

Twin Centre Minor Baseball - Wilmot Softball Association
AGENDA - Executive Meeting, February 5, 2025
6:30 PM, Wayne Roth Meeting Room, WRC

Attendance: PJ Poirier, Kevin Reich, Mike Van De Wynkle, Susan Hall, John Vleeming, Todd Lichty, Shannon Van Alphen, Mike Carey, Ryan Roth, Ross Lynch, Ryan Dietrich, Heather Dubrick, Daniel Lebel, Jamie Hergott

Regrets: Michelle Dietrich, Kevin Hall, Amy Balatoni, Sabrina Reich

Opening Comments

Secretary Report - Daniel / Kevin R. (6:38)

Review of [Jan 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes

Jamie H. Calls motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, 2nd by John V, motion passes.

TCMB/WSA Items

Umpires – Lance / Ryan Dietrich (6:39)

CanPitch: have junior umpires present with Ryan, in full equipment, make availability during LL games as well.

Action Item: John V to discuss with Softball Canada to discuss possibilities

Umpire Banner: should be brought up to encourage participation

Action Item: Ryan R to connect with Shannon on purchasing a banner

U17-U20: Ryan looking to have 1 U17 and a U20 team

Wilmot is umpired by KW, Tavistock is umpired by Tavistock, and Millbank is currently unknown.

Action Item: Lance to determine whether Wilmot umpires will take the Wilmot games or whether KW will continue to umpire the Wilmot games.

Scheduling – Todd/Kevin R (6:46)

Kevin noted that Township still hasn't finalized diamond rental fee

Equipment – Todd/Jamie H (6:54)

Jamie noted: (1) First aid kits are ready and (2) Equipment that was previously approved has been purchased, (3) associated teams in the league looking to make purchases under the WSA name to maintain the discount from the increased purchasing power.

Player Development – Todd/John V (7:01)

- Catching instructor for winter catcher training

- Pitching & Catching Clinic

Clinics started last week and going well, instructors are doing really well

Girls Program – Susan, Shannon, Amy (7:02)

- PWSA Insurance
 - o Susan working on getting insurance, needs to follow up with a couple individuals

Boys LL – Todd, PJ (7:03)

- PJ - Player rankings have started to come in, and Susan to coordinate with PJ to send in the remaining player rankings
- Susan - U15 LL Boys – for pitchers, currently have 17 kids registered, with 8 new to the sport or coming from hardball, concern about

Registration – Susan (7:06)

Still early and currently trending as expecting

U13 girls only 5 girls registered in LL, Susan wants to give it more time to see if

TC Todd – only 2 boys registered in U15, looking to include in WSA

Action: Susan to provide current registration figures to Mike

Tournaments – PJ, John V, Jamie H, Mike C (7:10)

- Hosting U17 Nationals – bid on hold
- Prior action item – Kevin R to book diamonds for the NW Tournament
- U15 Provincial Championship – PJ
 - o PJ currently in progress and Angie wants to discuss about volunteers
- Wilmot Thunder Annual Softball Showcase – Mike C
- ORSA
 - o Susan – currently 2 U15 rep teams looking to make a select team and form a team for ORSA
 - o Action item: Kevin R to contact ORSA about the possibility to place a bid to host, and reserve diamonds with the township (New Dundee and New Hamburg)

New Joint Business:**U20 Boys Update – Ryan (7:15)**

Ryan is anticipating that the registration for U20 might be lower than previously expected, currently have 6 boys registered

Ryan to wait and see what the registration figures are before deciding how many local/rep/select teams there will be

WSA Items**Uniforms – Shannon (7:25)**

Fanwear site is up and running and continuing to load more items

Rep jerseys, mock up was provided and looking to match colours and hat samples came in.

Spring clinic design has been finished and approved, waiting for final numbers

LL jersey design are near completion

Finance – Mike V (7:27)

Current Financial Position

- Motion to approve the Budget
- Mike C calls to motion the approval of the budget, PJ 2nd, motion passes.
- Dan L update on Lottery License
- By-laws need to be update (not urgent, for AGM) - Dan to review

Volunteers – PJ (7:45)

- PJ to look to load volunteer positions shortly

Coaching Development – Kevin (7:53)

- Kevin to review coaching material that was brought in by Ryan

Communications / social media – Shannon (7:54)

- No update

Working Group Updates –

Awards – Ryan, Kevin R, Kevin H, Mike C (7:54)

- No update

Sponsorship – Ryan R, Michelle Dietrich, Mike C (7:54)

- Michelle is reaching out to potential sponsors, to wait 1 week before following up

Fundraising - Susan (LEAD), PJ, John V (8:03)

- Thunderball Committee
 - o Considering a silent auction since license from township is delayed
- Grants for Provincial events, Community Grant Program (PJ, John, Dan)
 - o Funding has been closed
- Ice machine options (PJ, Mike C)
 - o [Ice Making Machines.docx](#)
 - o Ryan suggests to place the ice machine in the upstairs servery
 - o PJ to discuss with STOP to gain a better understanding and to provide recommendation in the next executive meeting
- 100 Women of Wilmot
 - o Susan to put together a deck for the presentation
 - Batting cage upgrades, pitching machine, scoreboard, scoreboard booth, clay infield, scrub diamond in Baden
 - In agreement funds should be used to impact the most kids – batting cages

Volunteer Bonds (8:17)

- Some individuals have not paid the balance from the prior year, those individuals will be placed on a waitlist for the 2025, until the bond has been paid

Past Achievement Recognition – John V, Kevin H, Ryan R, Kevin R

- No update

Updating Batting Cages (PJ, Jamie, Ryan, Ross) (8:20)

- to be presented at the 100 Women of Wilmot
- Netting, Lighting \$325/light x8, Building in New Dundee
- TWP looking to make repairs in the Spring to the NH batting cages
- TWP suggested that putting up a backstop would be ~\$20K for a scrub diamond
- TWP suggested that temporary fencing could be stored at the fairgrounds

Medals (Jamie) (8:39)

- Medals have been ordered, expected to receive in May

New Business:

- Update list of directors at end of year, and provide directors reports to those listed – Mike C
 - President, VP Sec Treasury, Registrar are considered directors

Other Items:

U17 Release Discussion – Ryan (8:40)

Executive decides to allow the coaches to decide whether the executive should sign the release

Next Meeting:

Tentative Meeting Dates:

March 2 – 6:30pm

April 6

May 4

June 8

July 6

Aug 10

Sept. 7

Oct 5

2025 AGM Oct 15 7:30 PM

Adjournment:

Mike V calls for motion to adjourn, PJ 2nd, motion passes and meeting is adjourned.

Future Agenda Items

PWSA AGM – Feb 22

OASA AGM – Feb 22 1:30pm

Christmas Parade – Shannon

Policy draft on teams sourcing apparel for fundraising - Kevin H

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

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