

# Wilmot Softball Association – Committee Meeting

## MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 9, 2021 TIME: 6:30PM LOCATION: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING CALLED BY	WSA
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
FACILITATOR	Kevin Hall
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, Mark Murray, Susan Hall, Todd Sachs
ABSENT	Dwight Brenneman, Michelle De Melo, Greg Schenck, Shannon Masson, Jenn Oliviera, John Vlemming, Scott Soulliere,

### Call to Order

TIME: 6:34

### COACHING UPDATE

SUSAN / KEVIN

DISCUSSION	<p>Coach Pitch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sent out an update saying that if we didn't get coaches we were going to cancel the coach pitch division.</li> <li>Several people have stepped up and now we have only one team remaining that only has one coach.</li> </ul> <p>U8 Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One coach has withdrawn but the remaining volunteers have agreed to cover the coaching duties.</li> </ul> <p>U10 Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A family with two girls registered at the last minute and the parent has agreed to coach. If they end up not registering there will be trouble with coaching for this group. One parent is willing to assist with this team but he cannot act as a head coach due to work commitments.</li> <li>If all the people who intend to register there will be two teams of 10.</li> </ul> <p>U12 Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two coaches have withdrawn.</li> <li>Coaches have been shuffled around to try to cover the three teams. (One head coach is signed up for the three teams.)</li> <li>Kids who don't make the rep team may still be added to these teams and perhaps some of those parents would be willing to help out.</li> <li>Deadline is 5:00 on Friday so we are waiting to see what happens.</li> </ul> <p>Peewee / Bantam Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still waiting to hear from the two coaches about whether or not to merge the two teams.</li> </ul>		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will proceed with coach pitch and have some confidence that the parent group of the team with one coach will help out.</li> </ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk about how to address the younger age groups and get people feeling comfortable to act as head coaches. What can we do to support coaches? The night of the week impacts coaches availability...</li> </ul>			

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Questions we are getting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When will we get schedules?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are still waiting for an official go ahead from the township. They have a meeting June 10 and we should know more then. Otherwise we could post the tentative stage 1 schedules on the website now.</li> <li>• We have been able to stay pretty consistent with what is posted on our website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What night will we be playing?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult to answer because we don't control the away nights that are determined by the league the team plays in and that may change from year to year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• When will the season end?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need an answer before the coaches meeting.</li> <li>• South Oxford is going to play until the end of August.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For our LL teams where we are running our own leagues we will commit to setting the final date for games as August 20</li> <li>• Any team that plays in a different leagues we can't control the end date.</li> <li>• South Oxford proposed end date is August 28. Teams playing in that league can try to contact their opposing coach to see if they can reschedule the final games for an earlier date.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add Ryan to the agenda to the coaches meeting tomorrow night to field questions about scheduling.</li> <li>• Send out a communication indicating that every team who plays in a league we are running we intend to end by August 20. Include any other updates that we have.</li> </ul>	<p>Kevin</p> <p>Jason</p>		

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan has been working to get Forest Glen as a site from the School Board otherwise we are probably going to need to pay for the coach pitch, t-ball, blastball teams. This could end up costing \$300 - \$450?</li> <li>• The township isn't going to budge on this issue. The reason that the didn't charge in the past is because we were booking three diamond times per night.</li> <li>• Need to find two diamond times per week to put the rest of these teams.</li> <li>• If we can't get Forest Glen then Ryan will look into New Dundee scrub diamond? Haysville scrub diamond?</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In stage 1 book two groups of 10 players or less on each diamond... one in the infield and one in the outfield. They can switch half way through the practice time.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look into New Dundee scrub diamond? Haysville scrub diamond?</li> </ul>	<p>Ryan</p>		

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many players can we have on each diamond in stage 1?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most recent communication from the township is 10 players plus the coach and each player can have 1 parent watching.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Can we use the diamonds starting on Monday? Will the equipment be ready?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They will have everything done. Let the township get equipment sheds etc. ready to go.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that there is a T in the equipment sheds prior to our first night.</li> </ul>	Mark		

