

# Wilmot Softball Association – Committee Meeting

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2020

6:30PM

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING CALLED BY	WSA
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
FACILITATOR	Mike Carey
NOTE TAKER	Mike Van De Wynckel
TIMEKEEPER	Mike Van De Wynckel
ATTENDEES	Mike C, Kevin, John, Tim, Jason, Ryan, Mark, Chris, P.J., Todd, Greg, Susan, Scott, Mike V
ABSENT	Shannon M, Greg S, Dwight B, Jen O

### Call to Order

TIME: 6:30

#### U14 CANADIAN NATIONALS UPDATE

[JOHN]

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good news on sponsorship, looking more into it</li> <li>• Grandstands, tents, accommodations</li> <li>• Good start</li> <li>• Softball Ontario/Canada requests we get back to them ASAP, John has responded that we intend to follow through but aren't ready to sign back yet</li> <li>• When should we make that call?</li> <li>• Most businesses are aware of the situation and that things can change rapidly</li> <li>• Nobody is asking for down payments to lock them down until spring. We should start budgeting for it, find out about cancellation dates (July ??)</li> </ul>		
CONCLUSIONS	Continue to meet as sub-committee		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

TIME: 6:41

#### REGISTRATION

[MIKE / KEVIN]

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When do we open registration?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Usually rep opens now. Everything else in January.</li> <li>- This year we haven't had try-outs for all of our rep teams. Do we have them register at the same rate as local league and bump them up after the rep teams are made? Add-on package.</li> <li>- Make sure that parents are aware that there could be an administration fee if we have to refund money this year.</li> <li>- Do we need money now? How early in the spring?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can we register without paying? You don't really know what the numbers until people actually pay...</li> <li>- Susan has reached out to RAMP about refunds if we have to cancel next season... hasn't heard back yet.</li> <li>- Transaction fee? \$5 or \$10 Scott will check into the math. He thinks \$5 would cover it. May have to change based on the level. Leave the wording vague for now but indicate we may need to charge up to ...</li> <li>- Still leaning towards opening registration on January 1<sup>st</sup>... but open it up now for the rep teams that have already been selected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Refunds subject to an administration fee up to \$10. Any money spent by the team prior to a refund will also NOT be refunded." --- subject to re-wording.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Close dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blastball to coach pitch as late as possible</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Fees remain the same</li> <li>- Open coaching applications January 1 – March 1</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Determine the amount of the "Administration Fee"	Scott	ASAP	

TIME: **LOCAL LEAGUE** [WHO]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do we want to communicate that we would like to limit travel? Play locally in pods.... based on our current situation.</li> <li>- Send it out when registration opens. It likely won't be a shock to parents.</li> <li>- Likely if we are hosting Nationals for U14 we should be optimistic about having a more normal season for all the other teams.</li> <li>- Was there communication sent out at the end of this year saying how things went? We could summarize some of the things that happened this year so that parents have some idea about what MIGHT happen next summer.</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

TIME: **THUNDER BALL** [OPEN]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michelle might still be trying to book the venue from the township.</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May have to push it off into the spring instead of February.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

TIME:

**SPONSORSHIPS**

[MIKE]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Should we start sooner this year based on the greater need due to Nationals?</li> <li>- Dwight and Ryan maybe should meet and discuss where we want to go with this             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Contact regular sponsors to see if they would like to also sponsor the Canadian Nationals event</li> </ul> </li> <li>- What are we going to do with sponsors who didn't get full value for their sponsorships? They have been contacted to indicate their signs will be printed and used this year. All done at the same time as the new sponsorships signs for 2021.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

TIME:

**WINTER SKILLS**

[JOHN]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John says we'll go ahead if we can.... Waiting to see if school rentals will start up (Ryan says it was announced this week that it wouldn't start until at least January 31)... unless we want to rent higher priced locations</li> <li>- Ryan recommends putting this on hold for the year unless we can find reasonably priced venues. Todd will look into prices at venues that he uses. (\$80 per lane – 4-8 players?)</li> <li>- Did we book Spring Clinics? Mike doesn't think we did. Can we use the arena in April? John will look into the arena.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Await further info		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

TIME:

**TOURNAMENT HOSTING**

[OPEN]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do we want to host any?</li> <li>- Hardly any girls tournaments posted other than tournaments in the US</li> <li>- Maybe host the year end girls or local league tournaments? It can wait until much later.</li> <li>- Mike C thinks we should host a PWSA tournament other than opening or closing weekend. Maybe a provincial qualifier (late July)... maybe for a younger age group</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

TIME:

**UPCOMING AGMS**

[OPEN]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OASA General Meeting – Sat Nov 21 1pm Virtual Meeting (John, Ryan, and Dwight)</li> <li>- PWSA Saturday Nov 28 9am virtually and in person? (Chris and/or Todd)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
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John report back on OASA and Chris report back on PWSA	John and Chris	Next Meeting
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TIME:

**NEW BUSINESS**

[OPEN]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>PJ – Have we looked into the Jays Care fund for infrastructure upgrades? Closes October 30. Sending Mike C the link and application. <a href="https://www.mlb.com/bluejays/community/jays-care/field-of-dreams">https://www.mlb.com/bluejays/community/jays-care/field-of-dreams</a></p> <p>Ryan – Association Awards: Are we interested in doing any of them for the past season? We did have some very successful teams this year. Cost? Scott things the cost would be fairly insubstantial. Video awards presentation? Post on Facebook or on the website? Send something out to the coaches of those teams for nominations. Make arrangements to meet the winner at their home and take a picture for posting? In the past more nominations were received for local league teams because their seasons are wrapped up by the time nominations are due. Rep teams are still gong and maybe that is why they don't submit nominations. Maybe this is the year to recognize some of those players. Seems to be approved by all to go ahead and find awards that may be applicable Feel free to pass on suggestions as to how to go about getting nominations and making decisions. (Ryan and Jason will meet to get the ball rolling.).</p> <p>Midget teams – Recruitment as much as a try-out process... it's a bit of a different world. We don't officially have a coach in place. The former Bantam coaches are talking about it. We should start planning for it and figuring out how to support it. There are no release rules for OASA.</p> <p>-</p>		
	<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
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<b>APPROXIMATE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	14
<b>RESOURCES</b>	Agenda
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	Monday November 30 – 6:30pm
<b>MOTION TO ADJOURN:</b>	Jason
<b>SECOND</b>	Ryan
<b>CARRIED</b>	7:30ish ☺