**WETASKIWIN BALL CLUB MEETING**

March 3, 2016, at Books by Christie

Present: Stephen Hawkes, Codey Soanes, Vanessa Crough, Lee Neuman, Nancy Fischer, Michelle Renes, Blair Renes.

Stephen called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm

Agenda was approved. Motion Stephen, second by Codey.

Minutes of the Feb. 11 meeting were approved with an amendment to the dates of the Clinics: March 7th and March 21st (original minutes said March 7th and 14th). MOTION BY CODEY, SECOND BY BLAIR.

**President Report** (Stephen Hawkes):

1. Winter camp went well. There was a $150 including bringing in a guy from Baseball Alberta to run the final night and it was covered by the registration fees. All kids enjoyed the camp. Look at doing a similar thing for fastball next year.
2. CUB league meeting on March 14 will be attended by Stephen and Codey. Meeting reviews rules/expectations/scheduling for CUB league.
3. Sign rental for recruiting: Up at Cedar Ridge Dental ($173.25 for 1 month).
4. Twitter Account administered by Stephen: #atwetnats
5. Stephen ordered 12 Line Up booklets for the club from Taylor Printing. Wants to get logo on them. No quote on it.
6. Priced out Portable Batting Cage from Battle River Sports Experts in Camrose. US$1200 for a collapsible one. Could use in Drill Hall for Spring Training. Future purchase. Pitching Machines with cage are about US$3500-4000. Would take over a month to get in. Stephen to bring more info so board can look at for next season.
7. Stephen would like us to put together a sponsorship package for future years which outlines advertising available for different levels of sponsors. Ex. Billboards on the diamond fences, etc.
8. We need to keep track of who we have asked for sponsorship**. Someone will create a list: Send any company names to Nancy so she can track who has been asked for sponsorship already.**

**VP Softball** – No Report

**Treasurer** – No Report

**Registrar (Vanessa Crough):** Online registrations = 37 (of which 3 were fastball); 13 more on registration night. As of meeting time: U10-3; U12-2; Rally Cap = 11; Rookie = 4; Mosquito = 6; Mosquito AA = 8; PeeWee = 5; PeeWee AA = 8; Bantam = 4; Midget = 1.

People want their cheques cashed soon (comment)

OnLine Payment: Helcium in progress. Need GST number. Decided to go with Helcium as per previous minutes. Lots of payments ready to process. Vanessa to check with Christie on what needs to be on receipts for tax purposes.

Vanessa is also updating the website and putting umpire lists on there.

No Division Reports Yet.

**Equipment Manager Report (Blair Renes):**  Blair has an old batting cage that could be set up near Drill Hall. Some discussion on logistics. Lee Neuman checked on the existing batting cage. Could move it to KFC on a weekend. Not portable but movable. Suggests planning this move. **Stephen Hawkes to get a hold of TASHA at City to find out if it can happen, then get hold of Lee to let him know.**

Rally Cap balls cost $2.67/ball from Home Hardware. They currently have 110 in stock. Check with Don at Source for Sports for price comparison. Home Hardware has donated $200 in equipment already (2 dozen 65cc balls, 12 HH ball pails, and 5 scorebooks.

The mounds were ordered by Stephen.

**Old Business:**

**Preseason:** Stephen Hawkes

1. Monday nights are booked with the city. Sunday nights too. May combine some teams and drills to make optimum use of space. Can be drill hall and arenas once ice is out. All included in fees.
2. The clinics on the 7th and 21st are pitching and hitting.
3. Rally cap app: download it for $2.35 online. Has practice plans etc.

**New Business:**

1. Portable Batting Cage: Discussed in Presidents report
2. Pitching Machine: Discussed in President’s report
3. Sign Rental: discussed in President’s report
4. CUB league: discussed in President’s report.
5. Coaching Requirements: There is a chart with respect to what is needed for coaching this year in the Baseball Alberta booklets. Respect in Sport and Initiation are required and can be completed online. Softball coaches should do the same.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 24th, 6:30 pm at Grant Thornton Offices**

Meeting Adjourned by Lee Neuman at 6:35 pm.