

Stratford Minor Baseball Agenda

Meeting Date:

1. **Call to Order – Dave Graff**
   * Present:
     1. Dave Graff, Jeff Keller, Anne Vaters, Steve Vaters, Cathy Graver, Dave Gould, Don Barber, Brian Grasby, Ryan Kunder, John McIntosh, Kyle Priestap, Laurie Uniac, Don (Mud) Grasby, Heike Reiche, Scott Siebert, Allan Wilker, Jamie Frey, Aaron Schaff, Barry Grasby, Tom Valke, Joe McArthur, Ben Eghoetz,
   * Absent:
     1. Aly Smith, Bruce Grasby, Bernie Schultz, Sue Smith
2. **Declaration of conflict of interest – Dave Graff**
   * none
3. **Approval of Agenda – Dave Graff**
   * Cathy, John M
4. **Additions to Agenda – Dave Graff**
   * None
   * **Approval of Minutes – Dave Graff** 
     1. Motion: To approve the minutes from meeting dated November 7th, 2016
        1. Steve, Jeff
     2. Motion: To approve the minutes from meeting dated October 17th, 2016
        1. Dave G, Brian
5. **Business Arising from Minutes – Dave Graff**
   * None
6. **Executive and Directors**
   * Clarification of Executive and Directors
     1. Voting rights, Naming of Directors
   * Executive Positions:
     1. President: Dave Graff
     2. Past President: Don Grasby
     3. 1st vice: Jeff Keller
     4. 2nd Vice: Laurie Uniac
   * Secretary: Anne Vaters
     1. Treasurer: Bernie Schultz
     2. ICBA Rep: Cathy Graver
   * Directors:
     1. All of the Executive above, in addition:
        1. Steve Vaters, Barry Grasby, Allan Wilker, Tom Valke, John McIntosh, Brian Grasby, Jamie Frey, Bruce Grasby, Dave Gould, Aaron Schaff, Aly Smith, Ben Eghoetz, Dan Graver, Sue Smith
        2. Coaches only, no voting rights
           1. Joe McArthur, Don Barber, Ryan Kunder, Kyle Preistap , Scott Siebert
   * Other Director Positions:
     1. Registrar- Heike
     2. House League Rep – Allan
     3. Coaches Liaison - Mud
     4. Facilities Manager - Steve
     5. Umpire In Chief – Barry
     6. Equipment Manager – Barry, Jamie, John M
     7. Pictures (Must have one for the sponsor)
        1. travel to arrange their own
        2. Patty Schenck will do house-league and Blastball
7. **Creation/appointment of Committees**
   * Each executive and Director required to sit and participate on at least one committee
   * Heike to email what has already been complied for duties for each committee/executive position to Anne
   1. **Finance Committee** –

* Chair: Jeff Keller
  + Members: Bernie (Treasurer), John Mac, Jamie Frey
* would like to have a budget of what’s coming in and going out on a monthly basis
* need to ensure before spending money, we know what we have in the account, need to know for accountability and where/how we can save money
* do a comparison from other years
* There is currently no annual audit in place
* ICBA has an audit (done approx. every 4 years)
  1. **Fundraising Committee** –
     1. Chair: Laurie
        1. Members: Steve, Mud, Heike, Cathy, Dave Gould
  2. **Sponsorship Committee:**
     + Chair: Jeff
       - Members: Dave, Barry
  3. **Umpire/Rules Committee:**
     + Chair: Barry
       - Members: Umpire In Chief
         * Steve, Tom, Aaron, Ben
  4. **Tournament Committee:**
     + Chair: Dave Graff
       - Members: Jeff, Brian, Dave Gould
  5. **League Committee:**
     + Chair: Cathy Graver, ICBA Rep
       - Members: Sports Council Rep, House League Rep
         * Alan, Tom
     + Let Dave know if interested in being a convenor for any ICBA division
     + This will include Grass roots (Cathy and Alan)
  6. **Facilities/Equipment Committee:**
     + Chair: Facilities Manager – Steve
       - Members: Barry, John McIntosh
     + will include Booth, equipment and uniforms
  7. **Coaches Committee:** 
     + Chair: President Dave Graff
     + Members: Coaches Liaison – Steve, Mud, Tom, Brian
       - including releases
  8. **Registration:**
     + Chair: Registrar - Heike
       - Members: Laurie, Anne, Bernie, Jeff
  9. **Banquet**
     + Chair: Dave
       - Members: Sue, Laurie, Alan
  10. **Family Day**
      + Members: Alicia, Brian, Mud, Dave Gould

