

Wilmot Softball Association – Committee Meeting

MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2017

7:25PM

EXPRESSWAY FORD - NEW HAMBURG

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

Call to Order

TIME:

REVIEW AGENDA & PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

[DWIGHT]

DISCUSSION	Welcoming remarks from Dwight - Reviewed Agenda	
Asked if there were any questions pertaining to the previous meeting minutes – none –Minutes were emailed to the group, also posted on the website.		
CONCLUSIONS	Review of the agenda - suggestion made to allow for a brief update on the local league “league” progress.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Motion made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting	Scott S /2 nd Jeff G	Carried

TIME: 7:35

OASA PROPOSED CHANGES

[DWIGHT, JOHN V, JEFF GERBER]

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DISCUSSION	OASA AGM – Mandate to grow centres, more teams and to avoid the creation of ‘super-teams’	
Proposed – NO releases at U16 Bantam and under – (most contentious motion made- Motion #10 – OR 4.4 Player Residency b) ii) 2		
Note presented and filed - Coaching (NCCP Levels required as criteria for centres participating in OASA prel/quali/finals)		
CONCLUSIONS	– Amendment changed and voted on. Similar to our policies for releases, however all players wanting a release must now get one from all centres within the equal radius to that of the centre they wish to play for. Makes it difficult, but not impossible to obtain a release.	
Effective 2018		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Monitor the process for NRP’s that have already successfully earned a spot on one of the WSA teams. Appeal to OASA if necessary and for support in defining radius	Jeff Gerber	Spring

Look into available clinics and costing for Coaches to achieve appropriate NCCP levels of certification	Dave M	Next Meeting
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TIME: 7:58

SPRING CLINIC - PROPOSALS

[JOHN V, KEVIN H, JASON P]

DISCUSSION	Budget drafted by Mike C and presented. Projected player numbers and expenses review – all very similar to last and previous years. April 13- 22, 2018	
	Volunteer support crucial to the future success of this program.	
	Boys and girls program separated. Feel there's a need to have female coaches available to assist or lead. Minor fee increase of \$5 over last year.	
CONCLUSIONS	Move ahead with the clinic. Motion made to accept the budget by Kevin H – 2 nd by Brett C – All in favour – Motion carried.	
	Spring Clinic offering will be made available through registration. (Rep players already registered will have to go back online and register to the package provided- Kevin to sort this detail)	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Solicit for Volunteers (Potential webmail)	John V	April
Creation of online registration packages/sign up	Kevin H	Jan 1 st , 2018

TIME: 8:05

PROMOTION OF ASSOCIATION

[DWIGHT]

DISCUSSION	Discussed this as a 'great idea'	
	Included in this discussion was the notion of Car stickers, helmet stickers etc..Develop the brand. Discussions around give aways and fundraising opportunities.	
CONCLUSIONS	No conclusions made. All in favour of doing "something"	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Thoughts for next meeting	Dwight (and all)	Jan. 28, 2018

TIME: 8:15

PITCHING DEVELOPMENT

[DWIGHT, MIKE C-SUBMITTED]

DISCUSSION	Ontario Softball Summit notes presented –particular focus to pitching. Strong desire to continue as an organization to develop pitchers as a crucial part of our future success.	
	Ideas discussed – Can Pitch hosting, Pitching clinic hosted as per previous seasons – perhaps a reach out to Tyler Randerson – Mustang pitchers- enhanced focus to local league pitching and 'first timers' encouraging them to try. Female pitching instruction.	
	Ryan Roth advocates for this program having a family of pitchers – would like to see this be developed and enhanced.	
CONCLUSIONS	Formulate a plan and timeline. Include catchers as a part of this clinic (making it a pitching/catching clinic)	
	Suggested email survey to gauge interest level.	
	Need to procure the proper facility based on participation rate.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reconvene on this at our January meeting to discuss moving forward position	Mike C	Jan. 28 th , 2018
Require a bit more input from Mike C	John V, Ryan R	
Email Survey if required	Jason P	

TIME: 8:26

LOGO UPDATE

[JASON P]

DISCUSSION	Variation of 'web' logo presented to the group for use as a base logo for dry-fit shirts etc.. Simplified design (clouds around the verbiage, were dropped – font more parallel)	
CONCLUSIONS	All in favour of new simplified logo. High resolution (vector image) required by uniform/swag providers.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
High resolution image made available to suppliers	Jason P	ASAP
Solicit supplier to design our hat logo in conjunction with uniform supply	Chad C	On confirmation of supplier

[DWIGHT, JASON P]

