

# DUTTON/DUNWICH MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY MARCH 2ND, 2025 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 on **Sunday March 2nd, 2025**.

**In Attendance:** Lynda Drummelsmith, Maryjo Tait, Jen Drummelsmith, Gerald Hall, Leah Thompson, Daniel McLellan, Joanne Galloway, Stacey Penney

**Regrets:** Nigel Simpson, Amanda Hull

President Jen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at **1:04 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:** Leah Thompson

**Second By:** Lynda Drummelsmith

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion: CARRIED**

## 2. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

**Moved By:** Gerald Hall

**Second By:** Stacey Penny

THAT the minutes of the January 19, 2025 director's meeting are approved.

**Motion: CARRIED**

## 3. REPORTS/STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Financial Report - Amanda (report wee attached)
  - i. Current Finances were presented.
- b. League Updates
  - i. OASA/ORSA Update (Lynda) - waiting on some information for coach certifications and playdowns. Put forward that we are available to host tournaments (usually June/July) for the girls U11 teams. Lynda will check with Charlotte for the diamond availability and perhaps we can host for U11 girls and maybe the others if we have our team information sorted.
  - ii. Four Counties League (Lynda) - no meetings to date. Hoping for DDMB to take more of the lead for 4-Pitch to make sure it goes forward and is organized.
  - iii. Lambton Central Girls Softball League (Daniel) - no league meeting to date for the season. Girls clinic is starting at the Community centre this week. Registration is close to 30 participants. Carly Archer will be leading the drills, she was a varsity softball player. U15+ for LCGSF - debating playdown style for year end but doesn't impact DDMB teams.
  - iv. Western Counties Baseball League (Rob) - March 20th is the executive meeting. March 27th
    - U15 REP - WCBA said we can enter our U15 as an OBA team, but the date to know if the team will be a rep team is required by the league by April 15th.
    - WCBA also mentioned that select tournaments are an option, and can build a U15 select team that just enters tournaments.
    - Rob will be remaining on the WCBA board, will likely put forward for U13 convenor; would like to bring forward to WCBA to host U13 tournament.

- Jen will book the weekends of the 9th and the 16th of August with the Municipality of us to possibly host the girls and U13 hardball tournament
- v. London District Baseball Association (Jen) - no update. Looks like WCBA will have U18 and U21 this season so that is also a possibility if we have the numbers.
- c. Registration Update/Registrar - Jen
  - i. Current Registration Numbers
    - U9 Girls - 8 team is a go - need a few more
    - U11 Girls - team is a go - there are 14 registered
    - U13 Girls - 6 so far - need some more
    - Jen will ask CCharlotte for the list of who is currently registered for the girls skills. Need to keep recruiting for the u13 girls
    - U9 hardball is at 13 players
    - U11 hardball - 11 currently registered
    - U13 capped at 13 and 2 on the waitlist
    - U15 - 10 registered - 8 out of 10 are interested in a select or rep team.
    - need more registrations at U13 girls, U15 hardball, U18 hardball, and U21 hardball.
    - Extend the registration date until March 16th - in order to try and get more of the registrations and then discuss again at the Board level. Specifically to discuss the options for the U15 REP>Select or U15 House league and tournament team.
- d. Tentative Diamonds Schedule for 2025 - Maryjo
  - i. Tentative Diamonds schedule was discussed:
    - As it stands, the following home nights are proposed for travel teams:
      - a. Monday - U13 Hardball
      - b. Tuesdays - U11 Fastball
      - c. Wednesday -U11 Hardball
      - d. Thursdays - U9 Girls & U13 Girls
      - e. Fridays - U9 Hardball, U15 Hardball and U18 Hardball
      - f. If U21 hardball, it could go later on Monday Nights or Wednesday nights after the other hardball teams.

**Moved By:** Rob Tait

**Second By:** Lynda Drummelsmith

THAT the diamonds scheduled for 2025 be accepted as tentative. Potential changes if there are team changes.

**Motion: CARRIED**

e. Equipment - Gerald

- i. Equipment needs for 2025 - everything looks pretty good, just a couple things for back catchers equipment. Jen to send Gerald the list of the teams confirmed to Gerald - may need some additional girls equipment.

f. Umpire Coordinator Update - Jamie/Rob

- i. Hardball Umpires - for hardball umpires, we have all of our umpires returning and a new one that is interested but has already been trained through another association so that cost will not have to be paid by DDMB. Would like to set 2025 hardball umpire fees.

**Moved By:** Leah Thompson

**Second By:** Daniyel Bint

THAT the 2025 hardball umpire fees to be set at \$50 a game, plus \$25 for their gear reimbursement for Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball new umpires only until they reach \$400.

**Motion: CARRIED**

ii. Fastball Umpires - fees not yet received from the league.

g. Player Development/Coach Update (Rob)

- i. Coach applications are open and received - just need to be reviewed and set.
- ii. Fastball - Rob/Jen to forward to Lynda who the fastball coaches are so they can get the required training.
- iii. Jays Care - funding - Diversity and Inclusion training
- iv. U15 REP>Select - if that team goes through that coach will also need to do a significant amount of training
- v. If there are multiple coach applications for specific age group will need to discuss

h. Uniform Coordinator Update - Joanne

- i. Pick-Up Jersey nights might be a possibility

- ii. Will need to look at the teams to see what else is needed
- iii. Little Peps from Jeff - Jo to go to Jeff and ask for clarification on what he is looking for and the amount. House League jerseys last year were \$1200 - and sponsored/donated by Egg Farmers of Ontario. We believe Jeff is interested in sponsoring U3 teams. Jen and Jo will need to meet and go over the jerseys to figure out what is needed based on the current teams.
- i. Diamonds Improvements Committee Update - Lynda/Maryjo
  - i. Jays Care Stage 2 submission sent in. No other updates.
  - ii. Maryjo to get Home/Away signs four (4) printed for Diamond #2.
  - iii. Grain Farmers of Ontario Community Improvement Fund
- j. Volunteer Coordinator Update - Leah
  - i. Parent that needs 1 hour left over from last season - fine to go ahead and give them their reimbursement.
- k. Publicity & Special Events - Vacant
  - i. Picture Day Coordinator - Stacey will look into picture day - some ideas are to also ask if they will make sure free team photos are included for everyone, and to consider multiple nights and team assigned times. And should be a photographer with a green screen background.
- l. Website/Social Media - Maryjo - no updates.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Portable Mound Storage - defer for now.
- b. Dutton Royals Apparel - if we are interested, Lynda can reach out to Sean about the apparel. Lynda also asked about hats, t-shirts, sweaters, and bags. Hats to be a snapback and flex fit. Also to see if it is an option for us to take pre-orders again.

#### **5. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Designate the date for the next Board meeting: **Sunday April 13th, 2025 at 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** at the Dutton/Dunwich Council Chambers.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By:** Daniyel Bint

THAT the meeting was adjourned.

**Motion: CARRIED**