

Wilmot Softball Association – Committee Meeting

MINUTES

SEPT 3, 2020

6:30PM

CONFERENCE CALL

MEETING CALLED BY	WSA
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
FACILITATOR	Mike C
NOTE TAKER	Jason
TIMEKEEPER	Jason
ATTENDEES	Scott S, Tim B, Kevin H, Jay P, Mike C, Mike VDW, Chris F, Mark M, Susan H, Deanna C, Shannon M, PJ P, Sue S, Greg S, Ryan R
ABSENT	Michelle D, Jen O, John V, Dwight B

Call to Order

TIME: 6:30

SOFTBALL CANADA VOTE

[MIKE C]

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postponed until Spring, decision will be implemented for 2021 season - Stay tuned in case there are updates/changes.
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TIME: 6:35

2021 U14 CANADIANS

[MIKE C]

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion regarding this event prior to signing back contract - Comment from John regarding his thoughts – he won't weigh in as he has put too much work in - Tim has apprehension regarding the COVID impact – volunteers, sponsors, gate fees from spectators not showing up - Susan – concern on the unknowns, older folks not likely not volunteer due to health concerns - Ryan – COVID apprehension, how do we work with Softball Canada - PJ – same sentiment, did SC help any of the 2019 hosts with cancellation? - Mike – need to be cautious with sponsors to let them know the full amount may not be refundable - Kevin – how do we mitigate? Sponsor how much? Volunteers how many? All activity cannot fall on the backs of executive. We need a dedicated team to operate this well. Need to organize vendors to operate tasks as a business instead of volunteers. - Mike asking who's in: PJ, Tim, Scott, Chris, Kevin, John, Deanna, Susan, Ryan, are in to help - Once U14 team is set will need to engage parent group for planning and upfront activity – should be incorporated into parent meeting/commitment - Send out tasks so that people can plan on what they want to be involved in - Backing out too far down the line would lose deposit and give association a bad reputation 		
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploration activity toward the commitment to host. We will contact vendors and plan out to a point where we can better understand the needs. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Meet next Wed Sept 9 to divide out tasks – send list in advance	Mike / John	ASAP	

TIME: 7:13

REP

[MIKE C]

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Girls Try outs will happen in September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Try out dates are set - Discussion on Rep program format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minor/Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro: we are building core groups of kids that enjoy the kids they continue to play with; develop kids together under consistent coaches
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Con: the kids get so used to play together that may refuse to play for a Tier 1 team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tier 1/Tier 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro: works well based on qty of kids (not enough to create full teams major/minor) • Con: coaches may lose opportunities based on child skills ▪ No resounding points that would cause us to change the program – most voices were looking to keep Major/Minor ▪ Ryan: propose we change tryouts from last year where the Tier 2 coach is not selected until after tryouts; also, add a threshold player # of 10 per age group to offer major/minor program. ▪ Possibly add in some flexibility to Rep guideline that will allow teams to go major/minor vs. tier 1 / 2. ▪ What is the best thing for all that keeps the most amount of players in system, developing strong, and being successful. ▪ Do we need to look at NRP's at U10/U12 to be used to fill out major / minor teams so they don't get pushed into tiered system. NRP's at that age will not displace Wilmot players. ▪ Coach selections and tryouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No coaches applied at Major U10 or Major U12 • Must have U14 selected in order to represent well into Canadians ▪ Todd Sachs to get involved with Executive to help the girls program develop into long term sustainable program ▪ Mike to look into Old Barn availability for winter training with potential discounts and heating
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postpone U10, U12, U16 and U19 to Spring tryouts - Hold U14 tryouts in Fall

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Elect U14 coach and communicate the need for Fall tryout	Kevin	ASAP

TIME: 8:25

2021 UNIFORMS

DISCUSSION	- Dunny discussion – do we stay with Dunny's for 2021? All agreed
CONCLUSIONS	- Continue with Dunny's

TIME: 8:27

AGM 2021

[MIKE C]

DISCUSSION	- Any potential candidates?
CONCLUSIONS	- Mike to talk to Todd Sachs - Parent on Todd's 2020 team Alicia showed interest

APPROXIMATE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	15
RESOURCES	Agenda
SPECIAL NOTES	
NEXT MEETING DATE:	AGM
MOTION TO ADJOURN:	Kevin
SECOND	PJ
CARRIED	8:34 PM

