



SHERWOOD PARK MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MARCH 14, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Cindy Lovie, Richard MacLeod, Adrienne Labonne, Angela Bayduza, Corrie Davis, Mike Ewaskiw, Joanne Brunner, Derek Pollard, Sheri Teierle, Stephanie Parker, Tammy MacDougal, Tara Macdonnell, Coleten LeBlanc, Angie Pady, Darren Anderson, Real Dechaine, Paul Pieschke, Mark Teierle

Absent: Beverley Killoran, Jon Fitzgerald, Rick Bourne, Mark Glockzin, Kevin Aitkin, Lorie Matiowsky, Ken Sparks

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Call to Order

-Meeting called to order at 7pm by Mike E.

2. Agenda – additions and approval

-Additions and changes made
-Approval of the amended agenda by consensus

3. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

- Amendments and changes by M. Ewaskiw
- Amended meeting minutes approved by consensus.

4. Board Appointments

Mike Ewaskiw

- Mark Teierle: Mosquito Rep Director
- Real Dechaine: PeeWee Rep Director
- Paul Pieschke: Midget Rep Director
- **MOTION** by Corrie D. and seconded by Cindy L., that Mark Teierle, Real Dechaine, Paul Pieschke to be appointed to the SPMBA Board of Directors. Approved unanimously.
- Corrie D. to review with each Director their responsibilities and expectations regarding your roles, to prepare you for how to circumvent any problems or conflicts; document will be compiled and provided to each Rep Director to help support them in their roles

5. Home Run Sports

Terry Robertson

- New HL jerseys
- Circulation of the variety of options of colors, designs, and illustrations of available options
- Pique Material and Birdseye Jerseys brought as samples (HR sports to fix all buttons as part of the order; charging goes by the number of the buttons on the jersey, pullover, to two button, to full button front dictate the amount per jersey)
- Go with the Birdseye, two button for rally cap, rookie and mosquito and the PiqueNit full button front for PeeWee Divisions and up
- discussions regarding wear, durability, washability; Birdseye washes extremely well

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- move away from having multiple numbers of the same jersey; rally cap 1-15; rookie 16-31, etc...; Ange P. to collaborate with Cindy this upcoming week (have approx a 3 week turn around; April 28th to be coaches pickup of jerseys) and decide on colors for each of the HL team divisions and associated jersey numbers, etc... and put together order; Terry to have quote back quickly after receiving order; reviewed budget and should be well ahead than originally thought due to registrations; budget should be ample to cover these jerseys.

6. Executive Reports

a) Treasurer's Report

Adrienne Labonne

-reviewed and went through each of the four financial documents; starting next month Nancy will be giving us the changes for the month; no questions from the board members; questions regarding \$2,000 charge to HL; a facilities charge for tryouts and divisional practices; asked for some item description of each charge; Heather has not received PMU cheque, Adrienne to confirm, thought she had given cheque to Heather in stack of cheques; outstanding balances have been paid except or a couple family balances; approx \$5800 in rep registrations; currently a lot of money coming in; not a lot of monies going out; county has been paid for facilities; currently up to date; sitting on healthy balance and are in good shape; no questions arose for Treasurer

b) House League Report

Cindy Lovie

-HL uniform pickups and coaches meeting week of April 25th; good registrations so far all around; one more registration to go at the mall on the 19th; will wait until after last registration before making decisions re combining age categories, etc...; evaluations for house league are set up and in place; coaches meeting for divisional will be in the next couple of weeks; still coordinating with other associations; will do two nights for coaches' meetings, forms completed and pickup of jerseys and equipment; in bucket for each team will be confirmation of payments etc...; Angie and Cindy to coordinate to arrange the details of the meeting and pickup procedures; typically in the past rookie and rally cap training also done in combination with these meetings; suggestion to have at least two people doing the night of rally cap because of the large number of teams

c) Rep Report

Corrie Davis

-Hosting of Midget AAA Westerns; approached by BA to host Aug 14-18; Matt H. in favour of; requirements by BA to host; if you host your team is automatically in the tournament; answer needed from SPMBA in the next week; can use a revenue generation; need to appoint a tournament director and develop a budget; number of potential Tournament Directors being thought about; host is responsible for transportation; look for hotel sponsor; look into county assistance as well; book diamonds

MOTION by Corrie D. and seconded by Cindy L., that SPMBA support the bid to host Midget AAA Westerns and commit to BA this intention. Unanimously approved

-Rep registrations are strong and tryouts well under way currently.