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should we be doing virtual player drafts for tyke, atom and squirt teams?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squirt and atom boys can't be done until after rep tryouts (Next Wed/Thurs)</li> <li>• There is some old data about players from previous years... but not a lot of ratings.</li> <li>• Without ratings it is going to be hard to ensure the teams are fair.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Are we doing any LL tournaments?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't know what is going to be allowed to happen at mid-season or maybe even end of season.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Now that we know the COVID protocol should we start Blastball earlier than we have previously indicated?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin the week of June 21 and end the week of August 16?</li> <li>• Leave it as starting July 1 and only having a six week season?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• T-ball teams – We make the rules so they will end the week of August 20</li> <li>• Coach Pitch – Twin Center has only one team to play with us</li> <li>• Tyke Boys                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tavistock and PDP are going to be playing in South Oxford.</li> <li>• Should we send our team to South Oxford as well?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kitchener DOES have a tyke girls league that we can try to get games with for our girls team. Todd will include Susan in the email chain.</li> <li>• Atom boys will play in a small league with Twin Centre if they have a team... Mike C will confirm otherwise our three teams will play together in a 3 team league.</li> <li>• Atom girls                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We now have two small teams (9 players) who could end up just playing each other.</li> <li>• They may not want to travel.</li> <li>• Huron Perth will be sharing a contact list to arrange games with their teams. We should have this list by our next meeting.</li> <li>• Kitchener may have teams we can play against. Todd will check.</li> <li>• South Oxford may still be an option.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Squirt Boys                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have 3 teams. (9/9/10)</li> <li>• Small league that may include a fourth team from Twin Centre</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Squirt Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Still exploring options</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Pee wee / Bantam Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Perth league is “unorganized” ... teams contact each other to set up games with no formal schedule.</li> <li>● South Oxford is scheduling games.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Pee wee/Bantam girls still need to decide if they are merging or remaining separate teams.</li> </ul>	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No player draft. In the interest of getting people on the field as quick as possible and in the absence of player ratings, we will determine the teams.</li> <li>● No mid-season tournaments but we will re-visit the idea of running end of season tournaments when we know what the rules are for stage 2 or stage 3.</li> <li>● Leave our Blastball teams as starting the week of July 1 and run for 7 weeks so that they end at the same time as all the other teams.</li> <li>● Our two tyke boys teams for a “league” with the Twin Centre team and try to work in our tyke girls team for occasional games throughout the season.</li> <li>● Enter the Pee wee Boys and Bantam Boys teams in the South Oxford league.</li> </ul>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reach out to Twin Centre to see the situation with their tyke girls team.</li> </ul>	Mike C	

TIME: 8:31

**POLICE CHECKS**

KEVIN

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What do we do if coaches don't have their police checks back in time? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Can we accept an expired police check while we await a new one?</li> <li>● Currently the website says that they are processing applications from two days ago.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Can we accept the electronic copies of police checks?</li> </ul>	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>		

TIME: 8:40

**UNIFORMS FOR LOCAL LEAGUE**

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DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As of now it could take 2+ weeks to get items after they are ordered.</li> <li>● Hats and shirts would be nice if we know we are going to be playing games but even if they are just going to be on the field practicing.</li> <li>● Do we need a fitting night? They indicated their sizes at registration. Coaches could check with their kids to make sure that the sizes haven't changed.</li> <li>● Augusta Sportswear has approached. They would like Dunney's to order the shirts through their company.</li> </ul>	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Go ahead! Get jerseys by the start of game playing. (Stage 2)</li> <li>● Let Dunney make his own decisions as long as he meets our agreed upon specs.</li> </ul>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>		

TIME: 8:54

**RAMP APP**

KEVIN

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PJ will handle questions related to the use of the RAMP app.</li> <li>• Mike C is still waiting to hear about possible discounts</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
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TIME: 8:57

**UMPIRES**

RYAN

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg has been in touch with umpires indicating that we are hoping to start games at the beginning of July.</li> </ul>		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

TIME: 8:58

**REP TEAMS**

KEVIN

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we need dual approval of budgets or can Kevin just do it himself?</li> </ul>		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin can approve the budgets himself... except for his own team.</li> </ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
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APPROXIMATE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	11
RESOURCES	
SPECIAL NOTES	
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Sunday June 13, 6:30pm
MOTION TO ADJOURN:	Kevin
SECOND	PJ
CARRIED	Unanimously