

## **Wilmot Softball Association**

### **Meeting Notes - Executive Meeting, April 23 2023**

**6:30 PM, Wilmot Recreational Center, Wayne Roth Meeting Room**

#### **Call to Order / Attendance / Opening Comments – 6:35 PM**

**Exec members in attendance: Jamie H, Mike V, Ryan R, Mike C, Kevin R, PJ, John V, Tim B, Lance, Kevin H, Susan H, Amy (Remote)**

#### **Secretary Report - Kevin R (6:36 PM)**

Insurance – Will require updated roster lists now that teams are set

#### **Finance – Mike V / Amy B (6:38 PM)**

- Current Financial Position: \$117k
- Upcoming expenses – Insurance, Arena rental, uniforms, Umpire Clinic,

#### **Chair Reports – As Necessary / Present – Action Items from last meeting listed here (6:40 PM)**

Blastball, TBall, CP – PJ

- Looking for more T-Ball Coaches
- No Sponsorship for TBall or Coach Pitch, we will continue without this season

Scheduling – Ryan R

- Mike C entered the Perth/NW Games in Ramp, and these have been loaded

Registration – Susan H / Amy B

- 447 Kids Registered LL, 71 Rep – 518 Kids. Still more Blastball and Tball expected
- Up from total of 468 in 2022
- U9 Girls Will play in a small league with KITCHENER this year
  - Kevin H – Thank you to Susan for spearheading this with VP of Kitchener Softball, dealing with rule changes etc...
- Coach Pitch will have a team from PDP, 2 from Twin Centre, 9 from Wilmot

Equipment – Jamie H

- New pitching machine is ready in NH
- Medals have arrived
- Local League equipment pickup begins later this week – Jamie to reach out to coaches
- Need to make a spending decision on Local League Bats – Approximately \$3000
- **Motion by Kevin H To spend up to \$3000 for local league bats - 1 per team**
  - **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by PJ**
  - **All in favor. Motion to purchase local league bats passes**
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Uniforms – Tim B

- All REP jerseys in production, except U20 which will be in production this week
- All REP hats are delivered except U20
- LL Hats are in stock
- LL Shirts ordered last Friday

#### Player Development – John V

- One week left in Pitching / Catching Clinics
- Cost Analysis for Spring clinic showed a slight loss
  - Proposes a price increase to \$50 for next year
- Kevin H: Thinks we may want to rethink pitching clinic size next year in order to have more one on one time.
  - Mike C: We could consider hosting a Can-Pitch clinic through Softball Canada
  - **Future Agenda Item: Look into Hosting CanPitch Clinic for U9 to U13 ages**
- Outdoor Local League pitching clinics:
  - Kevin H will help organize and run this
  - John to work with Ryan to find some weekend diamond time
  - Kevin H Suggests we need to Invite local league coaches to this as well
  - Mike V will bring some U20 pitchers to this if possible

#### Umpires – Lance N

- 74 Adults and kids at youth / level 1 clinic recently hosted
- 33 youth umpires from Wilmot, 12 from Twin Centre
- 9 x Level 1 umps available up to U17, 8 available up to U20
- For umpire schedule, Ryan and Lance have decided not to release whole schedule all at once. Instead will release 2-3 weeks at a time and ask umps to take 3-4 games each drop
- As in past years, umpires who complete 5 Games in Wilmot / Twin Centre this year, will get registration fee for clinic back at end of season – For level 1 and youth
- Rule Clarifications:
  - Reminder that pitching relaxed rules as per last year
  - U17 and down, must have a pitchers mask
  - U15 and up can have metal cleats
- Umpire Registration on our web site for umpires
  - Lance can mass email once umpires are registered in our system
  - **Action Item: Kevin H will blast email to association to remind umpires to register, and will help facilitate the communication as necessary**

#### Communications / Social media – Kevin H

- Kevin: Please keep sending communications to Kevin H as necessary
- PJ: Requests some communication for U15 Provincials and U20 Elim. Tournaments

#### **Sub-Committee Updates – Members of each subcommittee are listed, action items from last meeting listed here (7:40 PM)**

##### Tournaments – PJ, John V, Jamie H, Tim B

- LL Tournaments
  - Interest for other centers to join U7, U9, and U11 to join midseason tournaments
  - U9 and U11 will not include Girls teams
  - Ryan to takeaway required tournament dates in August 11-12<sup>th</sup>, Amy to look into Wellesley – 6 total diamonds required

- Ryan proposing a new group to look after LL tournament and get back to Ryan with scheduling info – Subcommittee members: Susan, PJ, Chad, Amy

#### Sponsorship – Ryan R, Mike C

- Sponsorship Master: [Sponsorship Master.xlsx](#)
- Ryan: A few new sponsors signed on, master list needs to be updated
- Mike C: We are on budget for sponsorships
- Fence Signs – In progress
- Kevin H: When are we putting up signs?
  - Thursday in Baden – Meet, Ryan will bring NH Signs with him – 6:00 PM

#### Girls Program – Tim B, Susan H, Heather R

- No Update

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

- No update

#### **Action Items from New Business March 26 2023 Meeting – 7:57 PM**

- Scoreboard – Mike C to meet Kevin R to measure trailer - Completed
- League Meetings – All have been attended
- 2025 Canadian Championships Committee
  - Some contact made, still need to meet

#### **New Business – 7:59 PM**

- Policy Manual - Amy B:
  - Amy presented Twin Center's new Policy Handbook with updated policies for Code of Conduct, discrimination and harassment, diversity and inclusion etc...
  - Looking for feedback from group, and hoping to align with WSA policies and help with updates on WSA policies
    - There are some WSA policies on harassment, bullying etc... that need to be updated – WSA welcomes Amy's input on these. Amy will update and bring updated policies to a future meeting
    - Mike C notes that Any updates to WSA policies must be brought to a special general meeting to vote on changes before publishing
- Coaching Meeting – Kevin H:
  - Kevin R to Communicate with Chad, coordinate with Ryan on coaches' meetings
    - U13, U15, U17 etc... separate from U9, U11
  - Work on consolidated list of codes for sheds etc...

### **Other Items (8:15 PM)**

- Forest Glen Diamond Setup
  - o **Action Item - Ryan: Ask Rob Lecours for Port O Potty for Forest Glen – John V to look after, send bill to WSA – chain to fence, put on combo lock**
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- Ryan: NH Batting Cage requires maintenance, Baden requires maintenance as well

**Next Meeting - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, WRC**

### **Adjournment (8:18 PM):**

- **Motion to adjourn: Kevin R**
- **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan H**
- **Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.**

### **Future Agenda Items**

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

Need to update with current directors