

DUTTON/DUNWICH MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024 MEETING AGENDA

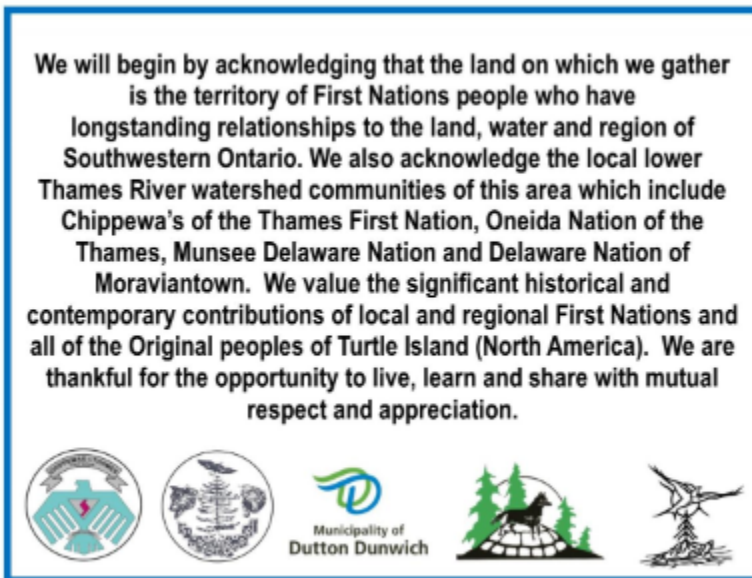
1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of the Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball Association took place at the Council Chambers, in the Dutton Municipal Office on **Sunday April 21, 2024.**

In Attendance: Lynda Drummelsmith, Maryjo Tait, Jen Drummelsmith, Amanda Hull, Gerald Hall, Colette Tobias, Leah Thompson, Jamie McCaffery, Joanne Galloway, Rob Tait, Daniyel McLellan, Nigel Simpson

Regrets: Melissa Green

President Lynda welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 13:07 PM. The meeting was opened with land acknowledgment.



No conflicts of interest were declared. A small addition to the agenda was added to discuss the RBC Signatories.

Moved By: Amanda Hull

Second By: Colette Tobias

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from March 27th, 2024 director's meeting were reviewed.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Daniyel McLellan

THAT the minutes of March 27th, 2024 are approved as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

3. REPORTS/STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a. Board Vacancies

- i. Vice President position - the position is currently vacant. The Constitution requires that someone is nominated to fill the position of Vice President for 2024. Nominations were opened. Jennifer Drummelsmith was nominated by Nigel and seconded by Gerald. No other nominations were received.

Moved By: Nigel Simpson

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT Jennifer Drummelsmith is declared as the Vice President for 2024. Jennifer agreed to stand.

Motion: CARRIED

- ii. Director at Large vacancy - the DDMB constitution requires that if there is a vacancy can pull from any additional directors that were voted at the AGM - there were no extra directors voted at the AGM so the position will remain vacant for 2024.

b. Financial Report - Amanda

- i. About \$5,000 in outstanding registrations, Amanda will be reaching out to those individuals to get payments. Outstanding invoice is still the Rafflebox account.
- ii. Signatories on the RBC Account - The RBC General Account needs to have new signatories revised with the change in positions/directors. Signatories will need to submit their paperwork to the RBC in Rodney.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Jamie McCaffery

THAT the signatories on the RBC General Account be amended to remove Carrie Woods from the account as a signatory.

Motion: CARRIED

Moved By: Jamie McCaffery

Second By: Colette Tobias

THAT the signatories on the RBC Bingo Account to remove Jeff Woods and to add Melissa Green as a signatory.

