

TOFIELD MINOR BALL
ASSOCIATION –
EXECUTIVE MEETING



Date: March 21, 2024

Chair: James Rennie

Attendees: Adam Hall, Paul Weiss, Jason Pope, Pam Webb, Kristen Wilson

Guests: Jody Lutz, Sam Stefanizyn

Secretary: Trisha Johnston

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05pm
2. **Electing a new intern softball coordinator:** All members voted in favour of electing Sam Stefanizyn as the Softball Coordinator.
3. **President's Report:**
 - U15 Softball has decided to join the TMBA umbrella and is in agreement with the proposed guidelines laid out by the Executive at the March 6 and 13 meetings.
 - Thank you to everyone for all the work you have put in. We've been very busy and it is very appreciated.
 - Criminal checks from Executives: we are waiting on a few.
 - i. All members voted in favour of having Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Checks being the requirement of Executives and Coaches.
 - By-Laws approval: Reviewed. All members voted in favour of the submission of the updated Tofield & District Minor Ball Association By-Laws and register Tofield Minor Ball League.
 - Policies and Procedures review: All members voted in favour of the TMBA policies and procedures.
 - Payment deadline for Baseball Alberta for the Cub and ERRBL league is April 14, 2024
 - i. U9 and U11 will stay in the Beaverhill League.
 - ii. U13 in Cub League
 - iii. U15 and U18 in ERRBL
4. **Vice-President's Report:**
 - I've been connecting with Softball Alberta to explore how the Tofield Minor Ball Association can welcome the softball program to our association.
 - Worked on revising the by-laws for the inclusion of the softball program.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** reviewed treasury summary to date.

- Signing authority documents are being completed. BMO will notify once they are ready to be signed.
- One refund was issued via e-transfer and was included in the reported payments out.
- A current TMBA bank statement with relevant information has been given to Jody to accommodate Softball RAMP registration.

6. Registrar's Report:

- Current enrollment stats: Rally Cap and U11 registration will remain open until March 31. This will be posted on the website and Facebook.
 - i. Rally Cap - 16
 - ii. U9 - 14: team player cap reached. Registration will be closed.
 - iii. U11 - 17
 - iv. U13 - 13: team player cap reached. Registration will be closed.
 - v. U15 - 15: team player cap reached. Registration will be closed. One player that played with the U15's last year may be asked to move up to U18.
 - vi. U18 - 13: team player cap reached. Registration will be closed.
- Cancellations: one that Paul (Treasurer) spoke of.
- Photo day is confirmed for Saturday, May 4th.
 - i. I will talk to Carla Lehman and advise there will be Softball teams added to photo day, as this may affect her schedule.

7. Softball Coordinator's Report:

- Teams:
 - i. U9 and U11: 5 players each. They will be combined if we do not get any other registrants.
 - ii. U13 - 5, however they are already registered in U13 baseball.
 - iii. U15 - 13: closed to registration.
- U15 will be added to the RAMP registration, although will be closed due to team player cap reached.
- All fees and team player caps will be the same as minor baseball. U15 fees were \$100, they will be advised of the \$25 increase to fees (Sam).
- U15 has the curling rink booked for indoor practices. Sam will advise the coaching staff that the gym may be available for free, as opposed to the fee they had to pay for the curling rink rental.
- June 22-23 Softball tournament. Open to U9, U11, U15. Umpires and tournaments handled by Softball.

8. Equipment Coordinator's Report:

- Mike is willing to help out, limited time and asking for our help.
- Mike gave me (James) keys to the lockers in the arena.
- Equipment check and bag preparation for the beginning of indoor practices in April scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:30pm.
 - i. snap pack ice bags need to be purchased and added to each bag.
- Equipment required:
 - i. A large pail of wiffle balls for indoor practice. These will be shared by all teams.
 - ii. pitching plates for baseball and softball.

- iii. Softball Coordinators will review their equipment and let the Executive know what they require. Perhaps larger balls for U15. The previous balls will be shared with the younger levels.

9. Diamond/Umpire Coordinator's Report:

- Waiting to hear back from Baseball Alberta in regard to hosting an umpire clinic in Tofield. Currently have 6-8 interested participants.
- Diamond schedule to be determined once we see how many teams we will have for the season.
- Cub league home games under review. They may be limited to a certain number in an effort to keep umpire fees down and diamond availability.

10. Public Relations Report:

- Open registration post keeps being updated to the top of the Facebook page.
- Registration closing March 31 will be added.

11. Coach & Player Development:

- Need coaches for U11 (priority before indoor) & Rally Cap
- Respect in Sport and Clinics to be paid by the Association, not including travel. This will be added to the policies and procedures.
- Equipment pick up for coaches will be the first week of April
- Emailing coaches of dates and times for indoor practices.
- Jersey hand-out will be held in the gym, 3rd or 4th week of April. Sign out/in sheets will be created for each team. Registration has the disclaimer that a \$100 replacement fee will be charged for not returned/damaged/lost jerseys.

12. Tournament Coordinator:

- Discussed whether or not to move forward with registering for home tournaments for baseball. Executive decided to gather the information in preparation for next season.
- All members present voted in favour of the Association paying half of the tournament registration fee, up to a maximum of \$250, per team. The team is responsible for paying or raising the other half.
- Discussion on entering TMBA into the Tofield Canada Day parade. Afterwards, we could hold a TMBA Skills day. Ideas included, home run derby, scrimmage games, etc.
 - i. flatbed trailer(s) donations for the day to allow for decorating and parade duty.
 - ii. budget for decorations and candy.
 - iii. would diamonds be available. Fees?
 - iv. volunteers required.

13. Other Items:

- TMB Pictures – Times needed for each level
- Bottle drive – Map of Tofield needed for each team.
 - i. Increase advertising prior to and ask if people are willing to drop off their bottles in the name of TMBA.
- Team Snap: membership discussed. Per team, or per association?
 - i. Would be required for every team, every level.
 - ii. Paid by Association.

Next Meeting: TBA - perhaps last week of April, if required

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm