

DUTTON/DUNWICH MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 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 October 20, 2024**.

In Attendance: Gerald Hall, Nigel Simpson, Daniyel Bint, Joanne Galloway, Lynda Drummelsmith, Jen Drummelsmith, Maryjo Tait, Amanda Hull

Regrets: Jamie McCaffery, Colette Tobias, Melissa White, Leah Thompson, Rob Tait

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. Additions to the agenda included: AGM Date, Discussions of Beer Tent for Wallacetown Fair, including paying for Smart Serve Certifications, Discussions of thank you for years of Service for Jeff & Carrie Woods, and Letter of Support Request from Municipality, Recap of the Varsity of Game.

Moved By: Gerald Hall

Second By: Nigel Simpson

THAT the agenda be approved as presented with the following additions AGM Date, Discussions of Beer Tent for Wallacetown Fair, including paying for Smart Serve Certifications, Discussions of thank you for years of Service for Jeff & Carrie

Woods, and Letter of Support Request from Municipality, and ReCap of the Varsity Softball Game.

Motion: CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from April 21st, 2024 director's meeting were reviewed.

Moved By: Daniyel Bint

Second By: Nigel Simpson

THAT the minutes of April 21, 2024 are approved as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

3. REPORTS/STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a. Financial Report - Amanda

- i. Current Finances - as presented. Still outstanding is the \$5000 contribution to the Diamonds Improvement Fund; outstanding invoices include money to the St. Thomas Umpire Association for the 2 - Men's Fastball playoff games(\$116); outstanding income includes merchandise money, income from the Varsity game snack booth, and donation from Wallacetown Fair; some outstanding fees from the U18 Hardball playoff games as well. Year end tournament costs increased in 2024 from about \$50-100 per team.
- ii. 2025 Budget - costs per player were budgeted. \$191.49 per hardball player and \$139 per fastball player. Unsure of equipment & jersey purchases for 2025 for upcoming year. Year end tournament fees also increased each year. Discussed the hardball pitching machine for U9 - the legs were too short for hardball. Needs to be added to the 2025 budget.

Moved By: Joanne Galloway

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT the financial report is accepted as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

b. Bingo/Bingo Accounts (Melissa)

- i. AED Purchase - no update at this time.

c. League Updates

- i. OASA/ORSA Update (Lynda) - no update at this time. Possible AGM date but nothing yet.
- ii. Four Counties League (Lynda) - no update at this time.
- iii. Lambton Central Girls Softball League (Daniyel) - no update at this time other than the league was very thrilled with the hosting of the U11 final year Tournament; discussions at the league whether to allow select teams into the house league.
- iv. Western Counties Baseball League (Rob) - some suggestions going forward about league coordinators not convening their divisions that they coach. Suggestion for tournaments that do playoff/play over a week - play in the home centre rather than driving down to Corunna (e.g. Dutton2 and Dutton1 would have had to play in Corunna as the host which doesn't make sense).
- v. London District Baseball Association (Jen) - U18 Hardball - LDBA - asked for us to confirm interest - form was submitted on behalf of DDMB to say yes we have interest in participating in the league.

d. Registration/Registrar Report (Jen)

- i. Registration Re-Cap for 2024:
 - 220 kids registered for 2024. 80 in house league, 29 in 4-Pitch, 26 for fastball, 77 for hardball, and 8 Challenger Baseball.
- ii. 2025 Registration:
 - Projections for 2025:
 - House league - 10 teams
 - 4-Pitch: 2- 4-Pitch Teams
 - Girls: U9 or U11 Girls, U13 Girls
 - Hardball: possibly two (2) U9 teams depending
 - Hardball - 1-U11HB, 1-U13HB, 2 - U15 HB, 1-U18 HB
 - investigate possibly to enter OBA teams/select teams for older ages in WBCA or LDBA
 - Parent survey to U13 - U18 for interest in REP ball for 2025; to be sent out this week to seek interest in REP ball for 2025.
 - Dates
 - Registration Date to be open by November 1st.
 - Travel Teams needed to be registered by March 15th - wiggle room to April 1st.

- 4-Pitch - April 30th Deadline
- House League - End of May - close June 15th
- Late Registration Fees: \$50
- Proposed In-Person Registration Feb 15th and March 1st
- Registration form to include a “interested in playing REP for 2025” check box.
- Rob to clarify if we are bound to Western Counties for REP ball or not.
- Fees:
 - Increases for fees for 2025:
 - i. House League - from \$50 to \$75 + volunteer fee from \$50 to \$100
 - ii. 4-Pitch from \$75 to \$100 + volunteer \$50 to \$100
 - iii. U9 FB/HB: from \$100 to \$125 + volunteer fee \$100
 - iv. HardBall:
 - 1. U11 Hardball: from \$125 to \$175
 - 2. U13 Hardball from \$150 to \$200
 - 3. U15 Hardball: from \$150 to \$200
 - 4. U15 Fastball: from \$150 to \$200
 - 5. U18 Hardball: from \$150 to \$200
 - v. Fastball:
 - 1. U11 Fastball: \$125 to \$150
 - 2. U13 Fastball: from \$150 to \$175
 - 3. Men’s Fastball (U21): from \$175 to \$250 with no volunteer fee
 - vi. Challenger Baseball:
 - 1. \$30 Registration fee (same as 2024)
 - vii. Volunteer Fees:
 - 1. House League/4-Pitch/U9 - volunteer fee \$100 for the season
 - 2. U11 and up Travel teams to be charged \$200 Volunteer Fee

Moved By: Nigel Simpson

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT the proposed Registration Fees to be accepted as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

- iii. Volunteer Fees - House League/4-Pitch/U9 is proposed to be four (4) hours, and U11+ is six (6) hours for the volunteer fee.

