Twin Centre Minor Baseball - Wilmot Softball Association AGENDA - Executive Meeting, April 6, 2025 6:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Room, NH Community Centre

Attendance: PJ Poirier, Susan Hall, John Vleeming, Todd Lichty, Kevin Hall, Ryan Roth, Ross Lynch, Heather Dubrick, Daniel Lebel, Cole, Ashley, Ryan Dietrich, Michelle Dietrich, Kevin Reich

Regrets: Jamie Hergott, Mike Van De Wynkle, Mike Carey, Amy Balatoni, Sabrina Reich,

Opening Comments

Secretary Report - Daniel / Kevin R. (6:32)

Review of Mar 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes

John motions to approve, Ross 2nd. Motions passes

TCMB/WSA Items

Umpires – Lance / Ryan Dietrich (6:35)

Lance – Umpire clinics are fully registered; instructors are also booked. Will be held at the Wilmot Centre.

KW Umpires, Lance been in conversations and feedback he is receiving that they are also in need of more umpires. Lance to attend a meeting on Tuesday night (April 8) and will hope to find a way to amalgamate the groups between Wilmot and KW to accommodate the games more easily. Lance to report back how the conversations progress.

Umpire clinic banners are still up to encourage further umpires in WSA.

Action: Kevin R & Susan to email Lance as a reminder that part of the schedule will be known later in the season (June) and will need umpires.

Scheduling – Todd/Kevin R (6:53)

- WSA Scheduling Update Kevin R All of the home nights have been set and booked. There are
 a few available diamonds and will make the list availability for rainouts and practices.
 Kevin also noted that if some groups don't use their dedicated nights, that the diamonds get
 released for others to book.
- U9 / U11 Boys & Girls Tournament Dates (Conflict with other tournaments)
 - Action: PJ to send Kevin R a confirmation of updated schedule, as well as the FAQ online is updated.
- Season Start / End Dates for LL
 - o T-ball and Coach pitch 8 weeks, year-end date will be subject to the tournament dates
 - o U9/U11 boys U9 3 WSA and 2 TC U11 3 WSA and 2 TC
 - U11 girls will be a Huron Perth, U9 girls will be with Kitchener, Tavistock, and will likely need a year-end tournament
- TBall Year End Date (Conflict with other tournaments)
- Proposed handling of home dates on Ramp

- Handling of umpire scheduling, game loading, cancellations
- John noted that there is time available at WO at the gym since John won't need the entire time that has been allotted (8am-12pm).
- **Action:** Kevin H to email rep coaches to see if there is interest in booking the gym time at on April 12th between 8am-12pm.
- **Action**: Kevin R to send tournament dates and locations to PJ to ensure the dates are in the global calendar, Ryan R also to be included in the communication.

Player Development – Todd/John V (6:45)

- **WSA** John Spring clinic underway and wrapping up next weekend along with the Pitching clinic. John mentions that coaches have shown interest in a paid session for batting. Date needs to be set for the free LL pitching clinic as well as who will be the instructor
 - ACTION Kevin R to look into diamond availability for the start of May May 3rd or May 10th with a rainout date available. John to find instructor availability, considering bringing Emily for a fee if we don't have Executive members available to lead the instruction.

Girls Program – Susan, Amy (7:13)

- U11 will be at HP, U9 still undecided and will encourage other centers to come together.
- PWSA has mandated to have new centres coaches to attend a training course, cost is \$30/coach and coaches have asked whether the cost can be reimbursed or should be included in the team budget. Kevin H mentions that the rule is that WSA covers the cost for mandatory coaching, although the executive should continue to discuss.
- Tournament fees for U11 girls won't have a mid-year tournament since they will be playing in
 a different center and the cost of a mid-year tournament is included in the registration fee. Ryan
 mentions that WSA can cover the additional cost of attending a mid-year tournament that is
 outside of WSA. Susan estimates that the tournament fee per team to be around \$400 although
 only \$150 is budgeted.

Tournaments – PJ, John V, Jamie H, Mike C (7:20)

- U15 Provincial Championship PJ
- ORSA U15 Girls and Boys Provincials
 - Kevin R Kevin R is the association contact this year.
 - Teams need to be registered in MRS and will have various requirements before having a team registered and important considerations if team selections are late in May and registration is due by May 31.
- OASA U9 PJ
 - WSA is hosting the provincial tournament and there needs to be an executive assigned as the primary contact.
 - Action: Kevin to reach out to the team coach to notify that there might not be a member of the executive present.
- Wilmot Thunder Annual Softball Showcase Mike C
 - Action: Ryan & PJ to discuss with TWP about access to the booth and follow-up with Optimist Club

- U9 Rep Team Playing in U11 LL Tournaments Kevin H
 - Kevin R to contact ORSA about possibility to place a bid to host and reserve diamonds with the TWP, (New Dundee and New Hamburg)

New Joint Business:

U20 Boys Update - Ryan (7:31)

Not enough U20 boys registered for a team

WSA Items

Adult League – Cole & Ashley (7:40)

Kevin notes that the adult league needs to be run that returns a profit, the WSA does not intend to fund the Adult League and that profits should be returned to WSA. There should be reports available as the league progresses to ensure the league is running as intended to ensure financial independence.

Kevin R to communicate whether there is time that can be given to the Adult League during the Wilmot Thunder Annual Softball Showcase. Adult League to communicate with Sabrina and Kevin whether dates can be arranged for availability.

Diamond cancellations need to be communicated to the Township within 24 hours, and the coaches need to email Kevin or (Cancel@, scheduling@) to relay to the TWP.

Kevin notes that it would be beneficial to have Ashley and Cole present once the season has wrapped up to report on how the season went, and review finances.

Kevin also notes that Ashley and Cole should have a separate bank account dedicated for the Adult League to help with transparency.

Action: Susan to coordinate with Ashley and Cole about schedule and scoring.

Registration – Susan (8:05)

In a good positions but looking to add a few positions to fill out teams. No change to prior communicated numbers.

Uniforms - Michelle (8:20)

Spring Clinic uniforms turned out great.

Michelle notes that there were jerseys that were damaged from the heat press that has been returned.

Rep jersey art has been submitted, and the website is up and running.

Payment for rep team jerseys are still coming in.

Action: socials to post website for fanwear

Finance – Mike V (8:26)

No update

Insurance – DL to send in requirements to Susan to listing of players for insurance

Blastball, TBall, CP - PJ (8:26)

Still working on coaches

Volunteers - PJ (8:26)

Positions have been posted

Coaching Development – Kevin

Kevin will look to run 2 coaches meeting

Communications / social media – Kevin H

Working Group Updates -

Sponsorship - Ryan R, Michelle Dietrich, Mike C

2 signs that need to be redone (1) Matt Snider BSC (2) Jutzi

Action: Ryan to reach out to Jay Peacock, and further discussion with NavGraphics with potential

options

Action: Mike V for list of sponsors that have paid

Fundraising - Susan (LEAD), PJ, John V

- Grants for Provincial events (PJ, John, Dan)
- Ice machine options (PJ, Mike C)
 - o Ice Making Machines.docx
 - o **Action**: PJ to visit Stop for their options
- 100 Women of Wilmot Funding / Updating Batting Cages
 - PJ looking into quotes for updating the batting cages
- Thunderball
 - o Winner of the vacation has contacted the supplier and is not honoring the prize.
 - Susan explains there is typically a signed written letter to when a donation of that size is given and to confirm the donation towards the fundraising and there is communication from the supplier to roll the prior year letter.
 - Action: Ryan to send email to supplier to confirm whether they will honor the prize given the lottery license requirements.

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

New Business:

- Update list of directors at end of year, and provide directors reports to those listed Mike C
- Host a Score Keeping Clinic? April/May?

- Action: John to find a date late April/early May and coordinate with Kevin R for scheduling
- SOSL Sub Meeting and possible team entry (Deadline April 10th)

 Kevin R no further update
- ORSA Affiliation for Girls U15 Select team Kevin R no further update

Other Items:

Special Events/Affiliated Groups information session on Wednesday March 5th at 7:00pm at the Wilmot Recreation Complex – upstairs Community Centre

North Waterloo Dates – AGM and Affiliation March 20, 7 pm Scheduling Meeting

Next Meeting:

Tentative Meeting Dates: May 4 – 6:30 at the WRC June 8 July 6 Aug 10 Sept. 7 Oct 5

2025 AGM Oct 15 7:30 PM

Adjournment: Susan calls to motion to adjourn, Michelle 2nd. All approves.

Future Agenda Items

Christmas Parade

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

QR Code on Signs

Update by-laws for good standing with lottery license – Dan