

Wilmot Softball Association – Committee Meeting

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

7:00PM

WRC – PROGRAM ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	WSA
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
FACILITATOR	Mike Carey/Dwight B
NOTE TAKER	Dave Mackay
TIMEKEEPER	Dave Mackay
ATTENDEES	Dave M, Ryan R, , Scott S, John V, Jeff G, Chris F, Mike C, Dwight B, Maxx D, Greg Z, , Rob L, Jamie H, Chris L, Jason P, Kevin H, Mark M, Brett C, Trevor S
ABSENT	Chad C, Dave B, Paulette W
GUESTS	Greg S, Jill W, Sue S, Hayley M, Jodie H, Michelle D

Call to Order

TIME: 7:14

REVIEW OF LAST MEETING MNUTES

[DAVE M]

DISCUSSION	Quick review of previous meeting minutes from July 15th. Process clarification given that the minutes tabled were “as discussed” – and that topics arising from the previous session did not all have motions or conclusions necessarily resolved.	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion was made to accept the minutes by Dave M	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Motion seconded	Chris F	
Motion carried	All in favour	

TIME: 7:18

INTRODUCTION OF ALL MEMBERS AND GUEST WELCOME

[MIKE]

DISCUSSION	Mike thanked all of those in attendance – large group. Asked all to introduce themselves again with titles/responsibilities – welcomed those guests in attendance for the first time.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME: 7:23

FINANCIAL REPORT

[SCOTT S]

DISCUSSION	Scott did a summary review of our financials. Bank account appears in good shape, but noted there were still some significant expenses yet to come in such as uniforms, umpire pays and some diamond expenses. Will also follow up on outstanding diamond credits from the township, if any.	
CONCLUSIONS	Brief discussion on the financial status regarding the Adult League – stated there was no lost revenue as previously thought. Sponsorship revenue that has been collected to date puts us in decent shape to start the 2019 season. Noted the need to potentially increase the fees for Rep – OASA increases, tournament costs, higher costs associated to Girls play in PWSA. Budget came back a little higher on 2018 equipment costs – all equipment purchases previously approved by the executive- learning year.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Scott to prepare a full financial review for the AGM	Scott S	September 26th
Scott to review and potentially renegotiate RAMP registration fees	Scott S	ASAP

TIME: 7:34

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

[GUEST – MICHELLE D]

DISCUSSION	Noticeable mention to our volunteer group at the snack booth for 2018 (Heidi) Great job in spearheading and coordinating all efforts that returned a substantial increase in revenue. Great Job! Opening the booth in NH for smaller events, introduction of hot food (pizza) was a success. Looking forward to greater things for 2019 Michelle talked about the potential for having a fundraising dance to generate money for the WSA and bring the softball community together for a social event (similar to that of the firefighters).	
CONCLUSIONS	All seemed interested in pursuing such an event with a February timeline. (Potentially the week before Family Day. Exploring venues (NH Community Centre) Stressed the importance of having a decent committee to assist. Initial volunteers were John V, Maxx D, and Jason P	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Inquiring about event insurance	Dwight B	Next Meeting
Finalize costing/venue..etc...	Sub Committee	Next Meeting

TIME: 7:50

MEMBER PROPOSAL FOR BENCH SIGNAGE

[MARK M]

DISCUSSION	Mark informed us that one of our members had taken the initiative to apply for a grant to allow for “home and away” signage on our benches at the diamonds. (Sabrina H) This motion was denied as it did not have the endorsement of the WSA with the application.	
CONCLUSIONS	WSA will endorse this endeavor and Sabrina will re-apply.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Motion to endorse Sabrina’s application	Mark M	
Seconded by	Dave M	
Motion Carried	All in favour	

TIME: 7:53

EXECUTIVE MEMBER STATUS AND RICH HISTORY

[MIKE C / RYAN R]

DISCUSSION	Mike reminded the group of executive members intending to step down for the 2019 season.	
	They included Scott S, Brett C, Chad C, and Paulette W.	
CONCLUSIONS	Greg Z indicated he would prefer that another volunteer step up to look after the Adult League, and would actively solicit another individual.	
	Jason P mentioned that the WSA showcase at the WRC has been update with a new back drop – Look good! Mike/Ryan working on introducing a recognition tab on the website for awards/events/participation etc... to acknowledge our years past.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to explore and investigate history and achievements (perhaps through the New Hamburg Independent)	Ryan R	Ongoing

[ALL]

TIME: 7:58

REP BALL DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION	Lengthy discussion on the parameters and guidelines for rep tryouts and team selection process. Scrutiny of the documents that are posted on the website and given to the coaches for guidelines to conduct tryouts. Rationale provided to reiterate the need for a standardized approach. Documents were created as guidelines and not necessarily policy, none the less, exceptions should be reviewed by the WSA executive.	
	Contentious issues round timing of team selection, non-resident participants, release requirements and over philosophy of Rep ball	
CONCLUSIONS	Documents for Rep tryout guidelines a good starting point. Need to be reviewed on a team by team, year over year basis.	
	WSA has agreed to make a motion to amend the current OASA residency rule from 2017.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
WSA motion to amend the OASA residency rule for the upcoming OASA AGM –draft to be formalized – to request a player would require a release from their home centre and centre closest to.	Jeff G	Completed

TIME:9:27

NORTH WATERLOO LEAGUE

[MIKE C]

DISCUSSION	Bruce Young stepping down as president for the league...where does that leave it? Do we want to play a bigger role as an organization?	
CONCLUSIONS	Need a long term Rep for the WSA for this league at a minimum	
ACTION ITEMS: MOTION TO AD POLICY AS STATED ABOVE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Create and elect a position to be ratified at our upcoming AGM	Mike C	Sept AGM

TIME:9:33

WSA TOURNAMENT DISCUSSION

[MIKE C]

DISCUSSION	WSA hosted 6-7 tournaments in the 2018 Season. Potential for us to do similar for the 2019 Season.	
	Discussion on hosting vs. providing a venue. Do we want to get serious in a bid to host the Nationals?	
	Finding the right volunteers and a Convener (Kyle Smith's name was mentioned) Service club support etc...	
	Umpires still an issue for some of the lower levels.	
CONCLUSIONS	Discussion to be ongoing	

TIME:9:51

LONG TERM PLANNING

[MIKE C/ ALL]

DISCUSSION	Inter association meeting planned for September 24 th , 2018 at the WRC. Discussions around the WSA HL, as well as registration open and close dates for all centres. Umpire communication between centres.	
	Additional long term plans might include – Announcer Booth at the diamonds, scoreboards, ongoing diamond maintenance and improvements.	
	Indoor facilities such as batting cages, better venues for Spring training. (John V)	
CONCLUSIONS	Potential to discuss further and solicit feedback at the upcoming AGM	

TIME:10:15

NEW BUSINESS

[GREG Z]

DISCUSSION	Greg Z made a mention of engaging the girls at the Atom level for preliminary spring training sessions and opportunities for Select.	
CONCLUSIONS	Room was receptive to the idea	
ACTION ITEMS: MOTION TO AD POLICY AS STATED ABOVE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Opportunity to explore and elaborate	Greg	Next Meeting

APPROXIMATE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	18
RESOURCES	
SPECIAL NOTES	6 Guest in attendance
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Sunday October 28 th , 2018 – 7pm – Location TBD
MOTION TO ADJOURN:	Brett C
SECOND	Maxx D.
CARRIED	All in favour - Carried – Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm