

# DUTTON/DUNWICH MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

## SUNDAY APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 2025**.

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

**Regrets:** Jamie McCaffery, Nigel Simpson

President Jen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at **1:02 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.



Rob Tait declared a conflict of interest with the WESS Varsity Request to use the Portable Mound.

Additions to the agenda included under "New Business" - request to borrow jerseys from Dunwich Dutton Public School.

**Moved By:** Gerald Hall

**Second By:** Stacey Penny

THAT the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of New Business - request from Dunwich Dutton Public School.

**Motion: CARRIED**

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

**Moved By:** Leah Thompson

**Second By:** Gerald

THAT the minutes of the March 2nd, 2025 director's meeting are approved.

**Motion: CARRIED**

## 3. REPORTS/STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a. Financial Report - Amanda *Report presented*

i. Current Finances & 2025 Budget - outstanding expenses just are the Lambton Central Girls league fees - \$300 per team.

**Moved By:** Lynda Drummelsmith

**Second By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT the financial report is accepted as presented.

**Motion: CARRIED**

b. Bingo Update - *Report presented*

**Moved By:** Daniyel McLellan

**Second By:** Amanda Ford

THAT approves a budget of \$200 to get four (4) vests made to fulfill our charity requirements for dress code requirements.

**Motion: CARRIED**

i. AED Purchase - Gerald and Jen will look into through the Fire Department to get the AED purchased.

c. League Updates

i. OASA/ORSA Update (Lynda) - No update from OASA. ORSA playdowns need to be registered - for U11 the first weekend in July. U11 girls will not be participating.

ii. Four Counties League (Lynda) - no update from Four Counties. Fingal, Port Stanley, Chippewa, Dutton, and Corunna all have

4-Pitch teams. Port Stanley and Fingal also have interest in U7s playing fun games with other centres. To be discussed for Dutton at a later date.

- iii. Lambton Central Girls Softball League (Daniel) - Spring meeting - May 15th the rosters for all three (3) girls teams are due.
  - All coaches and bench staff must be in proper uniform.
  - League is requesting that we submit what we pay our umpires. The plate umpires must be a year older than the girls playing.
  - Cages are mandatory for pitchers and strongly recommended for infields.
  - Helmets must have cages & straps.
  - APs/Overages must be identified at the beginning of each game.
  - Scorekeeping - most teams have switched to GameChanger. Possibly something we can look into.
  - Pitching circle needs to be 8' in circumference going forward.
  - Overages can catch (but not pitch).
  - For APs to play in year end tournaments they need to have played in at least three (3) games.
  - U9 Scheduling meeting April 24th - in Wallaceburg 6:30PM
  - U11 Scheduling Meeting April 23rd in Camlachie 6:30 PM
  - U13 Scheduling Meeting - April 25th Port Lambton 6:30 PM.
  - U9 Year end Tournament - Wallaceburg - August 8th - 10th
  - U11 Year end Tournament - Camlachie - August 22nd - 24th
  - U13 Year End Tournament Port Lambton - August 15th - 17th.
  - Wallaceburg has decided to host a "friendship" tournament for U9/U11/U13 and it will be free for all teams.
- iv. Western Counties Baseball League (Rob)
  - Rob has been appointed to WBCA as the River League director
  - Team fees are due \$100 per team
  - U15/U18 Discussion ***Report presented.***
    - a. WCBA River League would like to combine U15 and U18 players as one team. Most centres are onboard. U15 is grade 9, U18 is Grade 10 - Grade 12.
    - b. Concerns have been raised about grade 9 kids playing against U18 players.

- c. For numbers, we have 14 - U15s registered. We only have 4 - U18s registered.
- d. Recommendations for U15/U18 combined levels - recommend that for pitch counts - U15 pitches to their counts and U18 pitches to their counts
- e. Options - Enter a U15/U18 team in WCBA or enter a U15 in LDBA.
- f. Rob will compile any concerns/lists of ideas by Tuesday for a combined new U15/U18 division.
- g. Jen will send out a google form to parents to seek their input.
- h. Rob will also put forward hosting WBCA River league tournaments if possible.

**Moved By:** Lynda Drummelsmith

**Second By:** Amanda Hull

THAT the pay the 2025 league fees to all leagues as required.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- v. London District Baseball Association (Jen) - meeting last week - as of right now DDMB has no teams.
- d. Registration Update/Registrar - Jen
  - i. U9/U11/U13 Girls Teams
  - ii. U9 Hardball - 2 Teams
  - iii. U11 Hardball - 1 team
  - iv. U13 Hardball - 2 Teams
  - v. U15 - 14 registrations + 4-U18 players
  - vi. 1 - U3 team
  - vii. 4 - U5 teams
  - viii. 4 - U7 teams
  - ix. 2 - 4-Pitch teams
- e. Diamond Scheduling/Game Day Operations:
  - i. Revisions to schedule - **Report presented**
    - Discussed that for second game teams - it is the responsibility of the second team to ensure the diamond is set up for their games.

