

Winkler Minor Baseball Board Meeting

Date: October 5, 2020

Location: Winkler Curling Club

Board Member

Attendees: Steve F., Mike D., Cheri K., Aimee T., Jason P., Matt F., Dwayne W., Pete P., Trevor W., Chris W.

Absent: Matt N., Chris R.

Start Time: 7:00 PM

1. Call Meeting To Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 7:00
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Agenda was approved and adopted
 - i. Moved – Cam Kirkby
 - ii. Seconded – Mike Friesen
3. Review of 2019 AGM Minutes
4. Business Arising From Minutes
5. Treasurers Report
 - a. Jason Peters briefly went over the report as it had been distributed
 - b. Report was approved.
 - i. Moved – James Wiebe
 - ii. Seconded – Chris Sawatzky
6. Convenors Reports
 - a. Convenor reports were distributed earlier and there were no questions.
 - b. Reports were approved
 - i. Moved – Mike Grenier
 - ii. Seconded – Bill Fehr
7. Website & Registration
 - a. Cheri went over the registration process this past year
 - b. The issues we went through this year should be corrected this next year and should make the process easier going forward.
 - c. It was noted the amount of time that Cheri put into setting up RAMP and processing all registrations and COVID refunds.
8. Minor Ball Shed
 - a. Construction was delayed by COVID
 - i. Expecting concrete to be poured soon
 - ii. Goal is to get the shell up in 2020
 - iii. Where the power for the shed is coming from has also delayed construction recently

- b. Using a septic tank instead of City sewer has reduced the overall budget
 - c. Local trades have stepped up in a big way to assist with the project (EPC, Protech Plumbing, Borderview Electric, SquareOne Concrete, Triple L)
 - d. Total Budget is \$55,000.00-\$60,000.00
 - e. Will include Storage, 2 Bathrooms, Canteen area, Pitching machine storage and a misc storage area. Total building size of 30' x 20'.
 - f. Jason Peters (current board member) and Ed Penner (former board member) have put lots of time and effort into the project
9. COVID – 19
- a. Board overall didn't panic and moved forward with trying to get a baseball season in.
 - b. Kids loved being out there and appreciated being able to participate in sport again
 - c. Although looking back some decisions would've been made differently, they were made based on the information that was known at that time and with information changing quickly it was a conscious choice to stick with decisions already made instead of continuing to change based on new information every week.
10. Potential Sponsorships & Grants
- a. Talks have taken place and will continue to take place in regards to diamond upgrades (curled fencing, scoreboards, dugouts)
 - b. Early in the process of looking into diamond sponsorships to assist in paying for larger diamond upgrades.
 - i. A needs/wants list needs to be made to ensure that funds are spent in the most efficient way. A general discussion needs to take place with the City of Winkler to make sure that an idea of what general maintenance by the City covers and what it doesn't.
 - c. Possible spot for work by a Sub-Committee to put more work into diamond improvements.
 - i. Will be discussed further at next board meeting to establish what makes the most sense
 - ii. Possibility for some assistance from the general public on the sub-committee
11. Other Business
- a. Possibility of extending the season into the summer was discussed.
 - i. Will be something that is explored more at the board level
 - b. Question was asked why the foul lines aren't chalked anymore
 - i. Chalked lines were an added cost from the City
 - 1. Board will look into idea of buying a line chalker for organization use
12. Executive Nominations
- a. Terms Complete
 - i. Steve F. – not wanting to continue
 - ii. Matt F. – willing to let name stand
 - iii. Mike D. – willing to let name stand
 - iv. Jason P. – willing to let name stand
 - v. Chris R. – willing to let name stand
 - vi. Aimee Thiessen – not wanting to continue
 - b. Heather Difrancesco was willing to let name stand

- c. No vote occurred. Motion was made to acclaim those letting their name stand to the Winkler Minor Ball board.
 - i. Motioned – Bill Fehr
 - ii. Seconded – Aimee Thiessen
 - d. New Board Members
 - i. Matt F., Mike D., Jason P., Chris R., Heather D.
 - ii. Still looking for one more board member if possible
 - e. Thank you to the board members that will no longer be continuing for their work with the board. Their volunteer hours have assisted in growing baseball in Winkler
13. Meeting Adjourned