

Twin Centre Minor Baseball - Wilmot Softball Association
AGENDA - Executive Meeting, April 7, 2024
6:30 PM, Activities Room, WRC

Attendance: PJ Poirier, Kevin Reich, Jamie Hergott, John Vleeming, Todd Lichty, Shannon Van Alphen, Sarah Nicholls, Dan Lebel, Mike Carey, Amy Balatoni, Ryan Roth, Susan Hall, Kevin Hall

Regrets: Mike Van De Wynkle

Opening Comments (6:36)

Secretary Report - Daniel / Kevin R. (6:38)

Review of [March 3, 2024 Minutes](#).

Motion to approve minutes, John V motions and Kevin H approves. Motion Carries

Finance – Mike V / Amy B (6:39)

Current Financial Position – WSA and TCMB

Susan and Kevin Hall (+others) to be reimbursed for upfront expenses re:Thunderball expenses
Comments from Susan – Requirement to have a Trust account within the next 30 days.

Chair Reports – Action Items from last meeting listed here

Umpires (6:40) - Lance

- Ryan R comments whether there is an opportunity to open up the U13 leagues with senior umpires, historically been U15 and above that has been reserved for the snr umpires.
 - Pros: (1) lining up the scheduling with early and late games with a single snr umpire, (2) more enticing for the senior umpires
 - Cons: snr umpires are slightly more costly, (2) more difficult to setup the administration to allow the registration
 - Lance, Kevin and Ryan to have further discussions on the topic

Uniforms (6:48) - Shannon

- Spring Clinic: sizing seemed small than anticipated
 - Kevin comments that we need to figure it out going forward, i.e looking at shirt samples, increasing the overall due diligence over the process
- LL Jersey: in the past, kids had selected their size without any guidance,
 - Susan comments that an order should be placed based on the age range, with extra shirts, PJ suggests to take an average of the sizes already registered to base the current LL shirt order.
- Group of Shannon V, Susan H, Kevin H, PJ, to work together to work through current gaps in the process and suggest plan to move forward.

Blastball, TBall, CP (7:05) - PJ

- PJ inquires about the named sponsorships
 - (1) TLC -
 - (2) Domino's -
 - Still looking for a 3rd sponsor
 - No further relationship with Twice the Deal since the sale
- **Action:** Shannon V to send blast for sponsorships
- **Action:** Ryan to reach out to TLC to ask the age group they are willing to sponsor

Scheduling (7:09) – Kevin R

- No significant update re scheduling, scheduling meetings to occur in the coming weeks
- Comment from Lance – the earlier the scheduling is completed, the more likely we are not going to lose additional umpires that move to other leagues
- Invoice received by Sir Adam Beck for a broken window, WSA to cover the cost of the window
- Ryan comments teams need to follow the guidelines (i.e. no hard balls)
 - **Action:** Kevin H to send reminder of the guidelines/contract for the use of the facilities to ensure

Registration (7:21)– Susan H / Todd

- Todd: 125 players, 3 Tball, 2 U7LL, 2 U9LL, 2 U11LL, 2U13 (Perth), and a single U17 player
- Susan: 537 Total Reg, 450 LL
 - No issues with coaches or players at BB, TBall, U7
 - U9 Boys – 37, 4 Teams?
 - U9 Girls – 19, 2 Teams
 - U11 Boys – 36, 3 Teams
 - U11 Girls – 34, 3 Teams
 - U13 Boys – 32, 3 Teams (Perth)
 - U13 Girls – 33, 3 Teams
 - U15 Boys – 22, 2 teams but need coaches
 - U15 Girls – 13, 1 team
 - U17 Boys – 6 players (5WSA+1TC), and U20 with 2
 - Ryan comments South Oxford has some uncertainty with their team
 - **Action:** Ryan R to follow up with South-Oxford to combine the team, and confirm the rules about the over-age kids
 - For U15 Boys, has 1 Head Coach and 5 Assistant Coaches although there is a 2nd Head Coach that is required
 - Susan had sent a note to the group to request a 2nd head coach and Susan has not heard back from the coach group
 - Mike C suggests a player draft
 - **Action:** Susan to send the list of coaches and players to Ryan R and Ryan R to discuss with the head coach to try to resolve the volunteer for the 2nd head coach with the potential of a select team
 - Susan comments currently no LL boys convenor, that is required to help facilitate the draft for U11 and U13. Kevin H volunteers.

- **Action:** Susan to send email to parent groups for volunteers for convenor positions
- U17 Boys – potential of running a large league, Tavistock and Cambridge would be interested. Paris has yet to respond.

