**Tiger Hills Girls Minor Softball**

**Annual General Meeting**

**April 6, 2017**

**Pilot Mound Collegiate**

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Members present Kristi Guilford, Shannon Klassen, Leah Bere, Angela Apperley, Nina Edbom-Kehler, Mike Toews, Nathan Falk, Cory Feschuk, Janice Potvin, Kelly Cornock, Theresa Van Wynsberghe, Tanis DeRuyck, David Pogson, Kara Hildebrand, Lindy Dobson, Danna Collins, Laura Ehnes, Trischa Takvam, Tasha Warms, Martha Krahn, Christine Gundrum, Brittany Beernaerts, Anne-Marie Goderis, Tara Conrad, Asten McGill, Allison Darby, Candice Mestdagh, Angela Wiebe, Jolene Buhler, Nellie Hildebrand, Terry Fehr, Erin Wytinck, Karla Van Den Bosch, Darlene Willemen, Amanda Hutchinson, Kristy Hildebrand, Jeremy Lumgair, Chris Rempel, Robbin Anderson

Members present Minutes of the last meeting were read by Robbin Anderson and motion was made to adopt minutes as read. Seconded by Cory. Carried.

**Business Arriving from the Minutes:**

**2017 Executive Positions**

President – Robbin Anderson (Glenboro) Past President – Kristi Guilford (Rock Lake) \*final year Treasurer – Chris Rempel (Winkler) \*final year Secretary – Amanda Hutchinson (Bruxelles) Website Manager – Shannon Klassen (Carmen) \*final year West Registrar – Tara Conrad (Swan Lake) East Registrar – Jeremy Lumgair (Morden) \*final year

Treasurer’s Report – As of the March statement the account balance was $2,497.25. Softball Manitoba increased fees for this year. This took place at the Softball Manitoba meeting held after the THGMS Semi-Annual meeting. Fees increased from $225 to $250. The online registration form reflects this fee increase to $250 for U10 to U18 age groups. U8 fees are increased to $110. Chris motioned that the treasurer’s report be adopted as read. Christine Gundrum seconded. Carried.

**New Business:**

1. Town Contacts:

Carmen – Martha Krahn Rock Lake – Kristi Guilford Winkler- Chris Rempel Morden – Jeremy Lumgair Bruxelles – Darlene Willemen Manitou – Liz Selby Portage la Prairie – Darren Reichert Altona – Nathan Falk Swan Lake – Tara Conrad Glenboro – Robbin Anderson Morris – Angela Wiebe

1. Winkler U16 does not have enough pitchers for their team. Winkler requested that U18 player can play down and still be able to pitch to give them enough pitchers. Discussion was held as to whether there would be enough U18 teams to play this season. 3 teams can be made from Altona, Bruxelles and Carman. Discussion if U16 majors could be pulled up to make a U18 team for Winkler. Decided it would be up to the U16/18 age group to further discuss when we break into age groups and this would be revisited again at the end of the meeting.
2. Fees for U8-U18 are increased to $250 and U8 are increased to $110. All registrations must be completed electronically in Excel format and submitted to your registrar (East – Jeremy Lumgair/West – Tara Conrad) who will then submit to Tiger Hills (Robbin) for submission to MSA. There will be one roster for MSA (provincials) and a second roster for Tiger Hills (league play). Note for U8/10, you must specify that this is fast pitch on the registrations. Correct association name on the registrations should be Tiger Hills Girls Minor Softball.
3. All minor Provincials are Open and the entry fee is $250 which is due to THGMS by May 12th along with registrations. Dates are as follows:

U10: June 23-25 (JBSC) U12: July 7-9 (Buhler Park) U14: July 14-16 (Steinbach) U16: July 7-9 (JBSC) U18: July 14-16 (JBSC)

1. Proposed change to the League tournament dates to accommodate U12 & U16 players that are double rostered and are affected by Provincials. B Provincials were moved back this year due to Canada150 celebrations. Decided to have a vote for this year only and will revisit in October for the 2018 season. The vote was requested to be anonymous. Results: 10 votes to keep the schedule as is, 5 votes to change schedule to proposed dates. Motion made by Chris to accept votes was seconded by Nathan. All in favor.

**Break into age groups to discuss schedules and rules**

1. League Convenors:

U8 – Dana Collins

U10 – Lindy Dobson – tournament @ Bruxelles

U12 Central – Shannon Klassen – tournament @ Rock Lake

U12 East – Nathan Falk

U12 West – Amanda Wall

U14 West – Theresa Van Wynsberghe – tournament @ Altona

U14 East –

U16/18 – Christine Gundrum – Playoffs

Motion was made for this season only any U16 team can pull down a U18 pitcher to field a team with the only exception being an “A” ball pitcher cannot pitch. Additionally there is a maximum of fielding 2 pitchers per team. Jeremy seconded. 2 oppose, 38 in favor.

1. Last year’s cost for the awards for all age groups was $324. Proposed to purchase from the same company again this year as they waived the one-time setup fee for us last year. Motion made by Trischa to purchase up to $400. Seconded by Christine. This purchase is for gold medals only with 15 maximum per age group. Chris to confirm on pricing for year. All in favor.
2. Double roster forms are located on the TGMS or MSA websites
3. Additional insurance is available through Sport Manitoba
4. KidSport Grants <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/index.php?page=manitoba_about_us>

Canadian Tire has the JumpStart program <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en.html#apply>

1. Coaching Clinics – still some clinics left in April in Carman and Brandon. Many other dates are listed on the MSA website.
2. Umpiring Clinics – Pilot Mound was hosting a clinic April 8, 2017 for Level I-II
3. Player Clinics –
   1. Softball MB website [www.softball.mb.ca](http://www.softball.mb.ca)
   2. Home Run Sports website [www.homerunsports.com](http://www.homerunsports.com)
   3. Triple Crown Sports website [www.triplecrownsports.ca](http://www.triplecrownsports.ca)
4. All open tournaments will posted on the THGMS and MSA websites. Winkler is hosting a U10/12 tournament on May 27, 2017, entry fee is $150.
5. Official game report – the winning team will need to scan/email or picture/text the game report to Shannon Klassen within 24 hours of the game to be posted onto the website. This form is required for U10 and up. The umpire, both coaches/manager will need to sign the report.
6. Ponytail League – will commence after the B Provincials and run from the end of July to September. Registration forms are located on the website.
7. Question posed for the U10’s of whether coaches will pitch from the mound or use the soft toss. Softball Manitoba regulations state that soft toss is to be used. THGMS changed this guideline last year instead allowing the coach to pitch from anywhere, just not a soft toss from the side. It was decided that before each game the coaches will agree where to pitch from. Discussion was tabled and will potentially discuss this topic again in the fall.

Fall meeting will be held on October 11, 2017 at 7pm.

Location TBA

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. Motion made by Marvin seconded by Darlene.