-Withdrew offer to Jake Ritchie to coach Midget AAA team; currently without a coach for this team; Matt H. suggested that he could coach both teams along with support of other coaches he is currently working with; address the culture barrier between AA and AAA and have quality coaching at both levels and work more collaboratively between the two levels;

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will continue to speak with Matt regarding how he perceives this will work and develop the idea further.

- Mosquito PeeWee tryouts start next week; Could be looking at aprox 4 pee wee teams potentially; looking at possibly making it more about development at the two lower tier teams (one tier 1 team, one tier 2 team, and two tier 3 developmental teams); discussions on these ideas ongoing; with extra rep teams will have to address with coaches regarding practice diamonds and practice times; the hierarchy of diamond allocations will need to be emphasized; question as to whether there is enough coaches to cover these extra teams

- Mike J. has been putting coaches seminars on the last Friday nights and it has been received tremendously well and has been well attended; will expand upon this further next year; excellent idea

- Last tryout tomorrow night; Matt looking at having one more tryout session with 8 or so bubble kids; not sure if he will charge for this; teams to be formed after this extra session; Matt already considering the import rule regarding team formation decisions

d) President's Report

Mike Ewaskiw

-Google Calendar for Log Cabin Bookings; we are now tracking all log cabin activity in this calendar; for board members use only; have to go through Christine to book or change the calendar; will be visible to all members but will not be able to change it

-Locker Room Sale; possibly in late April; all old equipment and clothing that the assoc and individuals have laying around are donated to SPMBA; question as to where proceeds go to support the Challenger Program to get it up and running, which currently does not have a budget for? Anything left over goes to Sport Central); Whatever equipment does not get sold gets collected and taken to sport central.

-Code of Conduct Update (Cyber bullying); developed by Darren A.; few more clarifications required by the Board before we present to the board for approval; will look at and review the BA social media policy, attend to specific timelines, including the umpires in the policy.

7. Operations / Committee Reports

a) HL Uniforms Report

Angie Pady

-Final jersey design to be reviewed this week (logo / jersey style); question as to why we aren't using our traditional baseball logo; final approval to be brought to the board; jerseys will be hung up at the end of the season not just placed in bins; tournament rooms in baseball available to store these

-Jersey Team to select colors this week.

-Pant sales have been attached to all registration forms

b) Rep Uniforms Report

Tammy MacDougall

-website is ready to roll; early season is open; have some coach contacts coming together; each coach will receive their specific team order code; first week of April having a couple nights for coaches to come and pick up jerseys ; coaches will need to set up chairs etc... to set up room and clean up rooms for their meeting; if have extra teams will need to order more jerseys; aprox \$55 per jersey; 126 registrations currently; looking at a need to purchase 2 new team sets (requesting 40; 15 need replacing, 2 full teams to cover 2 extra pee wee teams)

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MOTION by Tammy M., and seconded by Stephanie Parker., that SPMBA move to increase the Rep uniform budget by \$3,000 to purchase an additional 40 jerseys. Approved unanimously.

-Retro jersey on the website has not been approved according to policy and procedures. Question as to placing official away jerseys on the website as well; all uniforms worn by SPMBA teams must be approved by the board

c) Equipment Report

Kevin Aitkin

-Comparative pricing has been completed; teams will be directed to where the best deal can be given

d) Facilities Report

Mark Glockzin

-No report

-Diamond Allocation Policy important to be emphasized to avoid conflict this year.

-Revised Budget/2016 Budget Review tabled for next meeting

-Blue Dodge Truck- hasn't been used in 6 years; Rick B. sold to and bought by the SPMBA for \$1 (have bill of sale to confirm); has not been used and assoc has no use for it; R

MOTION by Mark T., and seconded by Richard M., that SPMBA will sell the truck to Rick B. for \$1 pending review of Bill of Sale. Approved unanimously.

