# Lethbridge Minor Softball Association

# Meeting Minutes

## January 7, 2018

## 1:00pm

Attendance: Tara Furukawa-Stoffer, Jennifer Drader, Cilena Mathieu, Kim Snideman, Beth Moulton, Lacey McLeod, Anita Richardson

1. Call to order at 1:00pm by Jennifer Drader
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting approved by Beth, seconded by Jenn
3. Open and Ongoing Business
4. Treasurer Report handed out
   1. Kim is going to develop a budget based on current numbers.
   2. Beth has put forward a motion for Kim to open a savings account, Cilena Seconded
5. Priority List for Savings account – Update by Beth
   1. New quads with shale
   2. Upgrades to minors park (new infield)
      1. Tara is going to see if we can subsidize or use some Softball Valley grounds crew to help maintain Minor’s
   3. Signage at minors field
   4. Batting/pitching cages
   5. Branding for our league (Banner)
   6. Uniforms (3 more sets for travel team and rec team)
      1. U12, U14/U16/U19
   7. Equipment
      1. Equipment storage/ uniform totes
      2. Wheel bags
      3. Pitching screen
      4. Chalk or flour for lines
   8. Pitching clinics/can-pitch instructions/ Softball Alberta camps
   9. \*\*\* The next step would be to find out how much each of these would cost and create a tentative timeline
6. League Division rules and expectations handbook (Jen has detailed corrections)
   1. Review and discussion of handbook
      1. Altered- Section 5
         1. Altered:
            1. All games, including City Playoffs, must be played as scheduled even though a LMSA umpire is not present. In the event an official LMSA umpire is unavailable the Home team supplies a volunteer home plate umpire, visiting team supplies the volunteer base umpire.
         2. We will talk to Mike Robinson about the Lethbridge Softball Umpire Association (LSUA).
      2. Altered- Section 7.4
         1. Exceptions can be made year to year based on the decision of the coaches and division directors.
      3. Altered- Section 7.8
         1. U14 (4 inning pitching limit)
      4. Altered- Section 7.11.2
         1. LMSA follows the fair play rule. There are 2 options for substitutions.
      5. Altered- Remove section 7.12 and 7.15
      6. Altered U 10 rules
         1. No stealing home
      7. U 12 Rule Section
         1. Round 1/Round 2
            1. Implement round 1 (no walks) - round 2 will be full rules- no coach assist
            2. No stealing home round 1- round 2 normal
      8. U 14 Rule section
         1. Round 1/Round 2
            1. Round one (discussion around closer pitching distance between division director and coaches) Round 2- standard
      9. Section 11 Jen will change the wording
      10. Remove Respect in Sport Requirement Section
      11. Alter Section 14
          1. Remove the grace period and the wording for regulation game length
      12. Alter Section 15
          1. Remove the first paragraph
          2. Home team is determined by the schedule
          3. Playoff- higher seed team receives home
7. Clinic Updates
   1. Winter Training – Update by Beth
      1. Nov 2- Feb 15 Assumption School
         1. Variety of skills developed
            1. Larger facility needed in the future and possibly longer time frames. Possibly start in January next year
            2. 17 athletes U10/U12
            3. 16 athletes U14/U16
   2. Pitching Clinics – Update by Beth
      1. Boys and girls club
      2. Joshua Cinnamon from Calgary Jan 14, Feb 11 March 18 – on website
         1. Max 6 pitchers – January full
   3. Catcher Clinic – Update by Jen
      1. Jenn is looking into it in May
   4. Skills Clinics – Update by Jen
      1. Jenn is looking into it in May
   5. Umpire Clinic – Update by Jen
      1. Jenn is getting help from Gloria
8. Fall ball and summer camps discussion
   1. To be discussed in detail on a later date
9. Sponsor Packages – Jen is working on developing it
   1. Sign at Minor and flyers/advertisement package
   2. Supporter package
10. AGM Meeting – New Rules, discussions brought up
    1. Coed teams U14 category can participate in Boys category
    2. U14 pitchers can only pitch 4 innings
11. Policy for bringing in people not on the board to the board meetings
    1. Welcome the general public- dates on the website
    2. They can submit agenda items 2 weeks in advance
    3. General public can ask to come and let us know why they want to come
    4. Beth will type it up and send it out for approval at the next meeting
    5. Only the board has voting privileges
12. Social Media and Discipline Policy – Review and Discussion led by Jen
    1. Jenn sent out a draft
    2. Review and bring comments to the next meeting
13. New business
14. Fees for 2018. Do they stay the same?
    1. Should we put U14 and U16 & U18 Fees the same? Last 2 years we have had to refund as not enough in older category. What is the difference between the 3 anyway? Maybe $100 for U14, U16, U18. And U12 as well? What is the difference that requires a change in cost?
       1. Softball Alberta’s fee structure per team
          1. LTP = $75, U10 = $100, U12 = $150, U14 = $150, U16 = $150, U18 = $150
          2. Medicine Hat has U6-U10 =$110 and U12-U19=$130
          3. Calgary, Red Deer has structure like us.
       2. Our Costs
          1. LTP - $55
          2. U10 costs – will depend on umpire budget (Kim will crunch numbers)
          3. U12-U19 – single cost – this will depend on our umpire budget
15. Important Dates for 2018
    1. Registration Dates? Feb 1st
       1. Flyers will go out in March- our deadline is February 15
       2. Registration end date April 9
    2. In Person Registration Dates
       1. March 19, 20 and 21 Tara will look into this
    3. Do we do early registration draw
       1. No
    4. Recreational Guide Flyer Dates – Mar – $127 for half page.
       1. Deadline for submission Feb 15
    5. Equipment Review Date – TBD
    6. Coaches Meeting and Equipment Pickup Date - TBD
    7. Start Date – April 30
    8. Playoff /End Date – June 23 in Softball Valley
16. Uniform Discussion – Led by Jen
    1. Proposed: Numbers outlining costs of both yearly t-shirt uniform purchase and permanent Jersey purchase.
    2. Proposed: If not permanent uniforms – then ordering T-shirts from Entripy as we get 10% kick back cash. $8.80/shirt through Entripy compared to $9.00 at Doug’s and we get a kick back for our team. Hats are more expensive though at $11.20 so we could stay with Doug’s.
    3. Consensus: T-shirts for league, team jerseys for tournament teams and provincial teams
       1. Jenn will talk to Doug’s sport about reducing prices, if not we will go through entripy
17. Any New Business –
    1. Team name(s): Beth will make a list
       1. The winter clinic athletes will vote on the team name
    2. AGM
       1. We will talk about this at the next meeting
    3. Taber (Sue Peters has requested help starting up some Taber teams and they asked if they could potentially play in league).
    4. At the next meeting Beth would like to develop a procedure for designating coaches for provincial roles
       1. Beth will create a draft
18. Next Meeting date and time
    1. March 4 at 1pm in Softball Valley
19. Adjournment at 4:25pm
    1. Proposed by Beth
    2. Seconded by Cilena