# Lethbridge Minor Softball Association

# Meeting Minutes

## March 31, 2018

## 1:00pm

Invitees: Tara Furukawa-Stoffer, Jennifer Drader, Kim Snideman, Beth Moulton, Jackie Fletcher, Tyler Fallwell, Anita Richardson, Josh Cinnamon, Jay Johnson.

Missing: Jackie, Anita, Kim

1. Call to order – Jen calls to order meeting 12:55pm
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting – Beth approved, Jen 2nd, approval
3. Open and Ongoing Business
4. Treasurer Report – Any new business to report – Kim sent updated budget, reviewed. Tara noted that Softball Alberta had an increase of fees. LTP from $4/player to $5. U10 - $110/team, U12 and up $175/team. Tara also noted that maybe we look at a GIC instead of a savings account so that our money grows at a higher rate.
5. Travel Team Coaches Approved for U12 & U14 – Jennifer Drader for U12 with Beth and Wendy and Tyler Fallwell for U14 with Josh and Bonnie.
6. Travel Team Fund Breakdown
   1. How is $1800(12players @ $150) broken down? Tournaments/ provincials/ merchandise ext. – Tara noted that previously the association has agreed to pay the provincial fee and 1 tournament fee up to $450. So the $1800 will be for additional tournaments or merchandise or meals or anything that the teams requires. Beth suggested that we keep that for 2019 and reassess the association paying for 1 tournament and just have them pay for the provincial fee for next year as our travel teams grow and if it will become a burden to the association. So for our Kim, Jen’s reimbursement for the Stettler tournament will not come out of team’s funds but from the association.

- It was also brought up about what to do with left over funding. Suggestions to be that it be divided up evenly between whatever travel teams go next year, or if U14 has a substantial amount that it go to U16 travel team next year as most of the kids will probably be back again. This will be addressed at next board meeting.