1. **Other/New Business – Dave Graff**
   * **Name Change announcement**
     1. announcement, go fund me, registration
        1. gofundme – goal is $10,000
     2. get rid of warm up jerseys
        1. will buy new team jerseys every year will save $16 per shirt which will go towards new jerseys
        2. Kids will keep their shirts
        3. Order from Dunny
        4. Red for home
           1. optional for blue for 2nd jersey (2/3 majority of team to approve vote for 2nd jersey)
        5. Script writing with Nationals in the Stratford swoosh
        6. Logo on sleeve
        7. Number and sponsor on back
     3. Meeting held on Nov 7 approved the above
        1. As well:
           1. 4 members (Dan Graver, Dave, Jeff and Steve)went to city council to discuss funding and improvements

very receptive to put money in 2017 budget for seats, dugouts, hydro coverage (soccer currently covered)

Name change came up

* + - * 1. Unanimous to change the name and logo
        2. Initial talks involve registration and fund raising
        3. Also looking at new jerseys (to get away from cotton shirts) and hats for house league

Need to keep Cathy involved as she typically orders house league shirts

* + Registration
    1. Deadline
    2. Fees
       1. houseleague - $10 increase makes it $135
       2. travel $460 – is $35 increase – one fee (not $135 +)
    3. Make motion Steve, 2nd Jeff, all in favour, carried
  + Other:
    1. agenda additions, next meeting agenda discussion, committee responsibilities
    2. website – each team have own page
       1. same as hockey website
       2. games and rosters should be on their
       3. HL will have own site – league, Blastball, HL
       4. Team names, sponsors, schedules, diamond time
       5. payment will be easier
       6. coaches meeting to be held later to review all this – possibly in January
       7. Tournaments as well, will have live score for tournaments
       8. Master calendar – board meetings, fund raisers
  + ICBA update – Cathy
    1. annual banquet and awards Nov 9 ; Dave, Jeff, Tom, Ben, Cathy and winners and families
    2. constitution amendments – nothing that needs to be reviewed
    3. attended Baseball Ontario this past weekend, a few changes it hat may be interested in, going with naming our teams; No more peewee, will be U9, U12 etc. all passed by Baseball Ontario
       1. next one carried – for minor rookie, only 6 7 8 yr olds will be able to play; 5 year olds now longer allowed
       2. next Jr has been added to Sr release policy same as senior – no releases required for Junior
    4. ICBA person got voted in Brent Peltola – great addition
    5. Disappointed not to win Sr player of the year – top resume; why? Feel that went with a male - discrimination
    6. Mia Valke and Jack Whitehead won awards at ICBA
    7. it was bragged about Stratford to pick our award winners to go to the ICBA meetings
  + Jr report – governed by SMBA – try to make as strong as possible or keep doing what we do and being a single A team
    1. unlimited players – do we field a team to compete at eliminations or carry 50% Stratford to be a A or AA team
    2. right now 60/40 Out of town/Stratford
  + Stadium updates
    1. at council, taken back to staff and looking for approving in budget; hydo, seat sealing, roof, dugout roofs (for all parks)
    2. if we do our own roofs – we can get our own quotes, but have to have approved by City
    3. 10 feet high by 24 long, metal roof, 6x6 posts at all parks $7500 per park
    4. soccer has gone back to City for 2nd phase of funding
    5. at Dufferin do they have to cut the back fence off
    6. wait time is January for budget approval – will know by mid to late January
    7. Dan G believes through Dan M will approve
    8. Dan G did a great job that night
    9. after posting about logo, councillors have since responded with praise for our actions
  + Rosters
    1. received: rookie, minor mosquito, major mosquito, minor bantam teams
    2. Need both peewee teams, major bantam – Joe to advise at December meeting where he is at with team players
  + Tom
    1. why player cut, parent wants to know if he can put forward another team for other kids – could be a tier 2 team
       1. Feedback was that the parent above was also a coach and was shared that the individual was not a positive coach
       2. Mud indicated that Tom should have referred to the President
          1. Mud also received call about the same player
       3. Another parent/board member also wants to put forward for a second team
       4. diamond time is a issue; HL is an issue – takes more kids out of HL
       5. Another parent is looking for release papers, as his child quit but has yet to receive the paper work
       6. Tom will be speaking on CBC tomorrow (Nov 22) to discuss our name change for travel teams
    2. WOSSA host in May
       1. when the time comes it has to be booked through the City and City and SMBA for insurance purposes
  + HUB tickets left – some still left
    1. See Steve, Jeff or Dan for tickets

1. Motion for Adjournment
   * Laurie, John McIntosh

**Next meeting will be Monday, December 19 2016 at 7:00pm in the Lower Optimist Hall**