

DUTTON/DUNWICH MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH MEETING MINUTES

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 with online call-in on Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday March 27th**.

In Attendance: Lynda Drummelsmith, Carrie Woods, Maryjo Tait, Jen Drummelsmith, Amanda Hull, Gerald Hall, Colette Tobias, Leah Thompson, Jamie McCaffery, Joanne Galloway, Rob Tait

Regrets: Nigel Simpson, Jeff Woods, Melissa Green, Daniyel McLellan

President Lynda welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM . 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. No additions to the agenda were presented.

Moved By: Amanda Hull

Second By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

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

Moved By: Gerald Hull

Second By: Colette Tobais

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

Motion: CARRIED

3. REPORTS/STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Financial Report - Amanda
 - i. Current Finances of the Bank Account were presented to \$15,735.00 to date.
 - ii. Outstanding invoices from Rafflebox in the amount of \$268.73

Moved By: Carrie Woods

Second By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

THAT to pay the outstanding invoices from RaffleBox invoice from the RBC General Account.

Motion: CARRIED

- b. Bingo/Bingo Accounts - Melissa has been in contact with the Mikey Foundation and just need the invoice for the payment and it will be ordered
- c. Lynda - Working on changing signatories on the bingo bank account
- d. League Updates
 - i. OASA/ORSA Update (Jeff/Lynda) - no updates from the league;
 - ii. Four Counties League (Jeff/Lynda) - first meeting of the Four Counties in April; idea is that Four-Pitch will start earlier but likely will be mid-May before anything gets going.
 - iii. Western Counties Baseball League (Rob/Jen) - WCBA has recommended that we investigate looking into rostering both a U9 and U11 hardball team for the season, to try and make smaller teams for more player time. Based on our numbers, it seems like we can do this, but need to give the option to parents as it is a fee change for players that are currently registered as Four-Pitch. Diamond schedule will need to be discussed, as adding another team to the rotation. League fees and team fees are the same. U9

also requires an umpire. Increased fees were discussed for that age group. Jen will reach out to the families to see who is interested in moving to U9 Hardball. Scheduling meetings for the coaches for the U9, U11, U13, and U15 Hardball is the first weekend of May.

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT the U9 hardball player fee for 2024 will be \$100 (\$25 increase from the current four-pitch registration fee). Volunteer fees will remain the same as the Four-Pitch (\$50).

Motion: CARRIED

- iv. London District Baseball Association (Rob/Jen) - League meeting was last night, to confirm our interest. Registration will be a U18 Select team - must be finalized by April 8th. League fees are due by April 9; scheduling meeting is April 23rd. Hoping to start games in May. There are currently three (3) teams in the Select league, but teams can play any of the OBA teams. Evan Ross is going to apply to coach the U18 team, Tyler Mosher is interested in being an assistant coach and Matt Brown as well. Jen will look into the umpires if there are umpires available through the league. Jen has submitted the forms for the U18 Select team.
 - v. Lambton Central Girls Softball League - for the U11 Fastball (girls) team - the league meeting is on April 6th, league fees \$300 for the team plus a \$100 bond. Forms have been submitted to register the teams. DDMB offered to host the Lambton Girls U11 year end tournament.
- e. Registration (Jen)
- i. Registration Numbers to Date
 - Timbits U3: 11 kids
 - Timbits U5: 23 kids
 - Timbits U7: 22 kids
 - U9 Four Pitch: 24 kids
 - U11 Fastball: 10 kids
 - U13 Fastball: 1 kids - will move to U11 Fastball
 - U11 Hardball: 16 kids
 - U13 Hardball: 11 kids
 - U15 Hardball: 12 kids
 - U18 Hardball: 8 kids

- Cutoff date for the Travel teams is April 8th.
- Challenger Baseball - registration is open. Uniforms have arrived from Jays Care Challenger Baseball program, equipment will be sent soon. There has been lots of excitement from families.
- Municipal Baseball program - 8 kids in the younger age group, 16 kids in the older group, about half of the kids are not registered for ball right now.

f. Equipment

- Pitching Machine Parts - parts were located - do not need to purchase parts.
- Dimple Balls for Pitching Machines - quote from Source TeamWorks is \$80/dozen + hst - 9, 11, and 12 -

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Rob Tait

THAT two dozen of each size are purchased, size 9, 11, and 12 to cover the hardball and fastball leagues from Source TeamWorks, at a cost of \$80/dozen +hst.