1. Update from Tyler on Jerseys discussion from previous meeting – Tyler got a quote from Dougs for 3 teams with 15 Jerseys, 15 undershirts, 3 undershirts for coaches, and hats. This came to $4300 total for 3 or aprox. $1433/team. It was agreed that the undershirts and hats would go to the players to keep and the association keeps the Jerseys, that being said that cost could come out of the team fund of $1800. Tyler also had South Country Coop may sponsor the jerseys and will put in a proposal with SCC for 3 teams of Jerseys in which they would have their logo on the back above the numbers. All numbers will be consecutive so that any player can move up with ease if needed.
2. Purchases for this coming year
   1. Banner for league – will get 2 of these.
   2. Sign for Miners – Tyler to potentially design, Tara to check with Hank with D Signs as that is what Softball Valley uses to get quote for 4 x12. Sign will say home of Lethbridge Minor Softball, was indicated that it could say supporter of the Lethbridge Heat, no other logos to be on it. Also to maybe have established 19xx…Have to check with Gloria.
   3. Equipment Requests (items we know we need, items to look at) – Wish list to consider. Wheeled equipment bags, Portable batting cage with pitching machine, Advance for T-shirts to sell, soft toss machine, chalk machine, infield/umpire masks, catcher’s equipment, plugs for miners. Agreed catcher’s equipment, face masks and wheeled bags are needed and will be added to list of equipment when total equipment review takes place.
   4. Equipment Review date – Jen to tackle LTP and U10, Tara to do U12, U14, U16 equipment review over the next couple weeks and to review together on Sunday the 14th.
3. Clinic Updates
   1. Pitching Clinic – Successes and Areas of Improvement to work on by Josh – Overall successful, saw lots of improvements. Good turnouts. Indicated that maybe the pitching should be done in Nov.
   2. Winter Training – Successes and Areas of Improvement by Beth (U10/U12) & Tyler (U14/U16) – Beth indicated overall successful, lower numbers than expected. Having the pitching and winter training back to back was a bit to long for players who did both. Tyler over successful. Was able to move from basics to refining skills and learning new ones. Was noted 2 ½ was maybe too long. Maybe 2 hours next year.
   3. Umpires Clinic – Update by Jen – Apr 14th from 8:30-2ish. 9 signed up, 7 players 2 non players.
   4. Catching Clinic – Josh to be in contact with U of L softball team to lead the clinic. – Was decided that instead of an actual clinic on the night of practice that kids who are wanting more catchers practice would go to a specific field and Kali (from the university) would work with them. Do 1 on Mon or Wed and the other on Tue or Thur that way we get all divisions. Josh to ask Kali what nights would work for her.
      1. Inside or Outside, need date, times that work for U of L team.
4. Sponsorship Committee – Update by Jen – It was noted after a brief discussion that the changes would be that we would have include the reason why we are looking at sponsorships. Adding in that we are looking to maintain our HOME field of Miners and look to build a second field. All packages were accepted. Costs were assigned as Home Run Package - $750 with a $100/year renewal. Triple Play Package - $500, and Team Advantage Package $250. It was noted that we would send this out to parents first, and see what response we have and then move more aggressively if needed to later on. It was noted that we could get the travel team to seek out sponsors and the money then would be divided between them, the cost to provide the sign and the association. Jen brought motion to send out the amended sponsor package. Josh 2nd. Approval
   1. 1st draft submitted to Board
   2. Have received an email from Original Joes asking about signage at the field.
5. New business
6. Registration Numbers update by Jen. – 164 as of Sunday morning. (82 new, 82 returning) – expecting more. Jen to go through the LTP with Jay, Tyler will be given the U10, Jen/Tara to look at U12 and Tara to go through U14 and up. Jen suggested we combine some U10 boys into U12 and possibly U14 – U19 boys. Tara to review and decide.
   1. Should we extend registration date?
   2. Milk River (hope to have 1 U12, 1 U14 may only have 1 team), Coaldale (1 U12, 1 U14), Picture Butte (1 U14) – Milk River will have 1 U12 and 1 U14, Coaldale 1 U12 and 1 U14 and Picture Butte 1 U14.
   3. LTP – (Jen to discuss) age group 2011 to have a mass practice to see if we can move them up to U10. Some kids are ready, to move up. Jay and Jen to hold this Apr 24th. – To be moved to Apr 8th. Jen to send out email to parents affected.
   4. U10, U12, U14, U16 items to address. Any other mass practices? – To be decided by directors
   5. House League Tournament? Dates?

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1. Diamonds
   1. Miners update
      1. Cleanup of Miners including bathrooms, initial and ongoing throughout the season. – Initial cleanup will have to be done by volunteers once miners is complete. Ongoing by the travel team.
      2. Cleanup of Concession area, Freezer testing and/removal –
      3. Cleanup of Storage maintenance room.
      4. The U of L is asking if they can use Miners Field for their games – U 0f L asked to use for Apr 27/28 ID camps. Approved if Miners is complete.
   2. Diamonds from the city – still waiting for confirmation
2. Items needed for all directors of divisions
   1. Coaches handbooks
   2. Coaches Training for all coaches. Date and Instructor – To have coaches meeting on Apr 20th with equipment pickup as well.
   3. Equipment hand off (normally same day/time as coaches training)
3. Important Dates for 2019
   1. Jun 2nd – Sport Fest (U12/U14 travel teams in Stettler for Tournament)
   2. Jun 23rd – LMSA Playoffs
   3. Jul 5-7th Tentative Zone Playoff weekend if needed.
   4. Jul 12-14Provincials for U12 & U14 in Medicine Hat
   5. Aug 20th Parade
4. Alberta Summer Games 2020
   1. Jen to be the Chair for Softball. Will have to start looking for volunteers.
5. Any New Business – Beth has a donated working cooler from Indian Hill Golf Course if we need it.
6. Beth also asked Nicole Barnett to head up this year’s Golf Fundraiser and she said yes. Need to get her a budget.
7. Next Meeting date and time
   1. It was decided that unless we need an actual sit down meeting we would have our board meeting after the season.
8. Adjournment – 3:27pm