**Wetaskiwin Ball Club Meeting, February 11, 2016**

Present: Helen Bye, Stephen Hawkes, Jamie Young, Nancy Fischer, Daren Gall, Vanessa Crough, Dalbert Adkens, Codey Soanes, Michelle Renes, Blair Renes, Helen Bye. Absent: Wes Johnston, Lee Neuman.

Meeting Opened at 7:05 pm. No Printed agenda.

Minutes of the January 21, 2016 AGM and meeting of the new board were emailed. Stephen moved to approve minutes of January 21, 2016 Meeting. Seconded by Jamie. Approved.

Stephen spoke about more drill hall sessions for the month of March. March 7th and March 14th are available Mondays at the drill hall with turf. These are possible dates to run indoor pitching and hitting clinics for baseball and softball. Drill Hall with turf down is $80/hr and only available on certain days. **Stephen to explore Sunday/Monday combinations for Preseason in April..turf comes up for Tue-Thursdays.**

**Bat ting cage**: Lee Neuman was supposed to be looking into what needs to be done. Kevin Lucas from City suggested moving it to the location of the K of C diamonds near the WBC sea can. Power is the issue at those diamonds. **Lee to follow up?**

**WBC** mailbox is in the Manluk centre and is the WFSC mailbox that has been converted.

**Signage Promotion and Advertising of Ball Discussion: WBC has decided to run a separate registration night. Stephen Hawkes has booked this at the Manluk Centre on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Where possible flyers are to be distributed at schools. Jamie Young to set up flyer printing and coordinate some distribution at rural schools.**

**UMPIRES:** Umpire Clinic is being held by Baseball Alberta the weekend of April 23-24, 2016 in LEDUC. FASTBALL is also hosting a clinic the SAME WEEKEND in RED DEER.

**COACHING:** 6 coaching clinics are being hosted in Leduc. Initiation Clinic is important for all coaches to take. Respect in Sport is also a necessary clinic for coaches this year. No coaches are in place yet.

**PORTABLE MOUNDS:** Stephen has priced the mounds at USD$650 at Battle River Sports Experts in Camrose. We require two different sizes, one for Mosquito/Peewee and one for Bantam. Daren Gall moved to purchase the mounds. Seconded by Dalbert. Approved.

**REGISTRAR REPORT:** Vanessa described the online registration link through Baseball Alberta via RAMP and informed the group that Baseball Alberta pays for all Baseball registrations via this route and that we could still use the same ramp link for Softball if we paid an additional fee of $2 per player. Softball is ok with this. Vanessa moved to approve the RAMP online registration link. Seconded by Jamie. Approved.

Vanessa then presented a number of online payment options for review. Upon review of all of the options, it was suggested that the Helcium option was the best for the club. It has a monthly cost but you can deactivate the account once per year during the offseason to avoid monthly charges over those months. This also has a reasonable fee per transaction. Michelle requested permission to check with reps through her bank contacts to see if Moneris would be a better option. Vanessa moved to go with Helcium unless Michelle finds that Moneris is better. Jamie seconded. Approved.

Vanessa asked what our refund policy is. We will evaluate on a case by case basis but for the online policy we will state “No refunds after May 1st”

**RECRUITMENT:** Jamie moved that Nancy create an amalgamated mass email list from the previous year’s registration information. Daren seconded. Approved. Everyone is being asked to promote our ball clubs to boost registration early this year by all means possible, especially through social media.

**UNFILLED BOARD POSITIONS:** We are still looking for people to run Learn to Play, Rookie, Mosquito, and U10 Softball. Codey has a friend (Ben Matthews) who may be good for Rookie. **Please recruit board members.**

**LEAGUE DEFINITIONS: Bantam is in EERBL = East Edmonton Recreational Baseball League; Recreational CUB League = County Union Baseball. Stephen Hawkes and Codey Soanes to attend first CUB Meeting of the year. Camrose wants to join the CUB league (currently Devon, Leduc, Beaumont, Millet, Wetaskiwin). Head of CUB league is stepping down after many years (Kevin Tritton).**

**UMPIRES:** Softball umpires were assigned by Holly Pitcher last year. Softball Alberta has umpire assigning for zones if you request it**. WBC gets the bill for the umpiring. Codey will check to see who does this (he is a level 3 umpire) and will let Michelle Renes know.**

**EQUIPMENT UPDATE:** Blair has done a great review of all equipment in the sea can. All uniforms have been washed and mold checked. An inventory has been taken. Some catchers’ mitts missing. 5 bat bags missing. For some softball equipment Fuzz and Chuck Hebert need to be contacted to see if they still have some. **Daren will contact Fuzz**.

CUB league will have catcher equipment provided by the club. Competitive have their own bats. Softball is good for bats. Baseball needs balls. This year club will only provide jerseys and hats for Baseball. Changing logo to Nationals logo and getting new jerseys**. Pants in inventory will be sorted. Bad ones discarded and good ones will be made available for sale to registrants for about $10/pair.**

Blair is suggesting a number of methods to ensure all equipment is checked and accounted for and returned. A number of options were discussed from coaches being responsible to signing out equipment. It was decided that coaches are to sign off on the list of equipment taken by their team. Jamie moved that Blair be the only person who has authority to order equipment for WBC from Don over the season. Seconded by Dalbert. Approved. **Blair and Michelle asked if they could put together new first aid kits for each team at about $12/kit cost to the club. Everyone agreed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm by Vanessa (second by Stephen).