# Lethbridge Minor Softball Association

# Meeting Minutes

## March 4, 2018

## 1:00pm

Invitees: Tara Furukawa-Stoffer, Jennifer Drader, Gloria Gouthreau, Cilena Mathieu, Kim Snideman, Beth Moulton, Lacey McLeod, Anita Richardson, Jay Johnson.

Attendees: Tara Furukawa-Stoffer, Jennifer Drader, Kim Snideman, Beth Moulton, Anitia Richardson

1. Call to order – Jen called to order the meeting at 1:28pm
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting- Approved by Beth, seconded by Jen
3. Open and Ongoing Business
4. Jay Johnson has put her name forward for the position of Equipment and Uniform Director.

– Jay was unable to make it to this meeting so at this time she will help Jen with the LTP and U10 equipment and Tara with U12 and U14 equipment. For the t-shirts she will be the one who is in charge of the ordering and distributing of the t-shirts. Jen will help her with this.

1. Divisional Director Appointments

* Jen who usually runs the LTP has a conflict as the LTP and U12 which she will be coaching are on the same night. As well Beth who will be coaching U12 would also have some conflicts with running U10 but Jen and Beth could alternate going out and making sure the U10 is running well on Mon and Wed nights. We will still put out a request for anyone interested in the position for LTP and U10 but if no one does come forward Jen will do the LTP schedule and assignment of teams and Beth will do the U10. Tara if not needed for coaching will do the U12 and U14 schedule and assignment of teams. Anita has put her name forward to Co-Direct with Tara for U14. This will all be finalized in April.

1. Treasurer Report – Any new business to report.

* Kim introduced the first budget which will be starting point for the league. She was able to take 2017 numbers and adjust for assumptions. We will revisit the actual numbers after the season to see where we are at.

1. Introduction for approval of LMSA’s new League Name selected by the winter training players. “Lethbridge Heat”

* Over the winter the players in the winter training group selected a name for Lethbridge Travel and Provincial teams. The name “The Lethbridge Heat” was approved by Beth and seconded by Jen

1. LMSA Handbook – Update by Jen and Beth
   1. Review Round dates and playoff dates

– Round 1 - Apr 30 – May 31st. Round 2 - Jun 4 – Jun 22. City Championships – Jun 23rd

* 1. Review Season Structure’s for all groups (# of practice’s and game’s during season)

-Changed the season structure paragraphs for U10, U12, U14 & U16 & higher to reflect our season with a 15-17 practice/game nights.

* 1. Review length of time for games U10 and higher

-U10 – 1 hour & 15 min, U12 – 1 hour & 30min, U14 – 1 hour & 30, U16-U19 – 1 hour & 30 min.

- Removed the pitching distance specific rule for U14 and replaced it with a director discretion statement.

* 1. Approval of posting this on the website

-Final corrections will be made and ready for final approval for next meeting in Apr.

1. Clinic Updates
   1. Pitching Clinic – last one Mar 18th - Update by Jen – 15 players signed up
   2. Catcher Clinic – May 11-12th - Update by Jen – In talks with an instructor
   3. Umpire Clinic – Apr 8th - Update by Jen – Have sent out flyer to Hockey refs association, ringette refs association, basketball refs association, Highschools. Have only received 2 registrations. Going to promote in an email that has all the “new rules and changes” for this year. Include that if we do not get registered umps that the home team will have to provide a plate umpire which would mean parents will be volunteering their time and not getting paid. Will place parent to ump on same night as child playing so they will not have to be apart. Also encourage U14’s to sign up. Tara has 3 people who are going to ump for ladies that could come over to our league when they are not umping ladies.
   4. Possible Skills Clinics – Update by Beth – Spoke with SA – $1400 to bring them down, min 15 players needed. Going to hold off on this. It was noted that if it was just skills clinic then we could do that in house and so would look at holding specific skill clinics like hitting, catcher, and pitcher. Will hold off this year.
2. Fundraising Efforts – Update by Beth

-We have apparel with our logo available through Entripy that we get a kickback from. We also have a labeling company that get a kick back from. Will go on website and will be placed in email to be sent out to registrations. This is not mandatory but just there to help the league out.

-Anita mentioned that we could possibly have a deal with a equipment company where we can just go online and order equipment that we know meets Softball Alberta criteria and then we also get a kickback for bringing in orders. Could possibly work with Doug’s Sports for a kick back instead of the 20% discount.

-There are also other idea’s such as a non bottle drive where we state that 1 night everyone brings bags of bottles to a practice or game and we pile them in a couple trucks and take them to the bottle drive.

1. Policy for bringing in people not on the board to the board meetings – Review for discussion – Update by Beth

-Beth will resend this and we will approve next meeting.

1. Social Media and Discipline Policy – led by Jen – Approved by Jen, seconded by Beth.
2. New business
3. Important Dates for 2018
   1. Flyers – update from Jen – Flyers were to be sent out electronically by the schools instead of printed and handed out but a couple schools have not seen this come on the March newsletter. Jen to follow up with the school boards.
   2. In Person Registration Dates – Board members needed for each date.
      1. Mar 19th – Mike Mountain Horse – Beth and Jen
      2. Mar 20th – Lakeview – Kim and her girls
      3. Mar 21st – Galbraith – Tara and Cory
   3. Equipment Review Date – Jen and Tara to do this when warmer and have list of what is needed by the next meeting.
   4. Coaches Meeting and Equipment Pickup Date – Will be determined at Apr meeting.
4. Traveling Team Meeting for parents interested in this.

-An email will be sent out indicating that anyone interested in coaching will have to submit an intent to coach form along with the indication they will get certified and present a coaching philosophy. E-mail will be sent out this week and will need to be in by Mar 26th. We will choose a coach on Apr 10th and they will be notified by Apr 13th. They will then set up a tryout and parents meeting. In that email it will also ask if any parents are interested in having their athletes interested in this as well so that we can gage the interest. Add certification dates and locations for them to view.

1. Dale Gerber from Coaldale is wanting to have some exhibition games with U16 this year. – Will be in touch with him when we know what our registrations are.
2. Med Hat has contacted us to have exhibition games with U16 as well. – Will be in touch when we know what our registrations are.
3. Any New Business -
4. Next Meeting date and time – Tues Apr 10th 6:30.
5. Adjournment – Ended by Jen at 4:05