**Date: Wednesday October 2, 2019**

**Location: Wilmot Rec Center – Wayne Roth Room – upstairs pool side**

**Time: 7:30pm start – Official 7:36 start**

1. Call to order/attendance sheet/welcome
2. Executive Reports
   1. President

Talk about the merger and our constitution on getting together two years ago

Group of volunteers has grown substantially – Blast ball and the tie in of New Dundee

Spring clinics/pitching clinics – free programs for community involvement

Player and Umpire development –offset costs

Rich History of Softball – New Hamburg and Baden – New award for Doug Fischer (New Dundee, pitching award)

Our volunteers – time and effort- significant contribution

Pitch for help

Policy changes are imminent – 650 people to accommodate – we will always do the best we can as volunteers

Trillium Grant – application – increase the footprint in the Softball Community

Competing at a National Level – Tournaments – Hosting – Scoreboards

Talked about growing pains and the need for continued volunteer efforts.

* 1. VP Reports – girls and boys – Summary of Rep and House league for each – highlights

WSA held large amount of tournaments

Umpire clinics bolstered number of umpires

Thunder Ball

Sponsorships

Clinics for development and introduction

Coaches Manual

Individual Team Successes across the board – separate cover

* 1. Report from Chair of Local League

Mark Murray explained the process for drafting local league and the level of participation.

* 1. Report from Chairs of Equipment and Uniforms

Tanners T’s and Nets a little short—(5 of each approx.)- Mark Murray

1. Financial Summary overview report – Scott Soulliere
   * + Presentation, questions, Motion to approve

Scott introduced the financial statement for the start of the season until the closure of the year (end of August)

Clarified some “one time” hits +/- to the budget for 2019

Thunder Ball

Carryover of expenses from 2018

Pitching mats

Sponsor ships that existed from previous years (that may not always be available or used in operating costs)

**Motion by Dwight to approve second by Kevin H- all in favour – Carried**

\*\*Side – Jay touched on new uniform vendor (Dunney’s Source for Sports)

(Thunderwear –rhymes with underwear) Local vendor – ease of access- Vendor is currently ramping up. Jay is excited.

1. Review proposed amendments to Wilmot Softball Association Constitution
   1. Section 9 Alteration of Constitution Section (i) – Motion by Executive

Current:

Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by a majority vote at a special general meeting.

Proposed:

Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by a majority vote at a special general meeting or at the Annual General Meeting.

Reason: housekeeping

Motion by Mike Carey – Seconded by PJ Poirier – All in Favour - Carried

* 1. Section 9 - Alteration of Constitution Section (ii) – – Motion by Exectuive

Current:

Amendments to this constitution or dissolution of the Association must be conveyed to the Secretary formally in writing. The Secretary and other officers shall then decide on the date of a special general meeting to discuss such proposals. Any approved changes will be communicated to association members immediately but will not take effect for a minimum of 28 days following the communication.

Proposed:

Amendments to this constitution or dissolution of the Association must be conveyed to the Secretary formally in writing. The Secretary and other officers shall then decide on the date of a special general meeting to discuss such proposals. Ammendments to this constitution if made at the AGM will take place within 14 days if voted on by the majority in attendance at the AGM. Amendments made at a Special General Meeting will take place a minimum of 28 days from the following the communication.

Reason: to be able to call an executive meeting quickly following the AGM.

Motion by Mike Carey – Seconded by Mark Murray – All in Favour - Carried

* 1. Section 6 Officers and Directors – Motion by Exectuive

Current:

The Association shall have an Executive consisting of:

The President\*

The Past President\*

The Vice President(s)\*

The Treasurer\*

Administration Clerk\*

Chair of Registration\*

Vice Chair of Registration

Chair and Vice Chair of scheduling

Chair and Vice Chair of Coach Pitch/T-ball

Chair and Vice Chair of Local leagues

Chair and Vice Chair of Rep/Select

Chair and Vice Chair of Umpires

And any additional officers the Association deems necessary at the meeting required to carry out the required activities (Directors at Large and Booster Club).

