

WBC Minutes

March 7, 2021 Board Meeting

Present: Stephen Hawkes, Nancy Fischer, Jodi Archer, Derek Johnson, Dennis Elgie, Ang Dearing, Melissa Donaldson, Scott Dewald, Blair and Michelle Renes

Called to Order: 8:04 by Stephen Hawkes

Meeting to deal with Action Items.

Registration:

Ang Dearing reported 42 registrants so far to date for Baseball

Melissa Donaldson reported that Softball is sitting at 10 registrants: 3 at U12; 4 in U14; 3 in U16

Question on when registration is closing? Maybe we will see if we have numbers by April 15th it will be good to be able to move things along.

Action Items:

1. Contact with city and school boards to cover diamonds at Kinsman and Centennial. Brian V? from WRPS says it was the City's responsibility. SH emailed Natasha Grant at City and she was to get in touch with a Paul (City?) to see; email Thu March 4th re: Ball Clubs request to cover dugouts at Centennial and Kinsman is being dealt with; City has said that WBC can cover the dugouts at our expense. Looking to reach out to service organizations for potential financial help, as well as trademen for help on actual construction and configuration. Derek can reach out to Fortis to see if they can help out. SH suggests that we get hold of construction people to get a cost estimate before moving forward. Ex. Metal construction .similar to Kinsman diamond, utilize existing Chain Link fence. Suggest getting 2-3 estimates prior to voting on any expenditures. We could get people to donate materials etc for this project. Ang to speak to a relative of hers who does this, SH or Ang D to speak to CLS Construction, SH may contact Eligott as well. Contractors should quote with concrete pouring, unless we can get it donated. SH will contact Doug at WRM and Inland as well to see if he can do the concrete for the dugouts at both diamonds.
Melissa – dugouts, husband does cement work on the side. May be able to do the cement for dugouts with free labour; cost for material for cement only would be about \$4000 for rebar/framing/gravel and cement itself.
2. Getting Scott Galenza to do Pitching Clinic: Scott is now locked down for April 10&11,2021 for a Softball pitching clinic. Motion: That WBC will pay for Scott Galenza's fees and facility costs for this clinic. Scott charges \$75/hr; Drill Hall for a full day is about \$550. Normally SG would do this over the course of a month....this will be a 2 day clinic; different groups 9-10:30 G1; 11-12:30 G2; 1:30-3 G1; 3:30-5 pm G2 both days. To build from one day to the next. All participants would get the most out of the clinic. Suggestion that we charge a fee for the clinic. 8-9 per group would be ideal. We would open it up to Camrose Softball players if we are short here. Total Cost would be about \$2225 for the weekend. For 18 players the actual cost per

player would be \$123.61. Suggestion is that Wetaskiwin players pay something just not full cost as WBC will cover some. Agreed to charge \$75 per Wetaskiwin players; External players pay full cost of \$150/player. Need registrants in next 2 weeks by March 28/29th. Look at U12/14 and U16/U18 groupings. MOTION: To go ahead with clinic and club cover balance of costs, with local players being charged \$75/player and out of town players charged \$150/player. Derek Johnson, second by Blair. Carried.

3. Baseball development at the Drill Hall. Turf is down for the next little while. Need to decide how much the WBC wants to pay for facility rentals. Half Day is \$367 for 5 hours. Parents are asking about baseball clinics. Available dates will be sent by Stephen Hawkes to the group so we can determine when we can do this. Some of the board members would be interested in participating as well. April is a suggested month to do this.
4. Naming Contest: 25 submissions already. Looking to put together a ball bag with W logo and some other ball stuff to go to the winner. Thoughts on money involved? Bag costs \$50; Ang moves that WBC put \$250 towards first prize; Derek seconded. All in favour. Carried.

Question: DJ quizzed on Millet registering in Wetaskiwin. No boundaries, other than competitive. Players can register in Wetaskiwin. Softball has boundaries. Baseball doesn't at recreation level. Wetaskiwin/Leduc have boundaries at the u12 and up levels or AA for ball.

SH posted umpiring clinic (virtual level 1 and 2 classes) and umpires are needed. Get players involved.

Secretary's phone died so Meeting Minutes Adjourned at 9:06 pm.