

Swift Current Minor Baseball Association Board Meeting – Monday, January 10, 2022 7:00PM Zoom Meeting Minutes

Welcome everyone.

## Meeting was called to order at: 7:05pm

**Present**: Toni Adair, Cortney Leshures, Patrick Rokochy, Chad Kozun, Misti Shotter, Quinton Chastkiewicz, Dawn Robertson, Garnet Unger, Erlene Deobald **Regrets**: Liam, Craig, Jamie, Brent

A motion to approve the minutes held on November 22, 2021 was made by Quinton, seconded by Cortney. Approved.

**Covid Discussion:** Toni had invited Dr. Kevin Wasko to join us, unfortunately he didn't log in during the meeting. Toni had also contact Dr. Lesha Ferguson to discuss her opinion on the vaccine. She studied Molecular Biology and mentioned the mRNA vaccine was created to help with the hesitancy of other vaccines. Most of the side effects from the vaccine can be treated.

Some concern was that we might lose kids because some families will not want to play with unvaccinated children, however, the other concern is some families may not sign up because of the vaccine mandate. As an organization, should we go above what Sask Health recommends. Baseball Sask is meeting with Baseball Canada soon, and will hopefully have a plan for this.

Patrick had mentioned that his hockey team is possibly shut down due to positive cases in both vax'd and unvax'd players.

Garnet had met with Jeremy Patzer to discuss mandates from a small organization. His biggest concern is the legalities associated with us mandating a vaccine. We are putting our name on something that has never been done before.

Garnet made a motion to rescind the mandate vote from the AGM and wait for Sask Baseball's decision. Erlene seconded. 7 in favor, 1 not. It however was decided that we will send out an email vote as Patrick would like to see this as 2 motions, and he doesn't think it is fair that we vote with such few members in attendance. Toni asks that everyone look at it from an organization as a whole, not as a personal choice. U15- They will be staying in the Regina League. Regina's fee was \$250, whereas Saskatoon's fee was \$2000. Also, if we pulled the U15 out of the Regina league, would it cause issues for the other levels in Swift Current. The best decision was to stay with Regina.

**Clothing-**Garnet will send an email with the different jersey options. We are hoping to find another sponsor as jerseys cost around \$50 each. With the sponsor from Black Diamond Energy Services, it brought the cost down to \$11.

Hats- Jamie will be dealing with them. We are still thinking a different design, and hope to order with the big 57's. They have a meeting next week.

**Vice-President-**Joe Carnahan is still interested in taking on this role. Patrick thinks he should be in attendance in order to be voted in, as well he should be a board member before taking on this role. Toni will look in to the rules if this is needed. She did not see anything previously about needing to be a member before taking on VP. Erlene is wondering if we can do an email vote to get Joe on the board as he has a lot of great baseball experience that will benefit this organization.

**Umps-** Clayton Opps will be the new Ump coordinator. Joe has offered to help him out. Clayton will get back to Toni on how he plans to recruit more umps. We are hoping to get some pamphlets from Baseball Sask to distribute in the schools. Misti had mentioned an email would be better.

**Tournament Dates-** AAA- June 17-19, 2022 AA- July 8-10, 2022. House league- June 11<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Baseball Sask has sent out a request to host the U13 Western Regional Championships 2022. Lloydminster was supposed to host but they have joined with Alberta.

It is recommended we ask the U13 group of parents if they would be interested in organizing this tournament. This tournament will be put in to the scheduling meeting to discuss more later.

**Financials-** There has been no change to the financials from last time. Liam has applied for the Community Support Grant.

**Coaches-** The deadline for the application for coaches will be sometime in February. There was some discussion if we should allow the coaches to apply if they are not fully certified but are working on it. This will be discussed later.

Next meeting- Monday February 7, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.