**Olds Minor Softball SAGM -March 13**

Call to order @ 6:59 pm

Attendance – Mel & Kelly Robb, Niki Luft, Lindsay, Mishayla & Steve Martinson, Kerri Maetche, Darren Brown, Lesli Kearns, Darcy Cruikshanks, Mike Luft, Troy Byrt, Kyle Craven, Jayson Nelson, Duane Lowe, Maranda Watson, Julie Johnston, RA Wright, & Pat Arbuckle

1. Motion to approve agenda as presented by Maranda/Duane 2nd – carried
2. Motion to accept SAGM minutes from October 28, 2017, as presented by Troy/Maranda 2nd – carried
3. New Website is up and running – it is the go to for information
   1. Registration & payments on the site
   2. Can upload schedules from other RAMP sites
   3. Can link to your personal calendars
   4. All team schedules and information will be on the site
   5. RAMP apps are available for all devices
4. Registrar’s report by Mike Luft for Kelly Latimer
   1. 139 athletes have registered (which is up 20)
   2. U8 = 20 -= still open registration
   3. U10 = 18 + U10 boys =15 – girls registration is still open
   4. U12 = 21
   5. U14 = 25
   6. U16 = 26
   7. U19 = 15
5. Treasurer’s report
   1. Our **treasurer position on the board is open**
   2. A huge thank you to Krista for being part of the OMSA board! We appreciated everything you did for us and look forward to seeing you on the diamond!!
   3. We also **need 2 auditors** to review our books from last year that are not board members. This is a straight forward task that takes approximately an hour. Please let us know if you can help us out.
   4. Bank balance = +/- $25000 currently – expecting expenses of +/- $15000 for season
6. Apparel
   1. We will be ordering smaller jerseys for this season.
   2. Val has put together a brochure of OMSA apparel that will be available on the website
   3. All orders will be done at team level
7. Fundraiser
   1. OMSA has decided to pursue a fundraiser to help with team & association costs
   2. We will do a one month cash calendar – likely for the month of June – details to follow
8. Diamonds
   1. We expect the same diamond availability as last year
9. The league scheduling meeting for all coaches seeking games outside of GPLS is on

**April 9 @ 7 pm at the Holiday Inn on Gasoline Alley, RD**

1. President’s Report
   1. Our new website is up and running. It took a little longer than we expected but is working well now. This was our first year doing online registrations and it went very smoothly. There are some outstanding cheques and reminders will be sent. \*\*No uniforms will be issued until fees are paid.
   2. The new website is the place to go for all OMSA information.
   3. Kindness Matters will continue. Coaches please keep in mind throughout the season.
   4. OMSA board opened new age division co-ordinator positions this year. These co-ordinators structured our evaluations this year and did a great job! Special thanks to Jayson Nelson for spearheading this project!
   5. Spring evaluations always provide OMSA with great challenges in terms of time, gym availability, conflicts with other sport and the like. We are considering a fall evaluation process for the 2019 ball season.
   6. In 2018, OMSA will showcase our first “A” team. We are extremely proud of the progress our organization has made in terms of skills, coaching and competitiveness.
   7. We are way ahead in terms of evaluations this season. We will still evaluate our U10s this spring.
   8. Kyle is entering into his last 6 months of his term as President, after which the position will be open for elections in the fall. Please consider. We are very grateful for all the wonderful work, insight, coaching, and support Kyle has brought to every person connected to OMSA throughout his years. Thanks Kyle!
2. Coaching
   1. We do not yet have coaches for the following teams
      1. All jamboree teams (not yet formed)
      2. All U10 teams (not yet formed)
      3. U12 C team
   2. We are proud to list the following coaches
      1. U19 – Darren Brown
      2. U16A – Darcy Cruikshanks
      3. U16B – Kyle Craven
      4. U14B – Kelly Latimer
      5. U14C – Steve Piggott
      6. U12B – Steve Martinson
      7. U10 boys – Jason Jaffray
   3. Community coaching clinics are available in April and OMSA will cover your costs
      1. Sylvan – April 7/8
      2. Cochrane – April 14/15
      3. Barrhead & Castor are also offering clinics
      4. An online module is available for same sex coaches – link is on Softball AB site
3. Round Table
   1. A question was asked about out of town athletes. OMSA does not have a policy in place regarding out of town athletes. An athlete from anywhere may come to Olds to play. We will examine this closer. We likely need a policy and may choose to mirror RD’s policy. More discussion is required.
   2. Import athletes also open the question of releases between associations.
   3. A question about under age evaluation requests also came forward. As OMSA grows, we may encounter more requests for athletes to be evaluated out of age group. We may mirror Olds Minor Hockey’s policy regarding under age evaluations, in that under age athletes must evaluate in the top of the rankings to be considered. More discussion is required.
4. **Fall SAGM is tentatively scheduled for October 16 at 7pm**
5. Motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm by Maranda/ Julie 2nd - carried