Motion: CARRIED

- c. Bingo/Bingo Accounts (Melissa)
 - i. AED Purchase - no update at this time
- d. League Updates
 - i. OASA/ORSA Update (Lynda) - if U11 Fastball girls go ORSA - the elimination tournament is first weekend in July in Alvinston. The fee for the ORSA tournament is \$350. DDMB would be required to join the association at a \$30 fee and \$5/player in order to play under the ORSA. Total cost is \$440 for the tournament & fees for the U11 Fastball girls to participate. It was discussed that the tournament fee can be fundraised if it is needed.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummesmith

Second By: Colette Tobias

THAT the DDMB covers the association and player affiliation fees to a cost of \$100 for the 2024 season, should the U11 Fastball decide to attend the ORSA tournament in Alvinston.

Motion: CARRIED

- ii. Four Counties League (Lynda) - league meeting was held. No league fees for the 4-Pitch teams. 4-Pitch will have a year end fun day in Highgate - with the year end day being August 10th, with a backup date of August 17th. 4-Pitch teams for the league are 12 - 13 teams. Next league meeting is May 6th. At this time, likely going to leave it as one division. Projected start of middle of June for the league games to start.

- iii. Lambton Central Girls Softball League (Daniyel) - 8 girls teams registered so far, year end tournament to be hosted in Dutton August 10th & 11th; umpires have been secured, new rules: pitchers can only pitch 3 innings per game. If we have to reschedule a game after two (2) tries, and the opposing team cannot make it, the opposing team will forfeit. Rosters due May 15th, need to know how many overages (at this time DDMB only has one on the U11 Fastball team).
 - iv. Western Counties Baseball League (Rob) - scheduling meeting for May 8th - a coach will need to attend from each hardball team. Team fees for \$100 each are due for each team. We also need to provide a \$500 performance bond that will be returned at the end of the season. Games are planned to start right after the scheduling meeting - they are recommending that games start after the Victoria long weekend. Quick discussion on communicating to the teams and coaches this week since games are coming up fast - should be early in the week communication will go out. Year end tournaments for U11, U13, and U15 tournaments get decided at the scheduling meeting.
 - v. London District Baseball Association (Jen) - U18 Hardball - LDBA - our U18 team can be registered with the House League division. Scheduling - DDMB submits our information and the league schedules the meeting. Jen is still looking to negotiate with umpires - they will not schedule but will provide contact information as to some umpires that may be able to be hired for the DDMB home games.
- e. Registration Update - Jen (report attached)
- i. Current Registrations -
 - ii. Revisions to the report since Friday:
 - 4-Pitch now at 20 players;
 - U9 Hardball Discussion:
 - 7 - players who would like to move up to U9
 - 2 - players who would like to AP to U11 Hardball but are U9 age
 - 3 are U11 Hardball registered but they are U9 Hardball age.
 - There is one U11 registered player that has requested to play U9 so that means the U11 numbers are only at 9 players; one more registration is likely yet to come.

- Jen & Rob will contact the remaining 2015 U11 hardball parents
- AP - U9 Hardball players is a possibility -priority is to their age appropriate team first.

Moved By: Colette Tobias

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT all 2015 players that have registered for U11 Hardball will be registered to the U9 Hardball team.

Motion: CARRIED

- iii. Challenger Baseball - equipment has been received - registrations are coming in - still moving forward
- iv. Municipal Ball program update - Five (5) week program, went very well, had about 10 kids consistently for the early age group, and about 14-18 kids consistently for the second age group
- v. Diamond Schedule revisions (Maryjo/Jen - attached)

Moved By:Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Amanda Hull

THAT the Diamond Schedule as discussed and revised during the meeting is approved. Mondays

Motion: CARRIED

- f. Equipment - Gerald
 - i. Portable Mound Purchase for 2024 - originally budget was \$5, 000. Most affordable option for this year is about \$7, 500

Moved By: Jamie McCaffery

Second By: Rob Tait

THAT the portable mound from Portolite is purchased in the tan colour for \$7500 .

Motion: CARRIED

- ii. U9 Hardball Equipment proposal - there is likely some equipment that can be repurposed for the U9 Hardball teams.
- iii. U15 & U18 Equipment - bats are needed for both teams- U15 bats are required to be wood or non-wood bats with a differential of -5.