-Dugouts at SH#5 tabled for next meeting

-Concession Sign tabled for next meeting

e) Umpire Report

Coleten LeBlanc

-Arbitor training / usage for Umpires; April 19th will be training on how to use it; basement of log cabin

-Using Arbitor for HL umpire scheduling; cost for software projection shared and circulated; Heather was having difficulty get call backs from umpires and found that texting was the most effective way to get a response; BA will pay for the mobile ap at aprox \$182; aprox an \$455 cost to SPMBA and will alleviate some of the work/time Heather will have to commit to this

MOTION by Coleten L., and seconded by Corrie D., that SPMBA move to the use of Arbiter for Heather and Rick in the assignment of games to umpires. Approved unanimously.

-Coleten will look into and update regarding confirmation of cost

-Umpire Clinic dates; Level 1 April 9th, Level 2 April 10th; partnered with Ft Sk; Pat Gartner takes care of costs; at the curling rink; question as to why we are not hosting our own clinics here in Sherwood Park; currently it is because of lack of facility availability (no millennium, or Sherwood Heights School); next year this scheduling should be done earlier in January or so to get the clinics back in the park; BA assigns the instructor

-June 10th and July 8th pay and pizza nights

-17 new Umpires coming this year; 10 hats purchased so far, 4 ball bags, masks, will need to purchase more hats (5 small, 5 large) and new masks also need to be replaced; asking for an additional amount added to the budget; requesting a further \$600 added to the equipment budget, mainly for HL umping

MOTION by Coleten L., and seconded by Cindy L., that SPMBA approve the addition of \$600 to the umpire equipment budget. Approved unanimously.

-All dates have been booked

f) Registrar Report

Stephanie Parker

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-Registration update / breakdown; 95 raffle tickets left, if run out at Mall registration their last option is just to pay the 100 volunteer fee

-Are not going to proceed with KidSport Edmonton due to a number of difficulties in collaboration and organizational difficulties with this chapter; will look into a couple other programs as alternatives over the summer for next season

-Tables upstairs of the Log Cabin need to be cleaned desperately; maintenance and cleaning to be directed to address the tables

g) Webmaster Report

Joanne Brunner

-still looking for 2015 accomplishments (e.g., players off playing at college); will try to get in touch with OFM's; Heather would know the OFMs from last year

h) Raffle / Casino Report

Stephanie Parker

-nothing to report

i) Camps/Clinics/Fall Ball Report

Sheri Teierle

-applied for Jay's super camp; we did not get it; St Albert got it over us and will look into why; winter camps were huge at mosquito peewee level; will be wrapping up this week; getting positive feedback from participants

-got add out for summer camps and will be assigning coaches; get descriptions onto website to start getting resumes in; will build instructions guidelines/manual for coaches to help them run the camps; will look at reworking the camps somewhat to accommodate the new players at rookie levels

j) Communications Report

Lorie Morgan

-newsletter went out

-ran out of parent responsibilities handouts; question as to whether it is worthwhile to pay to copy off more for mall registrations; refer them to the website

k) Sponsorship / Fundraising

Mike Ewaskiw

-Sin Bin Sports has approached SPMBA to get involved with sponsorship collaborations and/or opportunities; see what they can propose to offer us; requested that Sin Bin send a proposal of their offer and what they are able to offer.

l) Concession Report

Beverly Killoran

-nothing to report

m) Doc Plotsky Report

Cindy Lovie

-sitting at 31 registered teams out of 54 spots, mostly local

-hotels were checked into; no hotel stepped forward to serve as a host hotel

-once rep teams are sorted out and the first meeting with reps from each team first week of May

7. Baseball Alberta Report

Mike Ewaskiw

- New substitution details to be included this year. Further details to be discussed at future meeting

8. New Business and/or Business Arising

a) Confirmation of bylaws procedures regarding the Motion passed at February 2016 Board Meeting (Item 5 d) to have the President of SPMBA attend all BA meetings as the representative of the SPMBA and place this role under the President's portfolio

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- Procedurally confirmed according to By Laws 7.1, 7.4.5, & 7.8
- b) Set a date for Rep & HL Uniform Sale tabled for next meeting

9. Next Board Meeting – April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Meeting Adjourned 9:28 pm

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