**Moved By:** Stacey Penny

**Second By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT the 2025 Diamonds schedule is accepted as presented.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- f. Equipment - Gerald - list of equipment supplies which includes mostly baseball.
  - i. U9/U11/U13 softball girls need 11" game balls & practice balls.
  - ii. Practice & Game balls need to be purchased for hardball as well.
  - iii. Catcher's Equipment - may need to still move around
  - iv. Bats - need to purchase some fastball bats - Gerald will get a list together.
- g. Umpire Coordinator Update - Jamie/Rob
  - i. Hardball all umpires are returning, an additional hardball umpire became trained.
  - ii. Fastball Umpires: for St. Thomas Softball Umpires - U13 will be \$55 per umpire, U9/U11 \$50 per umpire. If there is only 1 umpire at the game its \$60.00 mileage \$28 split between the umpires.
- h. Player Development/Coach Update (Rob)
  - i. Coaching - additional applications have come in. Most teams only received 1 application per age group so one coach per team has been assigned.
- i. Uniform Coordinator Update - Joanne ***Report presented***
  - i. Need to Order:
    - 1 set of U9 Girls Jerseys,
    - 2 sets of U9 hardball jerseys,
    - U11 Hardball - missing a few jerseys - need to order 5 jerseys
    - U13 Hardball - 2 sets of jerseys
  - ii. Travel Team jersey pick-up day. Jersey day is a fee and is cash/e-transfer and when your jersey is returned that fee is returned.
  - iii. House League jerseys - pick up day also.
  - iv. Carmichaels wants to support the youngest teams - logo will be on the youngest house league jerseys. U3 - 2 teams and U5 - 4 teams. Joanne will go to Jeff and see what he says.

**Moved By:** Gerald Hall

**Second By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT DDMB approves a budget of \$14.25 per shirt with Union Sports Sales to provide the house league shirts with our logo, number, and sponsor logo.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- j. Diamonds Improvements Committee Update - Lynda/Maryjo
  - i. Plan to do it in Dutton - plan to do it outside centred towards Diamond #3, with the pavilion - DDPS school as the back up.
- k. Volunteer Coordinator Update - Leah
- l. Publicity & Special Events
  - i. Director of Publicity & Special Events motion

**Moved By:** Rob Tait

**Second By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT Stacey Penney is appointed as the Director of Publicity & Special Events.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- ii. Photo Day Info ***Report presented***
  - Stacey will get some clarification from Capture it Media for coaches photos and our 2 hour session.
  - Potentially schedule Photo day June 16 - June 19
  - Dates to avoid:
    - a. Alborough Celtic Camp Trip: June 10 - 13th
    - b. Dutton Celtic Camp - June 13 - June 16th
    - c. Alborough Grade 8 Grade: June 24th
    - d. Dutton Grade 8 Graduation June 25th

**Moved By:** Gerald Hall

**Second By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT DDMB approves to retain Capture it for Photo Day for the 2025 season.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- m. Website/Social Media - Maryjo -no updates at this time.
- n. Electronic Motions passed via email/google form vote:

**Moved By:** Maryjo Tait

**Second By:** Gerald Hall

THAT DDMB makes a \$100 donation in memory of Evelyn McCaffery to the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Maryjo Tait

**Second By:** Jennifer Drummelsmith

THAT DDMB donates \$100 to The Grace Cafe in memory of Rob Sabo.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Amanda Hull

**Second By:** Maryjo Tait

to re-name the bingo account to "Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball cgaming In Trust" and to add Jennifer Drummelsmith (President) and Rob Tait (Vice-President) as signatories on the account.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Maryjo Tait

**Second By:** Amanda Hull

THAT one (1) Bingo Shift with Jackpot City of St. Thomas on behalf of Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball is worth three (3) hours of volunteer refund.

**Motion: CARRIED**

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request from West Elgin Secondary School Varsity Baseball Coach
  - i. Requested use of DDMB portable mound for home games on May 6th, May 13th, May 22nd, and a few practice dates TBD. Diamonds will be rented independently from the Municipality. Coach states they will be responsible for storing it after games/practices.

**Moved By:** Daniyel McLellan

**Second By:** Lynda Drummelsmith

THAT DDMB approves the WESS Varsity Ball to use the portable mound for the 2025 ball season.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- b. Portable Mound Storage - Maryjo and Gerald to look into the cost of having someone construct a shed.
- c. Request to Borrow Jerseys for Dunwich - Dutton Public School April 30th Spring Primary Play "It's a Hit.
  - i. Spring primary play is Wednesday April 30th - two shows 12:30 PM and 6:30 PM. It is a "Musical of Innings and Winnings." students have been asked to wear their own baseball shirts. Jenny Price is asking for the use of 30 jerseys in youth sizes, as she would like to showcase the Dutton Royals and have her whole class in Dutton Royals jerseys.

Possibly would also be interested in additional youth jerseys if we have them - there are 6 classes - they would just be used for those kids that have nothing to wear.

Jerseys would be provided to kids to wear during the performance and collected at the end of the performance and returned to DDMB.

**Moved By:** Gerald Hall**Second By:** Stacey Penney

THAT DDMB approves allowing use of the 2024 4-Pitch jerseys (around 30 jerseys) and then will work with teachers to provide any extras to borrow if we have them.

**Motion: CARRIED**

House league to start June 16 - June 19th week.

**5. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Designate the date for the next Board meeting: **Sunday May 25th 2025 at 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** at the Dutton/Dunwich Council Chambers.

**6. ADJOURNMENT****Moved By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT the meeting is adjourned.

**Motion: CARRIED**