New bats are needed for U15 & U18 teams. U18 can use a wood or wood composite bat. Discussed team bats likely at least two for the U15/U18 ages

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT after the equipment room is sorted, and existing equipment is re-purposed and distributed, that equipment can be purchased as needed for U9, U15, and U18 hardball teams to a max budget of up to \$1000.00

Motion: CARRIED

iv. Equipment room cleanup - date will be discussed with Jen and Gerald.

g. Umpire Coordinator Update - Jamie/Rob

i. Hardball Umpire Fees for 2024 (report attached) - Four umpires are getting in place for U9, U11, and U15 hardball. Also working on some options for U18 Hardball games, but recommend trying to hire a local umpire.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Colette Tobias

THAT a job posting is posted online to seek three (3) U18 hardball umpires or new umpires to be trained to be a U18 hardball for the DDMB for 2024, to be paid at \$50 game (no mileage) plus \$25 a game for gear reimbursement up to \$400, (if they require gear). Costs of courses to be reimbursed as well, up to \$150 per umpire.

Motion: CARRIED

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT the 2024 hardball umpire fees to be set at \$50 a game, plus \$25 for their gear reimbursement for new umpires until they reach \$400.

Motion: CARRIED

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Colette Tobias

THAT to reimburse new umpires and the umpires getting recertified their course costs for 2024.

Motion: CARRIED

- ii. Fastball Umpire Fees for 2024 - (report attached) - Admin team fees for 2024 are \$60.00 - \$110 per game + one mileage fee of \$28.00 + \$2.50 fee per game. Umpires are just needed for U11 Fastball & Junior Mens. Umpire fees are paid upfront, and if games are not played, they are reimbursed to DDMB.
 - iii. St. Thomas Umpires Association - Letter of Understanding (attached for information) Received by DDMB Board.
- h. Player Development/Coach Update (Rob)
- i. Coach Recommendations for Travel Teams - Jen and Rob will be meeting this week and an electronic motion will be coming forward to designate
 - ii. Fastball - U11 girls - if the girls do the ORSA - one coach is required to be certified.
- i. Uniform Coordinator Update - Joanne/Lynda
- i. Overall update - few jerseys missing from last year - from U13 & U11 boxes - Jen will send a mass email if anyone has a jersey from last year to. Pants & ball bags will also be for sale - will be for sale on the night Adult sizes - 14 shirts - mostly Smalls and Larges Extra Dri-fit jerseys - Used for the U9 hardball team - would require numbers to be put on. Jen will send the sizes to Jo to coordinate the numbers.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Nigel Simpson

THAT the left over dri-fit shirts are repurposed as the U9 Hardball jerseys by having numbers added to the back of the jerseys by Team Sabo in Dutton.

Motion: CARRIED

- ii. House League Jerseys were discussed. Egg Farmers have donated \$1000 toward the House league jerseys; all house league jerseys will have the Egg Farmers logo on the jerseys. New quotes:
 - TeamONE is \$19.23 + tax is the TeamOne (WINSHIP)
 - Team Sabo quote was \$21.60 + taxes
 - Difference is \$154.05

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Nigel Simpson

THAT the cotton shirts House League jerseys are ordered from Team Sabo for the 2024 season, using the \$1000 Egg Farmers jersey sponsorship.

Motion: CARRIED

- iii. Four Pitch Jersey quote from Shaun Winship - \$32/shirt + tax - 1 set to be Blue with white sleeve, and one with blue with grey sleeve - ordering approximately 22 shirts - total cost of approximately \$800.00. These jerseys would be returned to the association every year, and that sponsorship could still be sought and could be added if it comes forward. Jen will include that in the email that goes out to parents if anyone would like to sponsor the jerseys.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Jamie McCaffery

THAT the 4-Pitch jerseys are ordered as quoted from TeamONE (WINSHIP) with two sets - one with blue shirts with white sleeves and one with blue and grey sleeves to 22 jerseys.

