**Wetaskiwin Ball Club Minutes**

Thursday, April 7, 2016 Grant Thornton Boardroom

Present: Stephen Hawkes, Vanessa Crough, Codey Soanes, Blair Renes, Michelle Renes, Dalbert Adkens, Wes Johnston, Jamie Young, Nancy Fischer.

Stephen called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

**Jamie moved to approve the agenda, Blair seconded. CARRIED.**

**Jamie moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting. Blair seconded. CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

**Registrar – Vanessa Crough:**

Rally Cap-58; Rookie-19; Mosquito-20; Mosquito AA – 12; Peewee-13; Peewee AA-12; Bantam-14; U10 Fastball-15; U12 Fastball-12.

Total= 175 registrants. UP from last year. Registration is now closed. We will have 9-10 Rally Cap teams; 2 Rookie, 3 Mosquito (incl AA), 2 Peewee (incl AA), 1 Bantam, 1 U10 (with option of moving some to U12), and 1 U12 team.

Vanessa will be sending emails to all registrants informing them that registration is now closed and that credit card payments will start being processed and that parents will soon be contacted by their coaches as soon as coaches are established for each team.

**Division Coordinators – Vanessa:**

We are missing coordinators for: Rookie, Mosquito, and U10 Fastball. Possibilities include Ashley McLean for Rookie if Ryley is moved from Rally Cap to Rookie. Maybe Tammy or Ron Williams for Mosquito**. Stephen Hawkes to solicit Mosquito – in an email request for coordinators.**

We have Ben Matthews coming in to this meeting as a Rally Cap Coordinator possibility.

**An information meeting for Rally Cap parents is to be set up in the next week to inform parents how Rally Cap will work and request active involvement.**

**Diamond Assignments-Stephen:**

U10 – Dave Morrow – Kinsmen Tuesdays/Thursdays

U12- Dalbert Adkens/Blair Renes – Kinsmen Mondays/Wednesdays

Rally Cap – Possibly all 3 of Monday/Tuesday/Wednesdays at CB McMurdo (3-4 teams per night). Will determine at meeting with parents if all 3 nights will be used.

Rookie 1 CUB - Knights of Columbus West Diamond – Mondays

Rookie 2 CUB – Knights of Columbus West Diamond – Wednesdays

Mosquito 1 CUB – Knights of Columbus East Diamond – Mondays

Mosquito 2 CUB – Centennial – Wednesdays

Mosquito AA – Knights of Columbus West-Tuesdays; Either KofC West or Centennial – Thursdays

Peewee CUB – Al Arner Diamond 2 – Tuesdays

Peewee AA – Centennial – Tuesdays; KofC East – Thursdays

Bantam – Knights of Columbus East – Wednesdays

This all starts after May 1st. Prior to May 1st anyone can book diamonds for practices and spring training. The drill hall is also available, but we need to request the turf be put down.

**COACH SELECTIONS:**

Rally Cap has about 12 parents that expressed interest in coaching. Rookie has 2 parents that offered to be assistant coaches, who may be asked to be head coaches (Garth Rapson and Nicole Goodridge). Mosquito has no coaches that have volunteered. AA Mosquito is Daren Gall. Peewee AA is Stephen Hawkes. Peewee CUB is Codey Soanes. Bantam has 3 options that will be explored this week: Jon Anstey, Reid Nehring and John Kennedy as well as other parents who will likely step up to help out.

Wetaskiwin Ball Club will pay for any coaching modules as well as Respect in Sport modules that coaches are being asked to take this year.

Coaches are going to be asked to get Criminal Record Checks as well this year. **We will copy the format of either Foot ball or Hockey to do a letter up in the next week.**

**EQUIPMENT MANAGER (BLAIR):**

We are missing a few catcher’s gloves that will need to be purchased this year. Stephen has a few in his truck that he is willing to give to minor ball.

Balls: 2 dozen have been purchased per team. 80 T-balls were purchased, 58 will go to Rally Cap program, balance to second rookie team.

All equipment needs to be purchased to ensure we have enough for each of the teams registered. Stephen stated that the Mosquito AA team will need more protective catcher’s equipment as the equipment the team has is not quite adequate for the level of play. He suggests that all catcher’s equipment be evaluated to ensure that it is good enough to protect children. Stephen suggests a mid-grade package costs around $200.

Bats – Bantam team is low on bats that are adequate for bantam level**. Jamie made a motion that the WBC supply each team with 2 team bats. Seconded by Nancy. CARRIED.** **Blair to purchase enough bats to supply each team with 2 team bats.**  Many players buy their own.

Bow Nets: There are 4 owned by WBC now. AA have 1 and need 2. May need more. **Wes Johnston moved that WBC use some of the Summer Games Legacy Funds , up to $1500, to buy some bow nets, some new catcher’s equipment, and some new tees for the club to be properly equipped this season. Seconded by Dalbert. CARRIED. Blair to purchase required equipment.**

**SPRING TRAINING (STEPHEN):**

The diamonds are open and ready to be booked through the city. The regular assignments start May 1. Teams should book diamonds so they can legitimately kick adults off the diamonds when they book a practice. The Drill Hall is also available for indoor practices. Mondays at 6 pm are still open. Request turf. WBC will pay for it but it needs to be booked thru Tasha at the City and must be done by either Helen Bye, Michelle Renes, or Stephen Hawkes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLINIC POSSIBILITY:**

Geoff Freeborn offered to do a clinic. Stephen asked what cost and how many people would be required to attend. Geoff stated that any number would work, and it would cost about $50/player for a 4 hour clinic. It would be on a Saturday in early May if we did it. They would provide as many instructors as were required for the number of registrants. The board suggested sending an email out to gauge interest in the clinic.

**RALLY CAP PROGRAM:**

Ben Matthews arrived at 5:47 PM as a potential Rally Cap Coordinator. He was approved by the Board to be our Rally Cap Coordinator and the program was discussed. **Dalbert offered to check with D&G Distribution about putting a lock box for the Rally Cap equipment on their property for use during Rally Cap with access from C.B. McMurdo Fields. Ben’s Contact Info:** **benmatthews2010@gmail.com** **780-387-8181**

**ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES:**

Michelle checked into opening a bank account for gaming purposes. With AGLC licensing we can run raffles up to $10,000 for year one, and then after 2 years we can do casinos and then can apply for bingo licensing. Michelle has already done the paperwork on the raffle license.

**Jamie moved that Michelle Renes open an account at the Bank of Montreal for WBC to be utilized for gaming as per AGLC licensing rules, with Jamie Young, Michelle Renes, and Stephen Hawkes as approved signatories (2 required). Seconded by Dalbert. CARRIED.**

**FASTBALL LOGO:**

It was decided to maintain the same W logo for Baseball and Fastball and allow for any combination of colours to be used for Fastball.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 5 PM.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 PM BY DALBERT.**