Proposed:

The Association shall have an Executive consisting of:

The President\*

The Past President\*

1st Vice President\*

2nd Vice President\*

3rd Vice President\*

The Treasurer\*

Communications Chair\*

Chair of Registration\*

Chair and Vice Chair of scheduling

Chair of Blastball, Coach Pitch and T-ball

Chair and Vice Chair of Local leagues

Chair of Select

Chair of Player Development

Chair of Coach Development

Chair and Vice Chair of Umpires

Chair of Fundraising

Chair of Equipment

Chair of Uniforms

Chair of Sponsorship

Tournament Chair

Awards and Community Coordinator

Volunteer Chair

Chair of Adult League

Chair of NW league

Reason:

Changes required to better serve the organization and break out responsibilities to make them easier to manage.

Add Chair of Adult League – Chair of North Waterloo

Motion by Mike Carey – Seconded by Greg Zehr – All in Favour - Carried

* 1. Section 5 (i) Executive Committee – Motion by Executive

Current:

The Association shall be administered by an Executive Committee of no less than three (3) Officers and no more than thirty (30) Officers and Directors, who must be at least 18 years of age. Members will be elected for a period of up to one year but may be re-elected at the Association’s AGM.

Proposed:

The Association shall be administered by an Executive Committee of no less than three (3) Officers and no more than twenty-five (25) elected executive, 8 of which are officers, who must be at least 18 years of age. Members will be elected for a period of up to two years but may be re-elected at the Association’s AGM.

Reason:

Housekeeping to match new proposed structure and association goals for successors.

Motion by Mike Carey – Seconded by Scott Soulliere – All in favour – Carried

* 1. Section 5 (i) Executive Committee – Motion by Exectuive

Current:

No current definition of Directors at Large and their role.

Proposed:

The association will have no more than 5 Directors at Large. Directors at large will not hold any voting rights at executive meetings but are welcome to attend executive meetings and provide input into decisions.

Reason:

To define the role of Directors at Large. Purpose is to provide a forum for members to slowly migrate into an executive position over a period of time. Directors at Large observe and participate in Executive meetings.

Directors at large – Motion by Mike Carey seconded by Susan Hall – All in favour - Carried

1. Review proposed amendments to WSA By-laws
   1. Highlights and review of Article 2, Section 2 regarding membership dues – Motion by Exectuive

Current:

The amount required to register as a player shall be as follows:

T-Ball - $50

Coach Pitch - $85

Tyke - $120

Atom, Squirt, Peewee - $160

Bantam and Midget - $180

**Rep fees will be $75 higher than stated membership dues but will include Provincial qualifiers/Eliminations, Provincials and one other tournament as selected by the coach.**

Proposed:

* + - * Proposal is to change House league fees.
      * Increase Blastball from $35 to $50
      * Increase T-ball from $50 to $75 (first change in 10 years and aligns with other associations)
      * Increase Coach pitch from $85 to $100
      * Increase for Tyke from $120 to $140
      * Increase Atom, squirt and peewee from $160 to $180
      * Increase Bantam and Midget from $180 to $190.
  1. Add Rep fees to Bylaws – Article 2, Section 2 – add Boys as 2(b) and girls as (2c)
     + - U10 boys - $265
       - U12 boys - $295
       - U14 Boys - $295
       - U16 Boys - $360
       - U19 Boys - $370
       - U10 Girls - $320
       - U12 Girls - $320
       - U14 Girls - $320
       - U16 Girls - $390
       - U19 Girls - $400

Reason:

Fees changed to fall in line with actual costs to run each division and fall in line with other local associations to help balance our budget.

Motion to change the above by Mike Carey – Seconded by John V- all in favour - Carried

* 1. Article 3 – Governance, Section 1 Board of Directors – Motion by Exectuive

Current:

Except as otherwise provided in this By-Law; the Board has the powers of the Association and may delegate any of its powers, duties and functions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may make policies, procedures and regulations for managing the affairs of the Association in accordance with this By-law; and may employ or engage under contract such persons as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Association.

The board shall have up to 21 (excluding officers), but not fewer than 7 members in total. The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Proposed:

Except as otherwise provided in this By-Law; the Board has the powers of the Association and may delegate any of its powers, duties and functions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may make policies, procedures and regulations for managing the affairs of the Association in accordance with this By-law; and may employ or engage under contract such persons as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Association.