Motion: CARRIED

- Portable Mound Purchase - many different quotes of costs have been provided. Gerald will keep looking into the options and talking with other associations to find a solution.

- Equipment Storage & Room Cleanup Update (Jen) - deferred

g. Umpire Coordinator Update - Jamie/Rob

- Fastball - Jamie - no update
- Hardball - Rob
 - Has been working on new kids that are interested in getting trained as umpires for hardball. Can post that we are looking for umpires for ages U9/U11/U13 games.

h. Player/Coach Development (Rob/Jeff)

- i. no update at this time. Coach applications are still being accepted.

- i. Uniform Coordinator Update (Jo)
 - i. Will be getting together with Jo to go through the Jersey inventory.
 - ii. Timbits/House League Jerseys - Tim Hortons contract has not been renewed with Softball Ontario - so there will be no jerseys provided for the U3/U5/U7 kids. Lynda reached out to get quotes:
 - Sean Winship: Cotton T-Shirt with Dutton Royals on front and number on the back - \$17.40 (includes taxes) each
 - Team Sabo: Cotton-T-shirt - Dutton Royals/number on back \$16.10 + taxes. (\$7.10 for the shirt - and the logo was \$9.
 - Additional options were discussed - Gildan Cotton shirts - \$5.27/shirt + tax. Youth sizes XS - XL Youth.
 - iii. Four Pitch Jerseys - Lynda will be pricing out with Sean Winship - will be dry-fit to be returned each year. Quotes will be coming before the board.

- j. Diamonds Improvements Committee Update (Jeff)
 - Update on Diamonds - Diamond 1 construction is ongoing - almost done.

Moved By: Amanda Hull

Second By: Daniyel McLellan

THAT

a letter sent to the Council of Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich to redirect the previous \$20, 000 requested for Diamond 2 to Diamond 3; and the \$5,000 of the DDMB funds contributed to Diamond 2 be allocated towards Diamond 3 to get it playable for U15/U18 for a spring 2024 start.

Motion: CARRIED

- Additional fundraising ideas were discussed - including the battery plant in Talbotville and perhaps suggest approaching Southwest Middlesex, as a number of Glencoe youth play in Dutton.

- k. Volunteer Coordinator Update - Leah/Jen
 - i. 2024 Volunteer Hours Proposal

Moved By: Jennifer Drummelsmith

Second By: Gerald Hall

THAT the volunteer hours for a house league/Four Pitch/U9 Hardball are four (4) hours for the \$50 volunteer fee refund, and for the Travel Teams (U11+) is five (5) hours for the \$150 fee refund.

Motion: CARRIED

I. Volunteer fees will be bulk processed once a year.

m. Publicity & Special Events

i. Picture Day 2024

- Colette is looking into picture days. Community Centre will be booked for the photos so they can be done indoors and are not dependent on weather.

ii. Canada Day Game Day

- Yes there is interest in running some sort of baseball showcase.

iii. Year End Awards

- In previous years, banquets, evenings at the park, nothing has happened post COVID. Lion's Club has worked to provide food etc in the past as well, and give awards after. Sometimes it was for the travel teams only, as the house league year end are usually given out at their year end. There is a memorial award - Saunders. To be discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

Designate the date for the next Board meeting: Sunday April 21st 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Amanda Hull

THAT

The meeting was adjourned.

Motion: CARRIED