Volunteers (8:35) – PJ

- Volunteer Email Confirmation (Mike C)
 - PJ comments that all of our settings on our side are enabled to prevent the emails to go to the junk mail folders.
 - **Action:** PJ to reach out to RAMP to confirm their settings are enabled to prevent emails going to spam and to be notified for volunteer signups
- PJ comments that the current process for volunteer signup is working well

Equipment (8:39) – Jamie H / Todd

- Baden batting cage repairs
 - PJ suggests opening up volunteer group to clean up rooms and repairing the batting cage
 - **Action:** PJ, John V and Jamie H to lead effort of volunteer signup of batting cage and rooms.
- Batting cage lock combos
 - **Action:** Jamie H can reset combos for the NH batting cages and purchase new locks as required

Player Development (8:43)– John V / Todd

- John comments that the clinics are running nicely, suggests the need for the LL pitching clinic. In the prior year, it was in May that it was run.
 - **Action:** John to suggest a couple dates to run a LL pitching clinic and message Kevin.
 - **Action:** Todd to send message Susan for language for TC clinic signup

Communications / social media – Sarah

Working Group Updates –

Awards (9:00)– Ryan, Kevin R, Kevin H, Mike C

Awards Committee Update

- Planning to move ahead and have awards with the AGM

Awards Display Case Discussion

- Work to be completed to improve the Awards Display Case at the WRC
- **Action:** Look at display case for thoughts and work with the committee

Tournaments – PJ, John V, Jamie H, Mike C, Ryan R, Todd

- ORSA U15 Boys and Girls Provincial Tournament confirmed for July 20-21
- **Action:** Susan to email Kevin for availability to run the U9 & U11 Girl Tournaments

Sponsorship – Ryan R, Mike C

- Stitch is offering a gold level sponsorship to provide the equipment bags with their logo stitched on.
 - WSA to gladly accept the Stich equipment bag sponsorship

Fundraising (9:05)- Thunderball Review - PJ, Susan (LEAD), John V

- Finances
 - Revenues \$12,975, \$5,600 ticket sales, \$4500 drink tickets, \$2700 raffle
 - Expenses: \$7,966 (~\$500 for assets for future years)
 - Profit \$5,008

Girls Program (9:06) – Susan H (Lead), Sarah N, Amy, Shannon

- No significant updates

Boys LL (9:06) – Amy, PJ, Todd

- No significant updates

Past Achievement Recognition (9:07) – John V, Kevin H, Ryan R, Kevin R

- No report

New Business:

- Santa Clause Parade (9:07):
 - Kevin suggests WSA to be included in the Santa Claus parade
 - Revisit at the next meeting for further discussion
- Update list of directors - Action: Mike C
 - Mike C has mailed it and waiting on an update
- [NRP Policy](#) Update – Mike C, John
 - Motion: Accept updated NRP Policy.
 - Action:** John to make some edits to the NRP Policy
- Coaching Clinic – LL - Amy/Todd/PJ
 - TC coaching clinic
 - WSA still to book the coaching clinic date
 - ACTION: Group to forward suggestions to Kevin on the coaching clinic
- U20 Update (9:17) – Ryan - use of batting cage
 - Only consideration is whether there are any scheduling conflicts, however that has not been the case
 - **Action:** Jamie to send pricing for balls
- Try out Policy Review (9:19) – Ryan
 - Further discussion required

- Susan and John suggest that the rep coaches should have the input
- Kevin, John, Dan, Kevin, and Ryan to represent group to review the review process
- Update of Association information for Lottery License
 - List of items are required
 - **Action:** Kevin and Susan to look into requirements (not before the next exec meeting)
- Township of Wilmot Community Master Plan (9:23) - Ryan
 - Met with Chris K for the Director of Facilities, to discuss the interests of WSA with batting cages, payment of sponsorship signs
 - Ryan suggests brainstorming other sponsorship opportunities
 - Kevin suggests doing more social with our sponsors, with a weekly highlight
 - **Action:** Kevin, Shannon to work on process
- Keys - Ryan Web Access -
 - **Action:** executive to message Ryan the list keys and rooms they have access to as well as rooms that executives need to have access to

Other Items:

Review of Privacy Policy (9:29) (M Carey) re Group Emails

- Reminder sending to a group, use of BCC

Inventory stickers

- Purpose is to handout to the teams

Ice packs

- **Action:** PJ to order ice packs

U11 Boys

- Currently does not include walks in the rules
- Susan suggests to transition rules to have a hybrid where the first few weeks have no walks, then transition to including walks
- Action: Susan to propose language on the rule update

Next Meeting:

May 5, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Adjournment (9:39):

Kevin motions to adjourn, Susan approves. Motion carries

Future Meeting Dates:

May 5
June 2
July 7
Aug 11
Sept 8
Oct 6
2024 AGM Oct 16

Future Agenda Items

Update bylaws to state we can vote via email
Update maximum terms for positions – Need to be updated for AGM
Update list of directors at end of year, and provide directors reports to those listed
Registration data with positions
Note to add “Announcements” to list of items that sponsors get
QR Code on Signs
Continue the development of the coach selection process
Rules for U11 Boys - Susan