

**`Twin Centre Minor Baseball - Wilmot Softball Association**  
**AGENDA - Executive Meeting, October 6, 2024**  
**6:30 PM, Wayne Roth Room, WRC**

**Attendance:** PJ Poirier, Kevin Reich, Mike Van De Winkle, Susan Hall, John Vleeming, Todd Lichty, Shannon Van Alphen, Sarah Nicholls, Dan Lebel, Mike Carey, Kevin Hall

**Regrets:** Ryan Roth, Jamie Hergott, Amy Balatoni

**Opening Comments:**

**Secretary Report - Daniel / Kevin R. (6:37)**

Review of [September 8, 2024 Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes, Susan calls to motion, Kevin R 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes

**Finance – Mike V / Amy B (6:40)**

Current Financial Position – WSA and TCMB

Mike – little activity in September, volunteer bond money has come in as expected, current cash position ~\$59K, last time at this year had ~\$39K

**Action:** Mike to prepare summary of 2024 season in preparation for the AGM, how much came from the volunteer bond.

**Chair Reports – Action Items from last meeting listed here**

Umpires – Lance (6:48)

- Lance Question - Whether we keep the flat rate for U13 carded ump.

Feedback from PJ and Kevin was that it was good to have a carded and junior umpire as they were working well together.

Lance Question - Whether there is support in the exec as a co-umpire coordinator type of role that has or will graduate from the clinic and be carded to have the perspective of the umpire.

**Action:** Kevin H to coordinate with Lance to meet with an individual that has interest in supporting Lance.

**RISK** – that there isn't enough competitive teams in U17 or higher to help keep the umpires in WSA

Lance Comments – need to have the banners to help encourage new umpires in WSA

Lance Questions - whether we need to have 2 umpires in U9? There are very few calls there are made on the bases.

**ACTION:**

Lance Questions: Have carded umpires available for a practice outside of the clinic for experience. PJ suggests that the umpires can be present for the pitching clinic.

Uniforms – Shannon (7:12)

- Shannon not present, to be discussed at the next executive meeting

**Action:** John to follow-up with Shannon

Blastball, TBall, CP – PJ (7:14)

- No updates

Scheduling – Kevin R/Todd (7:15)

- Diamond use per team for Budget information provided to Susan
- Kevin to start reaching out to rep coach groups to understand when the diamond time is required
- Mike suggests that teams should be paying for winter gym rental ahead of time, Kevin agrees
- Kevin H suggests that feedback needs to be collected to provided to the township to ensure that the fields are maintained (i.e. rough outfields, irrigation and rolling, home plate quality) and then Kevin R can present the feedback

**Action:** Kevin and Ryan to hold post season meeting with township

- Discuss diamond conditions, maintenance, lighting, etc...

Volunteers – PJ (7:21)

Total of 1620 of hours available for volunteer hours (outside of coaches), 450 were taken.

More volunteer presence this year in comparison in years past.

Kevin suggests that volunteer positions to be posted as soon as available to increase volunteer

6 Non-registered high-school students completed their volunteer hours

Very little negative feedback from the volunteer bonds per PJ and Susan.

Kevin offers suggestions – discussion at coaches meeting to make expectations clear, making blocks of volunteer opportunities before schedules have been finalized.

**Action:** PJ to suggest recommendations to integrate in the following year .

Equipment – Jamie H / Todd (7:32)

Todd – no update

Kevin - looking to improve catcher gear at older level, bow nets that have broken that are needed for spring clinic, and pitching mats that are needed.

Todd suggests to have sets for umpires in the equipment sheds

**Action:** Jamie to create a list of proposed equipment and price the cost of the pitching/hitting mats and pricing breaks if possible, to be reviewed for the following meeting.

Player Development – John V / Todd (7:42)

John – Has signed up beginner and intermediate CanPitch program to have an instructor. Spring Clinic has been booked and to be an option within the initial registration and make available for TC.

**Action:** Kevin to confirm booking with the township

Communications / social media – Sarah (7:48)

No updates

Agenda required for the AGM

Kevin R suggests that refreshments should be brought in as well as the awards and getting the area ready

### **Working Group Updates –**

Awards – Ryan, Kevin R, Kevin H, Mike C (7:51)

Awards Committee Update - awards have been received and need to confirm, the winners have been notified to ensure that they are present. Scripts are setup and names need to be added.