Moved By: Amanda Hull

Second By: Joanne Galloway

THAT the proposed - House League/4-Pitch/U9 is proposed to be four (4) hours, to get the volunteer fee back and U11+ is six (6) hours for the volunteer fee to be refunded.

Motion: CARRIED

- iv. Family Coupon for Volunteer Fees: families registering more than three (3) or more - proposed to provide a coupon for the families that they only need to pay two (2) volunteer fees (highest volunteer fees) and complete a maximum of 12 hours.

Moved By: Amanda Hull

Second By: Daniyel McLellan

THAT families registering three (3) or more players are only required to pay and complete volunteer hours for two (2) players for the 2025 season.

Motion: CARRIED

- v. Challenger Baseball - 8 kids registered for 2024 - very positive, lots of great feedback. Jays Care has provided \$500 to cover fees as well as some money for a grant to continue; but they require that we have a separate account with the bank.

Moved By: Gerald Hall

Second By: Daniyel McLellan

THAT Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball open a new bank account at Alterna Credit Union for Challenger Baseball to keep the funds separate. Signatories on the account to be Amanda Hull and Jennifer Drummelsmith.

Motion: CARRIED

- e. Equipment - Gerald
 - i. Equipment Needs for 2025 - ongoing - potentially a few minor things. Will be going through all the equipment to sort what is needed to purchase/repair.
 - ii. Municipality has purchased job boxes for Diamonds # 1 & 2 to store bases etc. Bases and diggers etc.
 - iii. Portable Mound Storage - pad has been poured - 10 x 10 pad - need to come up with a solution for a shed - to store the mound as well as the pitching machines.

- f. Umpire Coordinator Update - Jamie/Rob
 - i. Updated fees from St. Thomas Umpires Association - slight increase for 2025 per game fee - but no increase in mileage
- g. Player Development/Coach Update (Rob)
 - i. Blue Jays Development 2025

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Daniyel McLellan

THAT DDMB submitted an application to host the Blue Jays Development clinic in 2025.

Motion: CARRIED

- h. Uniform Coordinator Update - Joanne (report attached)
 - i. Some of the U9/U11 hardball jerseys pilled - and likely need to be replaced.
 - ii. Discussion on having jersey pick up and equipment pick up days

Moved By: Joanne Galloway

Second By: Amanda Hull

THAT DDMB add a \$50 refundable jersey deposit for 4-Pitch, U9 and up age groups, to be collected at the start of the season, to be refunded to players when jerseys are returned. Additionally, a waiver/note will be added to registration to make parents aware when they register for this additional fee.

Motion: CARRIED

- i. Diamonds Improvements Committee Update - Lynda/Maryjo
 - i. Diamond #2 - just waiting on the final construction of the dugout roofs, and infield of expansion.
 - ii. Diamond # 3 - Municipality is planning to purchase the clay for Diamond #3 - Municipality is planning two (2) loads of clay per diamond.
- j. Volunteer Coordinator Update - Leah
 - i. Discussion on the verification process of completion of hours. Possibly more on team managers, or having coaches verify some of the hours for the team jobs. Discussed pulling the .csv file from the website rather than individual forms as they are submitted.
- k. Publicity & Special Events - Colette
 - i. No update at this time.

- I. Website/Social Media - Maryjo
 - i. No update at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Portable Mound Storage - already discussed - needs a new solution by spring 2025 (prior to ball season).
- b. Beer Tent for Wallacetown Fair, including paying for Smart Serve Certifications.
 - i. very difficult to get parent volunteers; do we want to try it again, do we want to try it again, or try an interim solution.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball will continue volunteering to run the Beer Tent at the Wallacetown Fair. Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball to pay fair entrance fees for volunteers, as well as pay for Smart Serve certifications pending they volunteer for two (2) years. Additionally to request each travel team (U11 and up) to provide two (2) volunteers at the start of the season to work the Wallacetown Fair.

Motion: CARRIED

- c. Thank you for Years of Service for Jeff & Carrie Woods - both directors were on the Board 15+ years.

Moved By: Nigel Simpson

Second By: Amanda Hull

THAT Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball provides a thank-you letter to Jeff and Carrie Woods as well as \$200 gift card as a thank you.

Motion: CARRIED

- d. Letter of Support Request from Municipality

Moved By: Nigel Simpson

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball provides a letter of support to the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich in response to their application to the grant for the repair & rehabilitation of the Dutton Community Pool & adjacent playground.

Motion: CARRIED

- e. Recap of Varsity Softball Game - the ball game was very well received; the concession booth ran and made a profit of \$200. All the popcorn was donated by Leah, and Jen/Lynda donated all the coffee. Teams were very happy, thank you notes were sent. U11 girls loved the opportunity and were happy to participate. Great success overall.

- f. AGM Date & location.

Moved By: Daniyel McLellan

Second By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

THAT Annual General Meeting is planned for Sunday January 19th at 1:00 PM - 3:00PM at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Office.

Motion: CARRIED

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. Next Board Meeting November 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Council Chambers in Dutton.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Amanda

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: CARRIED