

Wilmot Softball Association

MINUTES - Executive Meeting, Feb 5 2023

Call to Order / Attendance / Opening Comments (6:40 PM)

Executive: Mike Carey, Kevin Reich, Mike Van De Wynckel, PJ Poirier, Ryan Roth, Susan Hall (Remote), Jamie Hergott, Tim Bartram, John Vleeming, Kevin Hall, Heather Reich
Guests: Amy Balatoni (Twin Centre)

Mike C: Thank you to John V for putting together the Pitching Clinic. It is lots of hard work to pull it off.

Secretary Report - Kevin R

- No minutes for review
- Insurance Update – Will advise OASA of Roster lists this week

Finance – Mike V (6:42 PM)

- Current Financial Position - \$100,000+ (\$76,000 higher than this time last year)

Chair Reports – As Necessary / Present – Action Items from last meeting listed here

- Blastball, T-Ball, CP – PJ (6:45 PM)
 - o Mike C – Conversation with Jutzi to sponsor Blastball and T-Ball
 - No Update from Mike C
 - There are enough registrations for Two full girls T-Ball Teams
- Scheduling – Ryan R (6:48 PM)
 - o Ryan R – Reach out to Wilmot TWP re: Online Scheduler
 - Wilmot TWP does not have an online scheduler for facility booking
 - o Ryan R to reach out to Sean East to determine interest in scheduler role
 - Sean willing to work with Ryan potentially on scheduling
 - Kevin H: Got a response from social media blast, and is working to vet this person, will loop in Ryan if this becomes viable
- Registration – Susan H (6:52 PM)
 - o 320 players so far including LL and Rep
 - o U15 Boys – Struggled with awkward numbers last year
 - Last year had to offer places with TC
 - This year: 1 full team, 4 kids on wait list, still expecting another 4-5 kids based on last years registration
 - Susan has sent emails to parents from last year's teams to find more players
 - U15 Girls – 4 players, Susan to discuss with Mike Hallman
 - U17 Boys and Girls numbers low
 - U20 – Some boys registered in LL, but probably should be Rep. Will need to confirm – Ryan R suspects we will end up with a single team for U20
 - Send out blast for U20 late Feb – Ryan R suggests we revisit what this team looks like once we have coaches and players registered – ie: Tavi had 16 boys, 1 team, with most competitive 11-12 entered OASA

- Equipment – Jamie H (7:00 PM)
 - Training balls are in and ready to go
 - Mike C: Let's get rid of the old dimple balls that are end of life
 - Medals: Jamie to obtain cost info based on previous supplier
 - Ordered, arriving in late April
 - Pitching machine – Order requested, waiting on invoicing to send payment
 - Kevin H: Email blast sent out regarding old equipment on loan. Recovered a couple team bags, Located a couple of tanner tees, and another bow net (worn out by U15 rep team from usage last season)
 - Based on upcoming clinics, Jamie suggests we need to purchase 4 bow nets.
 - **Motion by Kevin H – To purchase four (4) bow nets with max spend up to \$1000**
 - **Justification: Spring Clinic requires minimum 9, ideally 12. Currently have 7 in working condition**
 - **Motion 2nd by Ryan R**
 - **All in favor, Motion Carries, purchase approved. Jamie to order.**

- Uniforms – Tim B (7:13 PM)
 - LL Hats
 - About to be ordered, 500 Youth, 400 Adult
 - New design, upgraded embroidery
 - LL Shirts
 - Same boy's shirts as previous seasons
 - Trying for a special cut for girls, will work with Augusta once registration numbers are in
 - Rep
 - Rosters in, sheets are setup for sizing, along with samples
 - No fitting night needed, working with teams directly during indoor practice times
 - U17 and U20 not set yet

- Player Development – John V (7:20 PM)
 - Pitching clinic – 29 sign ups, 2 more on wait list
 - First week went well, Don warmed up once he got comfortable with the group
 - Spring Clinic
 - 75 so far, more than last year – Target is 100
 - Last week of March, first week of April
 - John is working on a drill program
 - Shirts: Proposing a shirt that looks more like the LL jersey – Group agrees

- Communications / social media – Kevin H (7:22 PM)
 - Kevin H: Blasting social media and emails
 - Pushing into Wilmot FB groups
 - Please continue to share posts on personal social media accounts
 - Future updates include registration, clinics, etc...
 - Mike C: Should we send it out to South Perth?
 - Kevin H can look after if he has contact information