Awards Case update – no update

Tournaments – PJ, John V, Jamie H, Mike C, Ryan R, Todd (7:54)

**Action:** Kevin H to send list of rep coaches to understand which tournaments to sign up

Sponsorship – Ryan R, Mike C (7:57)

- nothing to report from Ryan R and Mike C

- Mike V has a parent that is interested in being a team sponsor, Mike V to coordinate with Susan

Fundraising - Susan (LEAD), PJ, John V (8:01)

Susan still looking to finalize date for Thunderball

**Action:** Sponsor signs need to be taken down, lead by PJ

Girls Program – Susan H (Lead), Sarah N, Amy, Shannon (8:04)

No update

Boys LL – Amy, PJ, Todd (8:05)

- Player Ratings

**Action:** PJ and Susan to send out the player ratings

- Additional fields Commitment/Coachability/Sportsmanship

Past Achievement Recognition – John V, Kevin H, Ryan R, Kevin R (8:06)

No update

### **New Business:**

- Revisit Volunteer Bond for AGM (8:06)
  - No proposed changes to the plan, per prior discussion and noted above, the overall volunteer hours have increased significantly and few complaints
- Paid Volunteer Bonds use (8:10) – Honorariums for Scheduler, Registrar, Umpire Coordinator (8:07)
  - PJ and Kevin R Noted that other organizations compensate approximately \$5K for the above roles for scheduler and registrar.
  - Susan comments that there is a preference to have umpires to be scheduled

- PJ comments that further transparency on the role, duties, compensation is required and contemplated for next year's AGM (election year) and to be discussed at this year's AGM.
  - Ryan to add a socialization of future honorarium
  - Update of Association information for Lottery License
    - Update from Bank – Mike V (6:40)
      - Mike – has setup a bank account for the lottery license that is classified as “in-trust” and the bank can prepare a letter for the city, if required.
        - **Action:** Mike to procure set of cheques, and provide a statement to Susan
    - Upcoming Lottery License session (8:32)
      - Question whether our team can put application for raffle fundraising, rather than at the organization level.
  - Physio Partnership – Susan (8:34)
    - Physiotherapist out of Baden to create a partnership as the, give quick access for physio assessment, free talk on arm care and preventing injuries.
    - Kevin R comments that there are other sponsors i.e Renew that work in physiotherapist
    - John comments that the discussion on arm care and preventing injuries would be very welcome for the players and Mike comments that Spring Clinic would be a good.
    - John suggests that the organization supports those that are sponsors and don't have a structure to accept partnerships, Susan will follow up with with the physiotherapist
    - Lance questions whether talk with Umpires would be available as well.
  - Revised registration fee proposal for 2025 (8:50)
- Last fee increase was in 2019 for the 2020 season. The increases in fees are required to accomodate the increase costs, and support the organization.

Kevin H discusses that the fee registration covers diamond costs, insurance, tournaments, increase in Repairs in the batting cages.

### **Umpires**

○ Carded increase to \$55 for both plate & bases. Junior increase to \$35 for plate and \$25 for bases (from \$25/\$20), U15+ REP to only use carded umpires (last budget assumed a mix of both)

Rationale on the pricing is to keep a consistent gap between Carded and Junior and also to encourage the Plate umpires for the Juniors.

### **Diamon cost**

Increase to \$40.44 from \$30.39, Lighting times increase to \$57.58 from \$50.39 and U15 will use lighting time slots (not factored in with last budget in 2019).

## Rationale

### Umpire Fee Increases

- Carded increase to \$55 for both plate & bases rather than a sliding scale (U20 \$55/\$50, U17 \$50/\$45, U15 \$45/\$40, U11 & U13 \$40/\$35)
- Junior increase to \$35 for plate and \$25 for bases (from \$25/\$20) except U13 REP+ where plate will receive \$40, Bases will receive \$30
- U15+ REP to only use carded umpires (last budget assumed a mix of both)

For the increase in the umpire rates

Pj calls to motion, John seconds, motion carries

### Proposed Registration Fee Increases

#### Proposed 2025 registration fees:

##### HOUSE LEAGUE

Division	2024 Fees	Proposed 2025 Fees	% Increase
Blastball	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	117%
T-Ball	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	113%
U7	\$ 100.00	\$ 115.00	115%
U9	\$ 185.00	\$ 210.00	114%
U11	\$ 205.00	\$ 230.00	112%
U13	\$ 220.00	\$ 250.00	114%
U15	\$ 220.00	\$ 290.00	132%
U17	\$ 245.00	\$ 290.00	118%
U20	\$ 245.00	\$ 290.00	118%

##### REPRESENTATIVE

Division	2024 Fees	Proposed 2025 Fees	% Increase
U9	\$ 255.00	\$ 300.00	118%
U11	\$ 255.00	\$ 320.00	125%
U13	\$ 260.00	\$ 330.00	127%
U15	\$ 295.00	\$ 380.00	129%
U17	\$ 340.00	\$ 380.00	112%

U20	\$	350.00	\$	380.00	109%
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For the proposed increase in the registration fee for the AGM  
Susan calls to motion, PJ seconds, motion carries

#### **Coaching Clinics (9:35)**

**Action:** John to put in the application to host the Coach Clinics

#### **Other Items:**

#### **Next Meeting:**

2024 AGM Oct 16 @ 7:30 PM

#### **Adjournment: (9:44)**

Kevin motions to adjourn, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion to adjourn carries

#### **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

Christmas Parade - Building of the float

TCMB Use of WSA Batting Cages

Lights in batting cages