



TOFIELD MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Date: February 21, 2024

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Chair: James Rennie Attendees: Adam Hall, Paul Weiss, Pam Webb, Jason Pope, Kristen

Regrets: Mike Murphy

Guests: Jodie Lutz, Brie Schmidt – Softball 7:05-7:20 pm

Scribe: Trisha Johnston

1) Call to Order: 7:03pm

2) Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: Addition: Motion carried via email January 30, 2024, to move ahead with website.

3) Softball discussion: Requesting to come under the Tofield Minor Ball Umbrella for U9, U11, and possibly U 13. U15 operates independently (is basically a closed team), although they say they are under TMBA. According to Softball Alberta, all teams have to operate under an association.

4) TMBA discussion: motion to bring U9, U11, and U13 under the TBMA umbrella passed with all in favour pending a sitting Softball board member and further discussion regarding logistics of equipment, fees, registration, diamond availability, practice times, etc.

- U15 (Jr Triggers) aren't mentioned in previous minutes as being a part of TMBA. Although they have already tried scheduling diamonds for practices, and games.

5) President's report:

- Website: Updates completed by James and Trisha.
- By-laws: motion passed, all in favour to submit January 2024 Tofield & District Minor Ball By-Laws.
 - Official email addresses to come after we are registered as an official Non-Profit Organization.
- All executives are required to have Criminal record checks completed.
- Season starts April 8th, indoors in the high school gym.
 - This will be added onto the Ramp site.
 - Schedule will be Monday – Thursday (U11, U13, U15, and U18), provided the gym isn't in use for extra-curricular activities.

- U11 – should they stay in Beaverhill League or enter Cub League? Depends on how many teams are in the Beaverhill League.

6) Vice-President's report: in discussion with Town for support for future events.

7) Treasurer's report: reviewed treasury summary.

- Motion for President, Vice President, and treasurer to have signing authority passed with all in favour.

8) Registrar's report: 39 early registrants (past players) for early registration.

- Early registration closes February 25th.
- Open to all February 26th.
- Adam talked with the elementary school to add registration is open to the school newsletter.
 - Will post Open Registration on Facebook
- Once teams fill up, we will try to start a second team, depending on player numbers and coaches. A disclaimer will be added to the website to limit the number of players to 13-14 per team.

9) Equipment Coordinator's report: Pam responded in Mike's absence. A jersey count was completed at the end of last season, however some stragglers have come in. A new count will be completed.

10) Diamond/Umpire Coordinator report: In discussion with Baseball Alberta regarding an umpire clinic.

- 3 hour timeframe.
- Minimum of 10 participants.
- Possibly two scheduled during the week.
- Will be added to the website to see if there is any interest.
- Fees would be out of pocket to participants; however, they would be paid for umping any games once the clinic was completed.
- Diamond schedule will be reviewed.

11) Public Relations report: admin access required to post on current TMBA Facebook account. James will reach out to Craig, previous President.

12) Coach & Player development:

- Rules for the high school gym: must use wiffle balls
 - Free to use
 - Agreement will be signed
 - Adam will be the keyholder for school access.
- I will be scheduling a pitching and batting clinic for each level in the gym. Dates TBD.
- Coaches' clinic: We pay \$50 for coaches to attend the clinic. Coaches are responsible for paying for their travel to and from the clinic.
- Received interest for 2 coaches for U9. Criminal record checks have been requested.

- Craig – U15, Jodie U15 baseball.

13) Other items:

- TMB Pictures: Date scheduled for May 4, 2024. Indoor or outdoor (weather permitting).
- Bottle drive: map of Tofield and each team designated an area.
- If we are emailing each other, please copy James in.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm