

DUTTON DUNWICH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 28TH, 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

The Annual General Meeting of the Board of the Dunwich Dutton Softball Association took place in the meeting room at the Dutton Community Centre on **Sunday January 28th, 2024 at 1:00 PM.**

In Attendance: Lynda Drummelsmith, Maryjo Tait, Jen Drummelsmith, Gerald Hall, Nigel Simpson, Colette Tobias, Greg Galloway, Leah Thompson, Jamie McCaffery

Regrets: Rob Tait, Melissa Green, Daniyel Bint, Amanda Hull, Jeff Woods, Carrie Woods, Felicia Kyle

President Lynda welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at **13:06**. The meeting was opened with land acknowledgment.

We will begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the territory of First Nations people who have longstanding relationships to the land, water and region of Southwestern Ontario. We also acknowledge the local lower Thames River watershed communities of this area which include Chippewa's of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, Munsee Delaware Nation and Delaware Nation of Moraviantown. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples of Turtle Island (North America). We are thankful for the opportunity to live, learn and share with mutual respect and appreciation.



No conflicts of interest were declared.

Moved By: Gerald Hall

Second By: Nigel Simpson

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

2. 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting minutes from the January 15th, 2023 Annual General Meeting were reviewed.

Moved By: Jen Drummelsmith

Second By: Greg Galloway

THAT the minutes of the January 15th, 2023 meeting are approved as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

3. 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2023 Financial Report was attached to the printed agenda package and available for review. Questions were asked regarding the Wallacetown Fair admissions - in 2023 the Board did not cover the admission to the Wallacetown Fair for the volunteers.

Moved By: Nigel Simpson

Second By: Jamie McCaffery

THAT the 2023 Financials be accepted as printed and included in the agenda package.

Motion: CARRIED

Bingo accounts were presented as standing at \$2, 433.10 which is being set aside for the purchase of the AED that will be installed in the equipment room. Currently, the Board is awaiting confirmation of where we are on the waiting list to resume working Bingos.

4. 2023 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lynda presented the highlights from the 2023 year in review. Overall, 2023 was a very successful year. Most notably was the growth of the Board from 5 members to 14 members. Our Association also grew from 2 travel teams to 6 travel teams. We offered Hardball again and had 3 teams. Our Timbits/house league grew to eight (8) teams, ages ranging from 2 to 9 years old. Our Junior Men's team played in the South Middlesex Men's league and brought back Friday night ball to Dutton again with great crowds to watch their games.

Our Executive members volunteered to work on diamond improvement at the Sons of Scotland rink and established a joint Diamonds Improvement Committee with Municipal staff and Municipal recreation employees as well as Council. Diamond 1 work is underway, finances are almost secured for Diamond 2.

Overall 2023 was a great success and we are already looking for 2024!

5. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Amendments to the Constitution were presented.

The first item discussed was a name change for the organization from Dutton Dunwich Softball Association to **Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball Association.**

Moved By: Gerald Hall

Second By: Greg Galloway

THAT the Association officially changes the name from Dutton Dunwich Softball Association to Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball Association.

Motion: CARRIED

Moved By: Nigel Simpson

Second By: Leah Thompson

THAT the constitution as presented, with the amendments as discussed under Team Fundraising during the Annual General Meeting is accepted.

Motion: CARRIED

6. NOMINATIONS OF EXECUTIVE & DIRECTORS

The floor for nominations of the Executive Positions was opened.

Moved By: Jen Drummessmith

Second By: Colette Tobais

THAT 2024 nominations for Executive be opened.

Motion: CARRIED

Nominations for the position(s) of Executive were read as volunteers were presented. No additional nominations from the floor were received.

Moved By: Jamie McCaffery

Second By: Nigel Simpson

THAT 2024 nominations for Executive as follows:

President: Lynda Drummelsmith

Vice-President: Jeff Woods

Treasurer: Amanda Hull

Secretary: Maryjo Tait

Registrar: Jen Drummelsmith

Motion: CARRIED

Nominations for the position of Directors were opened. A number of nominations prior to the meeting were received and read at the meeting. No additional nominations were presented from the floor at the meeting.

Moved By: Gerald Hall

Second By: Colette Tobias

THAT 2024 list of Directors be accepted as presented:

Lynda Drummelsmith

Jeff Woods

Amanda Hull

Maryjo Tait

Jen Drummelsmith

Nigel Simpson

Melissa Green

Carrie Woods

Gerald Hall

Felicia Kyle

Daniyel McLellan

Rob Tait

Jamie McCaffery

Colette Tobias

Leah Thompson

Motion: CARRIED

7. 2024 YEAR PLANNING

Jen explained that the Association has committed to partner with the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich to offer a weekly baseball program through the Municipal programming. Jen will be leading the planning of this program with Charlotte, but looking for support from directors and coaches to help with the running of the event.

Additionally, spring training for registrants is still being organized to include pitching clinics and additional spring training.

Online Registration will be opening within the next (2) weeks, and an in-person date for registration in February will still go forward.

Quick discussion regarding planned teams for next year based on 2023 registration numbers and ages: including Timbits/House League, Four Pitch, U11 Girls, U11 Hardball, U13 Hardball, U15 Hardball, and U18 Hardball. Potential for U11 Fastball,

depending on registration numbers. At this time, as the majority of U11 Fastball players were girls, Jen is investigating with surrounding Associations to enter a girls team or possibly form a girls league with surrounding Associations.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A Google Form will be sent around for voting on the meeting for the next Directors meeting. All directors will receive a copy of the AGM minutes as well as a copy of the last Director's meeting minutes. Meetings will continue to be on Sunday, however a voting poll will be sent for February and March to avoid the conflicts with hockey and see if there are any weeknights that work. Meetings will continue to be held at the Council Chambers. All Directors are asked to please respond to the poll, as well as respond to meeting invites to ensure quorum can be achieved for holding a meeting. All Directors are asked to review the positions and determine if there are any positions/duties they are interested in being responsible for in 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Gerald Hall

To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: CARRIED

Adjourned at 14:48 PM.