The board shall have up to 30 members but not fewer than 7 members in total. The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Reason: Housekeeping

Motion to change by Mike Carey – Seconded by Ryan Roth – All in Favour- Carried

* 1. Article 3 – Governance Section 3 – Election of Directors – Motion by Exectuive

Propose to add:

Interim members may be nominated and elected by the Executive throughout the season to fill positions left void by persons resigning from their positions mid-season or left void at the AGM. These positions will be held until the next AGM.

Reason:

Clarification of terms for an interim position filled during the season.

Motion by Mike – Susan Hall seconded – All in Favour - Carried

1. Elections of Executive/Directors – All positions are open this year. Facilitator – Elaine Mason?
   1. Go through each position and get nominations, voting etc by position.
   2. Starting with Vice President and working down.
      1. Nominations
      2. More than 1 nomination – vote by secret ballot – ballots to be counted by Elaine
      3. Only 1 nomination – position is acclaimed
      4. No nominations – position is left void
   3. Election Results:

Vice President:

Nominations-

**Kevin Hall- Stands**

**Jason Peacock- Stands**

**Ryan Roth- Stands**

All Acclaimed

Treasurer:

Nominations-

**Scott Soulliere- Stands**

Acclaimed

**Communications Chair:** **VACANT**

Nominations-

Chair of Registration

Nominations:

**Susan Hall- Stands**

Acclaimed

**Chair of Scheduling**: **VACANT**

Nominations:

Ryan Roth - Declined

Vice Chair of Scheduling

Nominations:

Chair of Blast Ball CP TB

Nominations:

**PJ Poirier – Stands**

Acclaimed

**Local League Chair: VACANT**

Nominations:

Mark Murray – Does not stand

Chair of Select:

Nominations:

**Chris Faulhafer – Stands**

Acclaimed

Chair of Player Development

Nominations:

**John Vleeming – Stands**

**Chair of Coach Development** -**VACANT**

Nominations:

**Chair of Umpires**: **VACANT**

Nominations:

Chair of Fundraising:

Nominations:

**Michelle Demelo- Stands**

Acclaimed

Chair of Equipment

Nominations:

**Mark Murray- Stands**

Acclaimed

Chair of Uniforms:

Nominations:

**Tim Bartram- Stands**

Acclaimed

**Chair of Sponsorships**: **VACANT**

Nominations:

**Chair or Tournaments: VACANT**

Nominations:

Awards and Community Co-ordinator

Nominations:

**Haley Mohr – Stands**

Acclaimed

Volunteer Chair

Nominations

**Natasha Cobb- Stands**

Acclaimed

Chair of Adult League

Nominations:

**Shannon M & Jen O – Stand**

Acclaimed

Chair of North Waterloo League

Nominations:

**Greg Schenk- Stands (Proxy)**

Acclaimed

1. Volunteers –
   1. Motion to charge a volunteer fee of $50 to be collected from each family for 6hrs of volunteer time.
   2. This Fee will be returned to families once they have worked 6hrs of volunteer time. Time to be put in at booths, tournaments or other fundraisers throughout the season.

**Motion presented by Executive– Seconded By – John V**

**10 in favour**

**8 Opposed**

**2 Abstained.**

**Motion Carried.**

Questions Raised:

Discussion of hours vs. $ contribution – will we actually get volunteers?

What validates a volunteer?

How is it tracked? How is it collected?

Should we wait a year and see how we perform with Chair of Volunteers..?

1. Vision and reviewing our future.
2. Score boards, Diamonds etc…

Improve operations wherever possible

1. New Business or other – Open Discussion – Feedback on season.

Feedback for Winter Ball ages 7/8– Negative – not enough interest.

Select and Rep in the Winter (Select) Not quite there yet

Bantam Girls for next season – 9 girls for consideration – Intention to field a team at every division – boys and girls

Feedback – on umpires – negative on certain scheduling –dropped games or availability of games.

Caliber of HL vs. LL Girls development hindered in 2019 – for discussion for 2020

Directors at Large?? Are we entertaining- Paul Zajac Expressed interest in being a Director At Large as did Greg Zehr

1. Next Executive Meeting date:

October 27th, 2019

6pm – Expressway Ford

1. Closing Remarks

Reach out to other members for volunteer efforts.

Thank you

1. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn – Jason Peacock

Seconded by Kevin Hall

All in Favour

9:24pm