Motion: CARRIED

- iv. U18 Jerseys - Jen will send over the sizes, and Jo and Jen will go through the existing Adult sizes available and determine what sizes needed to be ordered.

- j. Diamonds Improvements Committee Update - Lynda/Maryjo
 - i. Lynda is leading with Simpson Fence - backed benches were priced in the quote - benches should be received in about 3 weeks, Lynda continuing to follow-up
 - ii. Funding for Diamond #2 is about 75% funded. Jays Care was unsuccessful.

- k. Volunteer Coordinator Update - Leah
 - i. No update at this time

- l. Publicity & Special Events - Colette
 - i. Picture Day - PhotoTeam Sports - free 5x7 team photo for each player, prefers to do it indoors, and would like it earlier in the season - propose to do it in one night; if you miss the night - you go to this studio.

Moved By: Colette Tobias

Second By: Jennifer Drummessmith

THAT Picture Day Photography as quoted is hired and contacted to conduct team photos.

Motion: CARRIED

m. Website/Social Media - Maryjo

- i. Upgrade Email Plan - current storage plan for the website has not enough storage which caused the board emails to fail this past week

Moved By: Rob Tait

Second By: Colette Tobias

THAT the website storage plan is upgraded to LITE for \$175.00

Motion: CARRIED

- ii. Email communications & Sportheadz for 2024 - Maryjo will update the website with the teams and team emails as teams are made

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Insurance Fees for 2024

- i. Softball - 7 teams at \$80 - for a total of \$560 dollars which is payable to ORSA

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT the insurance costs for the Softball teams for 2024 are at a cost of \$80 team to a total of \$560 for the season - to cover House League and U11 Fastball teams.

Motion: CARRIED

- ii. Hardball/Baseball Ontario - deferred until meeting - when costs are available will be circulated after the meeting.

b. League Fees for 2024

- c. Player Fees for 2024 (from the Municipality) - player fees helps to offset costs of new clay, dragging the diamond, and covering the light hydro costs, placing the bases. Coaches remove the bases at the end of the games.

- i. Increased players costs by the Municipality for 2024 to:
 - Adult (Junior Mens) \$10 - \$16/player
 - Travel (U9-U18): \$8/player
 - House League (U5-U7): \$4/player

- d. [Dutton Royals Apparel](#) - Jo to clarify delivery date prior to June 15th with WINSHIP - and to clarify sock sizes, belts sizes, and that the hats will have the Dutton Royals logo, two week order window, target to have the link open within for purchasing within two weeks of today's date and whether funds can be added as a fundraiser for the association. Link to be sent to the coaches to distribute to their teams.

- e. RaffleBox Fundraiser - since the organization's name has changed, if we are going to do another RaffleBox raffle 50/50 anytime this year, a new charitable gaming eligibility application will need to be submitted in the Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball Association name.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummessmithg

Second By: Nigel Simpson

THAT submit a new charitable eligibility gaming application to AGCO for any future raffles.

Motion: CARRIED

- f. July 1st Memorial Game Proposal - in memory of Brian Englehart - Rob is proposing given Brian's history with ball in Dutton, would like to propose to organize a memorial game on July 1 Canada Day celebrations in Dutton. Maryjo contacted Charlotte to propose, as well as include the offer 4-pitch teams game as well.

Moved By: Nigel Simpson

Second By: Leah Thompson

THAT we proposed to do the July 1 4-pitch game followed by the Memorial game, pending approval from the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

Motion: CARRIED

- g. Municipal diamonds work update - clay has been ordered and as soon as it is dry. Maryjo and Jen to work to get the schedule uploaded and then to communicate to coaches they are ready to start booking practices through the website.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

Designate the date for the next Board meeting - deferred - if any decisions need to be made - send to Maryjo for online vote. Meetings to be called as needed by the executive.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Amanda Hull

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: CARRIED