

Wilmot Softball Association – Committee Meeting

MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 6, 2021 TIME: 6:30PM LOCATION: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING CALLED BY	WSA
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
FACILITATOR	Mike Carey
NOTE TAKER	Mike Van De Wynckel
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	Mike Carey, Kevin Hall, Jason Peacock, PJ Poirier, Ryan Roth, Mike Van De Wynckel, Chris Faulhafer, Tim Bartram, John Vlemming, Susan Hal, Scott Soulliere, Mark Murray
ABSENT	Dwight Brenneman, Michelle De Melo, Greg Schenck, Shannon Masson, Todd Sachs, Jenn Oliviera,

Call to Order

TIME: 6:34

REGISTRATION / COACHING

SUSAN / KEVIN

DISCUSSION	<p>Atom Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • now has a coach but there are 17 girls • Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday nights and if a second team then Thursday night as well • We have a volunteer (and an someone to assist) who will be able to coach the second team because it's not Mon/Wed • We need to find out the leagues that are running and their rules regarding only having 8 players before really making a decision • If we form two teams they could play against each other and exhibition against teams from Huron-Perth or we could make a select team to play in South Oxford • For now we are going to split them into two teams. • Mike will email the parent group and let them know <p>Blastball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Coaches at NH on Monday • 2 Coaches at ND on Wednesday • 1 Coach at Baden on Monday <p>Peewee Boys / Bantam Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of players from Peewee have agreed to move up to Bantam. The teams are now relatively balanced. • Susan suggested we won't charge the difference in fees for the boys who moved up. <p>Peewee / Bantam Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin will email both coaches. We seem to be leaning towards combining the two teams. • Kevin will also ask about the pitching situation. If there aren't enough pitchers it might make more sense to leave the two teams as two separate practice squads and spend the year training pitchers for next year. 	
	CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up 2 coaches meetings (Zoom Virtual Meeting) – Tyke & up, and Coach Pitch and below • Send out another email to see if we can get a few more atom girls 	<p>Kevin</p> <p>Mike C</p>	

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What do we tell our coaches about the Ramp app? ● Once the team is set up Ramp will send the coach an email about how to use the app. ● PJ has his team set up and can share the COVID questions that he has set up. He'll test it out and set up an FAQ we can share with the other coaches. ● Masks: We are encouraging all people entering and leaving the park to wear a mask? We don't want to say that in writing. We want the batter, on-deck hitter, and any baserunner, all coaches, need to wear a mask... or any time 6 feet physical distancing cannot be maintained. ● Are we providing sanitization products to LL and rep teams? Hand sanitizer and wipes. They can ask for re-fills as needed (phone Mark Murray). Mark will purchase and include when coaches pick up their equipment bags. ● PJ can get a better deal on wipes... He'll get back to us. Also look into hand sanitizer. ● Mark will keep an eye on "over-use" by individual teams. ● We could encourage teams that they are welcome to bring a bucket of soapy water. Players should bring their own hand sanitizer. 		
CONCLUSIONS			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Email Mike C the number of teams so that he can pay for them on the Ramp app 	Kevin		

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mark has his keys now so he is able to get into the equipment room. ● Are we including a booklet when coaches pick up equipment or just referring them to the website? No – send it electronically. If people want to print it they can print it themselves. ● PJ will print a hardcopy and distribute it to the blastball coaches. ● There is a password protected page. Coaches can be sent the link and password. ● Our documents say that there is not sharing of equipment. We are going to share bats (with sanitizing between players). We should adjust our wording to saying “no sharing of PERSONAL EQUIPMENT”. ● Catcher’s equipment? We can give two sets of gear to each LL team. If it must be shared it needs to be properly sanitized between kids if it has to be shared. ● Equipment sheds are still missing from New Hamburg. Nobody has officially been hired to maintain the diamonds. The township is waiting as long as possible to save money. ● The township supplies the bases, tape measures, ... in each equipment shed. ● We added cones to the equipment shed last year to block off areas (behind the plate, dugouts where we don’t want parents to sit). Ryan will see if the township will chalk off the area (mark it in some way) this year. If the township won’t do this then we should encourage the coaches to block off players only areas in some way. 		
CONCLUSIONS	●		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If we don’t have two sets of catcher’s equipment let Kevin know. ● Make sure there are tees at each ball park. 	Mark		
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DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two coaches meetings have been scheduled for Thursday night (7pm and 8pm – approximately 45 minutes each). 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Set up Zoom links for those meetings 	Jason		

TIME: 8:03

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DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girls rep teams don't need anything. ● All boys rep teams have been emailed with instructions. Two full teams have submitted their forms already and those orders have been sent to Dunney's. ● Dunney hasn't responded to our request for Coach pitch player and coaches shirts. ● As soon as the rep teams are set then we can start pushing LL uniforms. Sizing might be a challenge. Schedule teams to meet at the rec centre in half hour intervals? May need assistance. ● The uniform shirt we are providing... can the rep teams upgrade the jersey and pay the difference like we are for the hats? Tim will contact Jeff and Ian and let them know that it's an option. ● Timbits uniforms have been approved. PJ needs the teams and numbers to set up colours of shirts. 		
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TIME: 8:21

INSURANCE

MIKE C

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We can submit the insurance forms with as many teams and players. ● Mike has already submitted the forms. Hopefully we'll hear back soon so that we have insurance in place to get started. 		
CONCLUSIONS	●		
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DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ryan is working on it. ● Ryan asked Christi about what stage 1 will look like. The township is waiting to hear. The township assumes that 10 players will mean 10 players and the coaches and parents wouldn't be included in the 10 count. (They still don't know that for sure.) ● It could mean that 10 players can be on the infield and 10 players on the outfield. ● If the province opens stage 1 the township will need time to work out specifics to let us start... it won't be immediate. ● The township would like to only open "some" of the diamonds during stage 1 and even in stage 2 depending on how many teams are playing. ● For the first three weeks do we guarantee each team 1 diamond time per week (only require the NH and Baden diamonds) or 2 (which would require other diamonds) for the LL teams? Does only 1 time necessitate a refund at the end of the season? ● The township does not plan on reducing our rental costs due to the player number restrictions. ● If coach pitch games run at 7 then we are going to get charged rental fees which we never had to pay for in the past when we could run 3 games on a diamond in a night. With the half hour buffer between games we won't be able to do that this year. We don't want to go to the coach pitch parents for more money so we need to tell the township that. 		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stick with one diamond time per week for LL for the first 3 weeks. If teams request extra times... they can book weekend times? 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Links and content on the website that need to be updated. ● John will take a look and identify what changes need to be made. ● We should be reviewing meeting minutes and approving them so that they can be posted on our website. 		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 		
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APPROXIMATE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	12
RESOURCES	Agenda (Same as May 18)
SPECIAL NOTES	
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Wednesday June 9, 6:30pm
MOTION TO ADJOURN:	Ryan
SECOND	Chris
CARRIED	Unanimously