby, Cathy Graver

### 1. Call to Order – Dave Graff

Meeting was called to order 6:31 pm

Quorum of 50% declared

### 2. No conflicts declared

### 3. Approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the October 16<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting – Barry Grasby. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Vaters. Carried

### 4. President's Report – Dave Graff

- a. Dugout Roofs still on agenda to be done before winter according to city
- b. City confirms that they are waiving hydro starting in 2018.
  - i. Still have to pay water and sewer
  - ii. Bill from second half of 2017 will come in early 2018
- c. City Draft Budget
  - i. Lights at Optimist (2019)
  - ii. Stadium Roof mentioned under “unfunded budget items:

- iii. Two options mentioned for roof: Tear it down for approx. \$75,000 or rebuild it for approx. \$150,000.
  1. Barry Grasby asked what would happen if they want to tear it down. Graff reminded everyone that it is not our building. It is city property
  2. Grasby recommended someone call Hunter Steel to see if they would donate materials to fix it. Graff will call
- iv. Discussion was had to raise money by a name sponsor for stadium – deferred to fund raising committee for discussion

#### Non Executive Positions:

Dave Graff reported the following non-executive positions have been filled.

Facilities Manager – Steve Vaters

Umpire In Chief (Rep) – Barry Grasby

Umpire in Chief (HL) – Steve Vaters

Blastball Convenier – Cathy Graver

Coaches Liaison – Don Grasby

Registrar – Heike Reiche

#### **5. Treasurers Report**

- a. 2017 coming to a close. Revenue way up (\$26,000 over budget) due to increase in registration numbers, better fundraising (Hitmen, spaghetti) and more tournaments.
- b. Expenses remained on target despite increased spending in umpires (due to more games), uniforms and hats (\$455.97 under budget).
- c. YTD we are running a surplus of \$27,839.17.
- d. Presented a draft of capital items. Members to review and provide input at next meeting
- e. Currently working on draft 2018 budget to present at December meeting

Motion to approve treasurers report: Corey Bridges. Second: Mark Hall. Carried

## **6. ICBA Report – Emily Priestap**

- a. ICBA voted against proposal to make it mandatory to have a team in Tier 1 before having two teams in Tier 2
- b. Discussion on making season shorter for Midget – OBA weekend the weekend after civic holiday. ICBA representatives have heard discussions, will vote at meeting as they see fit
- c. Oba considering creating an A and B tournament. ICBA voted for it
- d. Stratford hosting 2018 AGM. AGM and awards night are now separate items. ICBA to take over awards night

Motion to approve the ICBA Rep report: Jeff Keller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle Priestap. Carried

## **7. Committee Reports**

Members were asked to express interest in committee membership. Dave Graff will appoint members at December meeting. Those expressing interest were:

Finance Committee: Jeff Keller (Chair), Corey Bridges

Fundraising Committee: Brian Hawley (Chair), Steve Vaters, Amy Brightwell, Barry Grasby, Anne Vaters, Laurie Uniac (community member), Heike Reiche

Sponsorship Committee: Jeff Keller (Chair), Brian Hawley, Dave Graff

Registration Committee: Heike Reiche (Chair), Jeff Keller, Anne Vaters, Emily Priestap, Don Barber

Releases Committee: Dave Graff (Chair), John McIntosh, Jeff Keller

Umpire/Rules Committee: Steve Vaters (Chair), Barry Grasby, Brian Hawley, Tom Valcke

Tournament Committee: Dave Graff (Chair), Kyle Priestap, Brian Hawley, Jeff Keller, Brian Grasby

League Committee: Alan Wilker (HL), Emily Priestap (ICBA/Sports Council), Tom Valcke (OBA)

Facilities/City Liaison: Dave Graff, Steve Vaters (Chair), Barry Grasby, Jeff Keller

Jerseys/Equipment: Barry Grasby (Chair), John McIntosh, Scott Siebert, Kyle Priestap

Coaches Committee: Don Grasby, Dave Graff (Chair), Amy Brightwell, Steve Vaters, John McIntosh

