

# **Wilmot Softball Association**

Executive Meeting, September 7, 2025

6:00 PM, Wayne Roth Room, Wilmot Recreation Centre

## **Attendance**

- Kevin Reich, Susan Hall, Kevin Hall, Ross Lynch, Daniel Lebel, Mike Van De Wynkle, Ryan Roth, John Vleeming, PJ Poirier, Jamie Hergott, Michelle Dietrich, Lindsay Edwards, Ryan Dietrich, Mike Carey (online)
- Regrets: Todd Lichty, Amy Balatoni, Sabrina Reich, Heather Dubrick

## **Opening Comments**

### **Secretary Report – Daniel / Kevin R. (6:35)**

- Review of [Aug 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Motion to approve minutes
  - Kevin R calls to motion, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.

### **Umpires – Ryan D. (7:35)**

- Ryan discusses learnings from the year
  - Cap on number of JR umps to get JR engaged with good workload
  - Additional training for JR umpires required
  - Mentor program can be a great way to support the learning of the junior umpires with an additional fee
  - Scheduling the tournaments was great however back-to-back games was an issue because the umpires had issues booking back-to-back because they were marked as unavailable
  - Still looking for help to encourage senior umpires to sign-up
  - Other issue was senior games on Tuesday and umpire availability
  - Look to implement protocols in-case an umpire gets hurt/injured or impaired and ensure that coaches have a place to

### **Scheduling – Todd / Kevin R.**

- O/S balance owing to the township for diamond time for ~\$11K, however waiting until the Mustangs wrap up the season before final reconciliation with the township
- Rep diamond tryouts are placed on a new permit with the township, all tryout dates have been set
- School board for winter training will be billed monthly by credit card by an executive member and will be re

### **Equipment – Todd / Jamie H. (6:43)**

- Netting installation at batting cages, and pictures for 100 Women of Wilmot
  - Installed at the Baden batting cage and working well
  - NH batting cage netting will remain up
  - Shed materials may come in and may need a call to volunteers to support that as well (someone with framing experience reach out to Heather Dubrick).
  - **ACTION:** Call out for volunteers to help put up the Baden batting cage netting and taking signage down and Baden and New Hamburg.
  - **ACTION:** Jamie to get a quote for leather balls, (estimating \$150/dz) and provide to township, qty 6 dozen (3 dz. for NH, 3 dz. for Baden) and send to John V and Ryan R to forward to the township.

### **Girls Program – Susan / Amy (6:57)**

- Tryouts underway, great numbers for players trying out
- Further thought on how to grow volume for LL
- Kitchener association has a O/S amount due to WSA because a Kitchener tournament was held in New Dundee

### **Boys LL – Todd / PJ (6:58)**

- **ACTION:** Ross to send PJ list of teams with coaches in order to generate the evaluation sheets
- In the coming year, look to have LL registration open to Wilmot kids for a certain time, and then open-up registration for out-of-town kids

### **Tournaments – PJ / John V. / Jamie H. / Mike C. (7:05)**

- Volunteers seem to have been lower than expected
- PJ comments that the work requirements are lower than expected from the individuals
  - Susan comments that WSA should be more proactive with offering the positions as paid positions if no volunteers
  - Will review amounts received from bonds in 2025 to create some paid positions for kids in 2026
- Wilmot Showcase future dates – to be discussed at future meeting

### **Uniforms – Michelle (7:14)**

- Michelle [presents a review of the uniform](#) process from the past year

### **Finance – Mike V. (6:38)**

- Current financial position
  - Looking at around \$60K currently, and still owe ~\$11K for Diamonds, and expect \$10K to come in for Bonds
  - **ACTION:** Mike V to produce financial statements for AGM

### **Volunteers – PJ**

- See tournaments

### **Coaching Development – Kevin H.**

- Update from Kevin on tryouts and process
  - U9 – Paul and Dan – 16 trying out, will take 12/13
  - U11 – Kyle H – 19 trying out – will take 11 or 12
  - U11 – Breitkopf has 10 signed up, might take NRP, option to make the team in the spring and carry
  - U13 – Blais at 15 tryouts, may decide to do workouts in winter and decide team in the Spring. PDP not maintaining competitive teams at the age group
  - U13 – Shera at 9 trying out and has cancelled their tryouts, will look at Blais tryouts and carry winter workouts and decide the team in the Spring.
  - There is a risk in Uniform timing if teams are decided in the Spring
  - U15 Keller – should have enough players to make cuts
  - U17 2 coaches have applied – 19 kids have signed up and numbers are low for 2 teams and includes 3 NRPs
    - Group decides best to have a Tier 1 and Tier 2 team with the intention of keeping as many players in Wilmot with competitive teams

### **Communications / Social Media – Lindsay E.**

- Susan comments that we want to recognize our sponsors, list of sponsors and when they were last blasted.
- PJ to send over volunteer options for battings cages

### **Sponsorships – Ryan R, Kevin R, Kevin H, Mike C (8:35)**

- Looking for sponsorships for LL to be included on jerseys

## **Fundraising – Susan (Lead) / PJ / John V.**

- Susan comments that the Thunderball can be moved to April to help kick-off the season. Considering April 18th or 25<sup>th</sup>. The weekend after Spring Clinic
- **ACTION:** John to look at potential timing of the Spring Clinic

## **New Business**

- AGM – Notice
  - Webpage updates
    - **ACTION:** Susan to send communication out including election year and that those interested to contact Ryan R
  - Space booking for AGM – Kevin to provide details to Susan
- Township Diamond Subsidy (Ryan R)
  - Township proposal to reduce minor sports subsidies for township facilities
    - Township is planning to move ahead (all youth sports group get a 35% discount) and will reduce the subsidy by 5% per year over the next 4 years and get down to a 10% discount thereafter.
    - Opportunity to send a delegation
      - Currently unknown at which council meeting it will be discussed.
      - Potential diamond modifications for a cut-out in the fencing
- **Action:** Ryan R to reach out to Tavistock
- **Action:** Kevin R to reach out to Township for a meeting on the township's performance in the past year, see notes from the prior meeting minutes
- Christmas Parade
  - **ACTION:** Michelle and Susan to look into information on Christmas Parade

## **Next Meetings**

- Sep 28 – 6:30 – Michelle's House – 57 Goldschmidt
- 2025 AGM: Oct 15 at 7:30 PM – upstairs at the old Arena

## **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn:
  - Jaime calls for motion to adjourn, Kevin R 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.

## **Future Agenda Items**

- Update bylaws for lottery license compliance, email voting, term limits.
- Update list of directors and provide reports.
- Apparel fundraising policy draft.
- Add 'Announcements' to sponsor benefits list.
- QR code on signs