

Lethbridge Minor Softball Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2020

- i. meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m.
 - ii. approval of minutes-minutes not available from last meeting.
 - iii. Ongoing business
- A. **update** on becoming an Association. membership under Lethbridge Softball association is fine. we are registered as an association now.
- a. **discussion** about Casino that will most likely occur between October-December 2020. LSA has agreed that LMSA can use the money to target LMSA wish list. first priority on this list is to build another diamond. there is potential this diamond can be built at Softball Valley. **ACTION:** Jen will complete a letter to LSA indicating our intention to use Casino money to build a diamond. **ACTION:** Tara to approach Hank to continue discussion with City of Lethbridge to allocate potential land at Softball Valley.
- b. LMSA to continue discussion about a plan B, in the case we are unable to get land allocated at Softball Valley-what else can money raised be used for? (we have 3 years to use the money raised). There is also a community spaces grant available through the Co-Op group. this is to be investigated for 2020 or 2021.
- A. **league fees-** league fees will be increased for 2020. see chart for details. Also want to remember that LMSA prides themselves in being a lo-cost activity option for families, this to be kept in mind as we look at future fee increases. timbits: \$80 U10-\$80 U12- \$120 U14- \$120 U16- \$120 U19- \$120.
- B. **league dates:**
- a. late fee/refund policy. **ACTION:** Jess wil write up the policy. Full refund if notified by April 15, 2020 less \$20 administration fee. After the 15-no refunds available.
- b. in person registration dates:will occur on March 16 (mike Mountain Horse) , 17 (Galbraith) and 18 (Lakeview). volunteers for these dates are: 16-Tyler and Terry, 17-Jen and Jay, 18- Nicole and Jess. **ACTION:** Jen will email the City to update on these dates.
- c. League will start on April 27, 2020. with the division play occurring on the following nights: U10 & U14 will occur on M/W, U12 &U16 & U19 will occur on T/Th, Timbits will run on T/TH. This will also accomodate umpire availability. Discussion about planning for double headers with older groups.
- d. playoffs will occur on June 20th pending availability of Softball Valley diamonds. **ACTION:** Tara will check into this.
- e. provincial team coach application deadline is January 30. 2020. successful candidates will be notified by email by February 2.
- f. equipment reviews: minors field has been completed. Softball Valley to occurence first 2 weeks of March (to be confirmed by Tara with Jay).
- A. **advertising/distribution:**
- a. february/march via City of Lethbridge Recreation Guide.
- b. radio media advertising will occur on same stations as last year. Jess will follow up with her contact. Also will include

that we have sponsorship packages available.

- c. we will not hold an early bird draw this year.
- A. **grant money distribution** (summer games legacy fund) priorities are looking at Player skill development and training, coaching development, equipment. Coaches interested in getting certified or certifieng at a higher level need to indicate interest as soon as possible. Discussion about how to determine costs that will be incurred through legacy fund or through LMSA. suggestions: set up a stipend to be alloted, indicate that i.e. the first 3 people will be covered on a "as needs basis" to be determined by the board. other way to divide money could be: \$1500 coach development, \$1500 equipment (batting/pitching cage and machine, drag net for diamonds) \$1300 training i.e. YQL sluggers nights.
- B. **policy clarification re: cancelled games and forfeit policy:** Jess will develop this policy. Suggestion to include in wording: if game is cancelled because unable to field a team it is a forfeit. if game cancelled as a result of weather this may be rescheduled at discreation of LMSA (availability of diamonds impacts rescheduling).
- C. **sponsorship packages.** will use current package suggestions developed by committee. this information will be sent with email distribution list, letters sent to potential sponsors, and brief info. on radio blitz when advertising league registration.
- D. **award recognition event discussion.** Board is in favor of this. Committe to be set up at March meeting. Discussion: acknowledge people at AGM or season start tourney. Also what will costs be? may be as simple as a certificate, clothing or medals.
- E. **mandatory volunterr expectations for each division.** Board in favor of this. A guardian form will be included on registration **ACTION:** Tyler will send a sample to use as a template. Jen will add volunteer choices to registration site. Discussion to include: team manager to handle the volunteer options. Include field safety inspection, interest in umping in event paid ump unavailable, dragging of field, garbage duty and other duties: refer to sheet provided by Jen.
- i. **next meeting date and time:** March 29 from 3-5 p.m. at Softball Valley. Please R.S.V.P to Jen availability.
- ii. adjournment at 3:05 p.m.