Banquet Committee: Aly Godina (Chair), Don Barber, Emily Priestap, Sue (Community Member)

Awards Committee: Dave Graff, Barry Grasby (Chair), Alan Wilker

Family Day: Discussion was held regarding the continuation of family day. Some thought it has run its course. Turn out has not been great. Last year was rained out and the many rescheduled games caused issues. It was decided to try it again this year. Members are Aly Godina (Chair), Emily Priestap, Scott Siebert, Dave Graff

## 8. New Business

- a. *Mosquito at Packham Road.* Two 12 team tournaments. Looking in June. Dave Graff looking into dates with the city.
- b. *Midget tournament viability* – referred to tournament committee to report
- c. *Pitch Talk*
  - i. Pitch talk happening in Stratford on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Tom Valcke contacted organizer and asked how SMBA can get involved and help sell tickets
  - iii. Organizer offered 100 tickets at \$15 each. SMBA can sell for \$20. People can also buy online with a special SMBA ticket option
  - iv. Any tickets sold over 100 we get \$10
  - v. Discussion occurred around concern regarding lack of time to get these sold (two weeks) especially in off-season. It was decided that each coach will email their team and try to sell 10 tickets. Dave to email coaches. Dave to go on radio and contact both newspapers. Start sharing it on Facebook.

**MOTION:** To commit SMBA to purchasing 100 tickets for pitch talk. Ask each team to sell at least 10 tickets – Jeff Keller. Second by Tom Valcke. 4 in favour, 7 opposed. Defeated

**MOTION:** Go back to the organizer and ask for \$3 per ticket with no minimum. If we sell 100, we get \$5 per ticket – Barry Grasby. Second Corey Bridges. Carried.

Tom will go back to the organizer with this option.

### d. *Umpire Fees*

- i. Concern that we are falling behind in pay. Harder to get umpires
- ii. Barry Grasby presented a new schedule for board to approve. It goes as follows:
  1. Machine House League: \$25/\$25
  2. Peewee and Bantam HL: \$33/\$27 (\$28)
  3. Rookie Rep: \$33/\$28
  4. Mosquito Rep: \$38/\$33
  5. Peewee Rep: \$43/\$38
  6. Bantam Rep: \$50/\$40

7. Midget T2: \$55/\$48
  8. Midget T1: \$55/\$48/\$48 (two base umpires)
  9. Junior: \$60/\$53/\$53 (two base umpires)
  10. All Tournament games remain at 20017 rates.
- iii. Proposal would cost approximately \$4,500 more in 2018

**MOTION 1:** Midget T1 and Junior move to a three umpire system: Barry Grasby. Second: Brian Hawley. Carried

**MOTION 2:** To approve the increase in umpire fees as presented: Barry Grasby. Second: Emily Priestap. Carried with amendment.

**AMMENDMENT TO MOTION 2:** To make HL Bases \$28: Mark Hall. Second: Steve Vaters. Carried.

*e. Umpire Evaluation*

- i. Tom Valcke discussed need for our UICs to be able to formally evaluate our umpires to help with development
- ii. UICs would do this on their own, as they see fit
- iii. Would get paid \$25 per game.
- iv. Steve Vaters said he does this already. Barry as well. Just never formalized in writing
- v. Coaches need to inform the UICs of issues

**MOTION:** To approve the UIC or designate to evaluate umpires as they see necessary. They will be remunerated \$25 per game: Mark Hall. Second: Corey Bridges. Carried.

*f. New Board Member.* Brian Hawley would like to join the board effectively immediately.

**MOTION:** To appoint Brian Hawley to the board as a director: Aly Godina. Second: Mark Hall. Carried.

*g. Indoor Facility*

- i. Update on facility that it will be ready in January. Tom is ordering materials and working on getting it up and running. Tom mentioned that the area requires fencing which SMBA will not be responsible for purchasing. This is where the delay is.
  - ii. Tom asked all coaches to please send him dates that they would like to have. First come-first served.
  - iii. Teams will have 12 sessions at 90 minutes each.
- h. Adjournment: Aly Godina. Second Steve Vaters. Carried.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined.