

Wilmot Softball Association - Annual General Meeting

Date: October 5th, 2022

Location: Wilmot Rec Center – Erb Meeting Room A

Time: 7:00pm start

- **Call to order/attendance sheet/welcome (7:03 PM)**
 - **Members Present:** Kevin Hall, John Vleeming, Kevin Reich, PJ Poirier, Mike Carey, Jamie Hergott, Ryan Roth, Elaine Mason, Susan Hall, Tim Bartram

- **Executive Reports (7:03 PM)**
 - President's Report (Competitive Ball) – Mike Carey – See attachment
 - Vice-President's Report (Local League) – PJ (7:06PM) – See attachment
 - Report from Chair of Uniforms – Tim B (7:09 PM) - See Attachment
 - Report from Registrar – Susan Hall (7:13PM) – See Attachment
 - Floor opened to questions

- **Financial Summary overview report (7:18 PM) – Mike Van de Wynckel**
 - Mike C will present the financial report as Mike V could not be present and sends his regrets.
 - \$62,764.23 Current Financial Position
 - Questions
 - Kevin H: Did we run higher expenses than expected?
 - Mike C: We were about \$9k higher than expected on revenue, and \$4.5k higher than budgeted on expenses
 - Kevin H: Why were refunds higher than expected?
 - COVID registration refunds were posted in the 2022 year, instead of 2021
 - Kevin H suggests we start managing an asset list to track assets with significant value. To be tabled at future meeting.

- **Review proposed amendments to Wilmot Softball Association Constitution**
 - None presented

- **Review proposed amendments to WSA By-laws**
 - None presented

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- **Discussion on Future of girls Softball (7:30 PM) – Mike C**
- Do we continue to offer girls softball in Wilmot, or do we direct residents to play in K-W or Stratford? Numbers are consistently low.
 - Discussion
 - Possible arrangement with Twin Center to cross promote girls' softball
 - Twin Centre does not currently have any girls program
 - Create girls-only teams as young as coach pitch and/or T-Ball
 - The thought is girls are leaving at a young age to play for other centers
 - Viability of a girl's competitive team is usually contingent on existence of a coach. We end up losing girls players due to lack of numbers, and making cuts
 - In the past, we held off on boys' competitive teams until we had 3 or 4 Local League teams first.
 - If we have lower age groups, we need to make a marketing push to find players - This would lead to a bigger discussion on branding, names, etc...
 - Mike C Suggests we pause this discussion for now. There is enough here for a Girl's Subcommittee to discuss once new executive is in place. Members who are present in agreement with this.

- **Elections of Executive/Directors (7:40 PM)**
 - Facilitator – Elaine Mason

- **Open Positions:**
 - Interim Executive positions which need to be filled – 1 yr.
 - Chair of scheduling – Position to remain vacant
 - Chair of Equipment – Ryan Roth nominates Jamie Hergott.
 - Jamie will stand for nomination, no other nominees
 - Chair of Coach Development – Position will remain vacant
 - Sponsorship Coordinator – Position will remain vacant

 - Other Volunteer Roles
 - Convenor of Girls Local League – Kevin Reich nominates Heather Reich
 - Heather Reich will stand for nomination, no other nominees
 - Convenor of Rep and Select – Position will remain vacant
 - Volunteer Chair – Position will remain vacant
 - Tournament Convenor – OASA, PWSA and National Events – Position will remain vacant

 - Vacant positions will remain by committee as needed until filled.
 - A big thank you to Elaine for facilitating the election!

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- **Vision and reviewing our future. (7:48 PM)**
 - Discussion:
 - Does WSA pursue another National Championship?
 - We can easily host Provincial Events, as they have lower requirements both financially and workload
 - Township of Wilmot reacted positively to hosting National Tournament and they were able to provide some financial support
 - WSA would need to pursue support from local government much sooner in the bid process to obtain significant funding – Was not possible due to COVID for this tournament
 - The level of sponsorship required for the National tournament was difficult to obtain and repeat sponsorship would be a struggle.
 - Suggestion would be to continue hosting Provincial level tournaments, and determine feasibility of hosting a future National Championship at a later date
 - What major purchases should WSA pursue as the 2023 budget is set?
 - Second scoreboard trailer
 - Pitching Machines, especially machines with more technology and higher speeds
 - Clay Infields – Something we have discussed in previous years
 - Requires involvement from the Township of Wilmot
 - All major purchases are added to budget for consideration and vote at future Executive meetings.

- **New Business / Open Discussion – Feedback on season. (7:55 PM)**
 - Kevin R: Thank you to all for helping with my first season – This is a great group doing great things
 - Ryan R: It was great to have a full real season, without the effects of COVID.
 - Ryan R: Congrats to the group to hosting a NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. As a small organization, we are making big strides.
 - PJ: We have had many Nationals groups coming to us for feedback and knowledge from our tournament, which we should take as a huge win.
 - Mike C: Thank you to Jamie and Heather for joining exec positions.

- **Next Executive Meeting date: October 23rd, 2022**

- **Closing Remarks**

- **Motion to Adjourn – Ryan R, 2nd Kevin Hall. Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM.**