TIME: 8:32

UNIFORMS – EXECUTIVE SHIRTS

DISCUSSION	Professional look for Executive representation of members. Useful at clinics, events etc... cooperate "distinguished " identity – especially as this is a new group .	
Uniform tender sent to five different suppliers – Home Run Sports, Play it Again Sports, Dunny's Soucre for Sports, Stitch Graphix, and Sportszone		
CONCLUSIONS	Proposal to entertain a "golf" type shirt with logo on the chest with "Executive" on the sleeve or under the collar.	
Executive members have suggested they will pay for these shirts independently		
Proposal made to have 'coach's' shirts made – similar to the dry-fit ones that will be supplied to the players – Expense? Quantity?		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Hinging on decisions being made for uniform procurement	Chad C	Jan 28 th , 2018
Continue discussions – most in favour (in some aspect)	Jason P	

TIME: 8:46

POLICIES UPDATE

[DAVE M]

DISCUSSION	OFF CAMERA – Bylaws and Constitution – Rep policy guidelines – Clarification and update o Rep registration.	
Rep team budget preview – no full review made – no budgets officially approved, bu most teams deemed to be in a move forward position.		
CONCLUSIONS	Policies are continuing to be updated and relevant ones are available on the webpage – NHSA BMSA policies all transferred and in place in some respect	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Full policy and review (disclosure) by start of 2018 season	Dave M	Spring Meeting
	Mike C	

[SCOTT S]

TIME: 9:00

LOTTERY LICENSE/BUDGET UPDATE

DISCUSSION	No update to provide on Lottery License – awaiting follow up from township clerk.	
	WSA –variable costs spreadsheet presented and discussed	
	WSA – 2018 Budget format and preliminary detail presented	
CONCLUSIONS	Budget format well received – great start and good information and a snapshot for our starting point for the 2018 season.	
	Consider this document as a work in progress at this point – not quite ready to formalize – No motion made to accept this budget proposal at this meeting.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Revise budget for fixed expenses to include specific lines as follows:– Marketing, Coach development, Player development	Scott S	Jan. 28 th ,2018

TIME: 9:30

NEW BUSINESS

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DISCUSSION	Local League update – trying to firm up other centres’ participation. Proceed with formalizing ‘rules of play’- focus at the Atom and Squirt levels – Mark M	
	List of Rep coaches requested to be given to the rep convener – Dave M to Jeff G	
	Umpire Clinics – running our own vs. attendance at other centres – consideration – Brett C	
	Declaring our ‘Home’ diamond for OASA – determine which diamond suits which division	
	Centralizing all Police Reference Checks (NHSA/BMSA) to the Admin clerk of WSA – Mark M to provide BMSA to clerk ASAP	
	Coaching application portal ‘now open’ for local league and select team opportunities – no applicants thus far	
	Signage/Advertising opportunities on our park fences – explore in greater detail with the township – criteria/costs/bylaws	
	Friend requests on registration – could be highly contentious – need for a policy to be instated to minimize all impacts to teams and registrar. Kevin to include brief WSA statement on registration page with the consideration but no guarantee for placements. Reference made to requesting early check-in accommodations...requests not always granted but there is a means to do so. Discussion about a linking of friend requests whereas the request has to be mutual to be accommodated.	
	Ryan Roth attended South Oxford AGM – update to policy on sharing of players –will be considered especially in the event whereas the former policy may have restricted a centre from fielding a team due to insufficient players.	
	Ryan also wanted the group to entertain thought for the WSA to create/establish a ‘reflection point’ for past association members, players, NHSA, BMSA – accomplishments, awards and milestones. Suggestions included specific callouts at particular venues such as, but not limited to, the WRC and our diamonds. Web page notations. Protect and respect for the past. Strong roots within the community and the sport. Food for thought, and a good discussion recommended to be included in future agenda(s)	
ACTION ITEMS: MOTION TO AD POLICY AS STATED ABOVE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Registration announcement and package creation (with consideration for ‘friend requests’)	Kevin H	Jan 1st, 2018
Rich History – Strong Roots – Continuing to recognize and somehow formalizing this recognition.	ALL	T.B.D.

APPROXIMATE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	14
RESOURCES	OASA Motion #10 - / WSA Variable Costs spreadsheet / WSA Budget Format/ Spring Clinic Estimates document / Spring Clinic Registration template
SPECIAL NOTES	Get in the Game Symposium – Report from Mike C
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Sunday - January 28, 2018 – 7:25pm – Expressway Ford Board Room
MOTION TO ADJOURN:	Jeff Gerber
SECOND	Brett Clifford
CARRIED	All in favour -
	Meeting Adjourned – 10:10pm