

TOFIELD MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION – EXECUTIVE MEETING



**Date:** March 6, 2024

**Time:** 7:15 – 8:30 pm

**Chair:** James Rennie

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

**Regrets:** Mike Murphy – resigned as Equipment Co-ordinator

**Guests:** Jodie, Brie, Courtney to discuss Softball

**Scribe:** Trisha Johnston

**1) Call to Order: 7:15pm**

**2) Softball discussion: Jodie, Brie, and Courtney**

- We've been in touch with Softball Alberta and have been told Softball has to be a part of an association.
- U9, U11, and possibly U13 teams proposed. We have approximately 15-16 kids interested.
- U9 – U13 already have willing coaches, equipment (bases, catcher's gear, and balls), and have talked with the school to see if it would be okay to practice indoors right after school, provided the gym isn't being used. As well as, in talks for sponsors and donations for jerseys and a possible tournament.
- Jodie will make a spreadsheet for costs of equipment required for each softball team.
- May require bats and more wiffle balls (for indoor play).
- Tournaments are approximately \$600 per team. We'd require umpires for exhibition games and home tournament.
- U15 (Jr Triggers) have emailed James regarding diamonds and a scheduled tournament in May. U15 seems to activate independently and may not be registered with Softball Alberta. Jodie has offered to reach out for clarification.

**3) TMBA response:** We'd like to welcome you to be under the Tofield Minor Ball umbrella. Our mission is for all kids to play ball.

- Propose same registration fees as Baseball. Registration fees would go towards purchasing equipment and funding one home tournament. Away games are at the expense of the softball team.
- Add a tab to the Ramp registration page for Softball.
- Amend the by-laws.
- Sitting Softball board member.
- Keep TMBA account as one account, although keep track of softball and baseball amounts in the account (tournaments).
- Perhaps add a registrar for softball.
- Agree to participate in the bottle drive and scheduled photo day.

**4) President's Report by James Rennie:**

- **Mike has resigned as Equipment Co-ordinator.** Adam and Paul offered to assist.
- Further discussion/research will be completed with Softball Alberta regarding the requirements of Softball Alberta.
  - U15 discussion with Softball Alberta also. U15 has scheduled diamond use and a tournament date of May 22-23. However, it is unclear if they are under TMBA already or just saying they are. They would be a rogue team, if they aren't and according to Softball Alberta would not be able to play.
- **By-Laws:** amendments will have to be made to include Softball.

**5) Vice-President's Report by Adam Hall:** registration flyer is posted at CW Sears Elementary and onto their website and in the school online newsletter.

- **Treasurer's Report by Paul Weiss:** current statement of account reviewed.

**6) Registrar's Report:** stalled at 75 registrants.

**7) Other Items:** James has permission to share Trisha's information for the setup of Spordle.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30 pm