



SHERWOOD PARK MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 11, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Cindy Lovie, Richard MacLeod, Angela Bayduza, Corrie Davis, Mike Ewaskiw, Joanne Brunner, Sheri Teierle, Stephanie Parker, Tammy MacDougal, Coleten LeBlanc, Paul Pieschke, Mark Teierle, Lorie Matiowsky, Ken Sparks, D'Arcy Shade, Beverley Killoran

Absent: Angie Pady, Real Dechaine, Derek Pollard, Adrienne Labonne, Jon Fitzgerald, Rick Bourne, Mark Glockzin, Kevin Aitkin Darren Anderson, Tara Macdonnell

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Call to Order at 7:08 pm

2. Agenda – additions and approval

- Take all items under Sheri T. and moved to facilities, rep director, and camps
- Additions and changes made
- Approval of the amended agenda by consensus

3. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

- Mike E. presented changes and edits
- Amended meeting minutes approved by consensus.

4. Calendar Updates

5. Board Appointments

- **MOTION** made to appoint D'arcy Shade to the SPMBA Board of Directors, seconded by Cindy L., to sit as Blastball Director. Unanimously approved.

6. Executive Reports

a) Treasurer's Report

Mike Ewaskiw

- Reviewed all financials (distributed to the Board); Balance sheet looking strong (~\$400K sitting in the bank); Registration numbers a bit lower (125,000) due to some loss at the higher age levels (Bantam & Midget reg's down slightly); Expenses at approx 108,000; circulated copy of 2016 consolidated budget (still positive)

b) House League Report

Cindy Lovie

- Divisional practices to look for outdoor spaces in next couple of weeks; 48 teams (blast ball to peewee), over 500 players; 7 mosquito teams; most teams have been formed; coaches are being contacted currently; waiting to confirm with Mike Johnson for last week of April to work with coaches; will be making concession schedule and putting that out to teams soon; pick of equipment/jerseys last week of April; if anyone is available to volunteer for these nights please step forward to; NCCP coaching clinic is April 28,29, 30th; confirmations with all coaches that they have their current and up to date certifications have

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to be done and are collected by all divisional directors; HL certifications are all available on line; encouraged to be diligent and proactive getting these collected; trade fair took away for access to millennium place in April (27 hrs last year not given to us this year) as a space for opportunity for divisional practices; Mark looking into booking spaces for these practices; May run into this same issue next year and should be looking into other spaces as options for April indoor spaces next year, prior to our planning season, perhaps start looking at booking spaces at season's end; get in requests earlier; it was requested, just so many big events this year our bookings got bumped

c) Rep Report

Corrie Davis

-Coaches Honorarium; the assoc has guidelines budgeted for this expense but the rep committee decides how this money will be paid to each coach and assistant coach; the honorarium is pd and split half and half by the assoc and the teams; 9,000 for bantam and 13,000 approved budget this year for coaches honorarium; may need to up this for this year but will bring this to future meeting for board approval; rep committee knows this number and the rep committee is to figure out how to divvy this amount up; more coaches this year that will have to be paid and sense is that the rep committee will need more money to pay these coaches; rep committee will look at the number and if they need more this will be brought back to a future meeting;

-“It's that special time of year again”; tryouts have finished and parent feedback and requests are coming in; some issues with team selection particularly at the Midget level; sat in on a few interviews with some “bubble” kids and the player response was extremely positive; questions raised with a lack of teams registered into the May long weekend St Albert tourney (many of our teams that typically go will not this year) due to being too late with registrations; directors role to determine which teams will go and there was a delay here; Kelowna issue is not the same issue as St Albert; many who went last year were concerned at our lack of competitiveness at this tourney last year; looking at finding tournaments that are more in line with the athlete development model the rep program is trying to build; will work with all AA teams to get them into tournaments.

-Have attended a number of parent meetings and have had a positive response in regards to the import policy at the majority of levels. Player number issues at the Bantam AA level. Currently have another player who has committed and another possible 2 players to top up that team.

-Continuing to look for Bantam AA assistant coach

-Now that the Rep Committee is formed are going to be much more proactive in regards to bookings, evaluations, and trying to improve the tryout process; work for change is coming and in process; the tryout process was revamped two years ago and we are still working towards breaking down the culture and attitudes of the past that have remained pervasive amongst some of families; we can all help in spreading the message to make change and remove the culture

-Looking for and Need a chairperson/tournament director for Midget AAA Westerns; baseball experienced person

d) President's Report

Mike Ewaskiw

-nothing to report

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7. Operations / Committee Reports

a) HL Uniforms Report

Mike Ewaskiw

-a few extra teams, uniforms have been ordered and will be here on or before the 20th; still have to purchase **CLEAR** bins (only unbudgeted expense yet to account for); sheets are all made up; just need support on the hand out nights

b) Rep Uniforms Report

Tammy MacDougall

-8 teams done, 4 to go; got lots of support; spent a day going through the jerseys; ended up spending less money than the budgeted 12,000; as soon as all the teams have been fitted, should open up the opportunity to sell the remaining hats; have a locker room sale and try to sell as much stock as much as possible at rock bottom sale; will put out a call to the membership to bring all extra gear for the sale; all unsold equipment will be going to Sports Central; will get the schedule updated

MOTION by Tammy M, seconded by Corrie D., that all funds raised by the SPMBA Locker Room sale on April 23 go into the fund to support the SPMBA Challenger Baseball Program. Approved unanimously.

c) Equipment Report

Mike Ewaskiw

-Getting quotes together and order is in

d) Facilities Report

Mike Ewaskiw

-The Diamond Allocation Guidelines has been in effect for years; however, has not been followed in a couple of years; there has been a lack of awareness and as a result we have run into a number of problems; these guidelines have been updated, reviewed and approved by the Executive; copy of the proposed guidelines handed out to all in attendance and reviewed; Heather does not enforce or resolve disputes, she simply follows and executes bookings based upon these guidelines; these need to be widely circulated to all directors and coaches

MOTION by Mark T., seconded by Sheri T., to adopt the SPMBA Diamond Allocation Guideline as presented. Approved unanimously.

-Revised Budget/2016 Budget Review currently looking at ~40,000 deficit; less money coming from county, 10,000 is going to be capital expenditures (mounds, diamond changes), 23,000 for salaries, 15,000 for diamond rentals; discussion around why there is not a facilities committee rather than just one person making decisions regarding these large sums of money and to encourage transparency in this area of the budget; this portfolio has been consistently with budgets in deficit; the work around diamond maintenance has been stellar; however, all departments must meet the standards that all departments are expected to meet; one person deciding without bringing forward as to where and how the money is being spent is of concern; not questioning the great work being done in regards to maintenance of our playing facilities, but rather a greater level of transparency and sharing with the board as to where and how monies are being allocated, just as all other departments are required to be; further clarification of the breakdown of the presented expenses (particularly insight into the labour expense) is required and needed from the director to move forward and approval of this budget; tabled for the next meeting

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-Blue Dodge Truck; can not find the bill of sale; all that can be found regarding the cost of the truck to the assoc is a letter indicating the sale of the truck to SPMBA for \$1; no bill of sale, no receipt can be found

MOTION by Corrie D., seconded by Cindy L., to sell the SPMBA blue truck for \$1 as is. Approved unanimously.

e) Umpire Report

Coleten LeBlanc

-Clinics Update; numbers nearly doubled (19 new); due to the increase in numbers of new umpires will need more funds (approx \$1,000)

MOTION by Coleten L., seconded by Richard M., to add \$1,500 to the umpire equipment budget. Approved unanimously.

-due to the increased number of umpires have been placed in a higher bracket and will save us \$66

-umpire clinics have been run, Fort Sk and St Albert Clinics have also taken place

-next week is Arbitor training

f) Operations Report

Mike Ewaskiw

-the Cyber Bullying Policy has been worked on and updated and brought back to the board for approval; only difficulty that remains is the time period of enforcement of the policy; discussion around the clarity of the guidelines and policy; Ken to send policy from football and hockey; tabled for next meeting for further discussion and clarification; executive to look more closely at this in the next two weeks

-Fields opening April 25th; another review will happen at the end of this week so chance it may happen earlier; Mark will update us at the end of the week

-projected if we add dugouts to EH, CP5, SH5; Mark must present this to the Board and review these numbers before we can move forward with these projections

g) Registrar Report

Stephanie Parker

-Official Registrants (Registration update / breakdown); 613 total registrations; have had a lot of withdrawals; a lot of younger registrants are still requesting to join the ball programs; the early cut-off date of April 4 has been an issue; for next year consider one more registration date;

h) Camps/Clinics/Fall Ball Report

Sheri Teierle

- No repor

i) Communications Report

Lorie Matiowsky

- Newsletter had an open rate of 65% out of approx 700 members it was sent out to; looking to get a survey out to those that did not return and register this year; will get out news about locker room sale;

j) Sponsorship / Fundraising

Mike Ewaskiw

-Dugout Banners idea was talked about at previous meetings; Sherwood Park Print and Copy would help us here; not sure if they would be a better deal but are a locally owned company; Tammy to look into costs for these wrap around banners that would be non-permanent, taken down after each game; teams would be responsible for them

k) Concession Report

Beverly Killoran

-HL directors need to get in touch with her to get her coaches list so they can be contacted regarding Concession nights; need access and keys by the April 18th; will contact Mark for key fob and access to the building

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- l) Doc Plotsky Report Cindy Lovie
-still plugging away; not sold out as of yet; sitting at approx 65% which is typical; AAA division usually slowest to register; no lone team at any concession this year

- 7. Baseball Alberta Report** Mike Ewaskiw
- New Substitution Rules and Details have been shared with all coaches

- 8. New Business and/or Business Arising**
a) Date for Rep & HL Uniform Sale has been set for Saturday April 23rd

- 9. Next Board Meeting – May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

- 10. Adjournment at 9:50 PM**

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