- Amy / Kevin H: Some communication with TC to explain we are working together closer than ever before. Goal is to grow local ball in BOTH communities
- Boys LL – Chad C
 - No Update
- Girls LL – Heather R/Tim B (7:25 PM)
 - Tim B: Feb 11th Drop in is planned with baseball and non-baseball activities, no registration required, but sounds like lots of interest
 - Working on a second date in March with tweaks as necessary
- Umpires – Lance N/Ryan R (7:27 PM)
 - Ryan R: Requested dates for umpire clinics after easter, waiting on Softball Ontario, Space is temporarily on hold for April 15th and 22nd
 - Kevin H: Please confirm when Softball Ontario confirms so we can send out a social media and email blast

Sub-Committee Updates – Members of each subcommittee are listed, action items from last meeting listed here

- Tournaments – PJ, John V, Jamie H, Tim B (7:30 PM)
 - Committee to fill out special events form (John V), Ryan R to block dates with township (Dates on OASA website)
 - PJ, Chad, Kevin, Amy & Todd – Meet to discuss LL tournament dates
 - Did not meet, but PJ has put together proposed tournament list
 - Tournament every weekend June / July
 - Mike C: Make sure we reach out to Optimists for food – Ryan R
 - John V to fill out special event applications
- Sponsorship – Ryan R, Mike C (7:40 PM)
 - Kevin R to post Sponsorship Master: [Sponsorship Master](#)
 - Mike C: Requests group to review list, and put name beside companies you can contact
 - Mike C: Silver Sponsorships available, ONE GOLD AVAILABLE in Petersburg
 - Temporary Fences – Dave @ No Frills has offered to buy temporary fences as a donation to WSA, Mike C to follow up
- Past Achievement Recognition – John V, Kevin H, Ryan R, Kevin R (7:50 PM)
 - Reminder: Anybody with contacts from previous association please reach out to group
 - Ryan – Committee members met with Township and proposed our vision
 - Township expressed support of this initiative
 - Township confirmed no room inside the WRC, but is very open to using space at diamonds and parks
 - Spent some time brainstorming with township reps, suggestions included: Benches, high backstops, and under NH grandstands
 - WSA has green light from Township to investigate permanent display

Action Items from New Business Jan 2023 Meeting (8:00 PM)

- Promotion of Softball and Registration in the Community
 - Kevin R – Three (3) Registration Banners ordered at the cost of \$498.00. Approved via email motion.
 - **Action Item – Hang banners:**
 - **Heather – Take a banner for Petersburg and St. Agatha. Reach out to Warren @ Petersburg Optimists to use sign in Petersburg**
 - **PJ : Will take banner and hang in New Dundee**
 - Kevin R – Registration Flyer to be posted at local businesses
 - Completed, 40 flyers distributed at meeting
 - Action Item – Jamie to find stand up banner and fence banners
 - **Action Item KEVIN R – to get standup banner designed**

New Business (8:10 pm):

- Twin Centre Mailers / Flyers
 - Mike C: Can we do this for TC?
 - **Action Item: Kevin R will look after this, will work with Amy to get info**
 - Mike C, John V, Jamie will help distribute

- Metal Storage Cabinet
 - **Motion by PJ Poirer: Request approval to spend up to \$1500 for an electronics cabinet for secure storage inside the New Hamburg storage room.**
 - **Motion 2nd by Kevin H**
 - **All in Favor, motion carries, purchase of metal cabinet approved**

Other Items (8:20 PM):

- John V: Response from Township on Baden shack door
 - Township will not pay to replace, we will need to pay

- North Waterloo / Perth Boys Fastball Leagues
 - Center Rep Meeting: March 30, 7:00 PM
 - Financials and rule changes to be discussed
 - New rule for age 9 – 5 pitches, same as our U9 LL and South Oxford
 - April 19th Coaches Meeting – To be communicated later

- Ryan: Is there a plan for the executive for this?

- Mike C – Those that were present at initial meeting are to form the executive
- Ryan: We will need to keep this in mind as we discuss future of WSA exec

- PJ: U11, U13 LL – Do we want to open our LL to more centers? Ie: Shakespeare
 - Kevin H: We need to have a separate discussion to put this in play
 - Need to have this in place for NEXT YEAR, can't force this year without communication at registration time
 - Amy suggests we should at least consider and facilitate some exhibition games with outside centers

Next Meetings: March 5th 2023, 6:30 PM, WRC, March 26th 2023

Motion to Adjourn by Jamie H - (8:33 PM)

Motion 2nd Kevin R.

Meeting adjourned