

# DUTTON/DUNWICH MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY MAY 25, 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 May 25, 2025**.

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

**Regrets:** Lynda Drummelsmith, Nigel Simpson, Jamie McCaffery, Amanda Hull

President Jen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at **1:07 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.



Additions to the agenda were presented. Two (2) teams have requested the board to pay for their additional tournament fees. As well, the U11 Hardball team has requested the creation of a specific volunteer position to help with lining of the diamonds. .

**Moved By:** Stacey Penney

**Second By:** Gerald Hall

THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the following additions under "New Business": to discuss additional tournament fees and the creation of a volunteer position of U11 Hardball.

**Motion: CARRIED**

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

**Moved By:** Leah Thompson

**Second By:** Stacey Penney

THAT the minutes of the April 13, 2025 director's meeting are approved.

**Motion: CARRIED**

## 3. REPORTS/STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

a. Treasurer Report - Amanda

i. May General Account - report was presented. General account was presented at \$38, 593.31 with outstanding expenses of \$7, 409.10.

**Moved By:** Stacey Penny

**Second By:** Leah Thompson

THAT the financial report is accepted as presented.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Amanda Hull (via report)

**Second By:** Maryjo Tait

THAT DDMB pays the outstanding expenses of \$7, 409.10 from the general account as outlined in the Treasurer Report for equipment and softball (girls) umpire fees.

**Motion: CARRIED**

ii. Bingo Update

- Bingo Account - Received the first bingo share of \$1, 474.77. Legacy bingo funds remain in the account that were for the AED Purchase.
- AED Purchase - Amanda has a quote from the Mikey Network for \$1950 plus \$280 for the cabinet plus HST for a total of approximately \$2, 519.90. Gerald has some additional information - will hold on purchasing for now - once the quotes are received, will check the prices with the Mikey Network quote Amanda has and will send a vote over email on which package to purchase
- Items approved for Bingo Purchases - The account cannot go over \$10, 000. The permit outlines exactly what items we can use the bingo funds for:
  - Equipment

- Diamond rental fees
- Registration fees
- Uniforms
- Diamond Maintenance
- Umpires Fees
- Player development/coaching

Discussed that eventually we should purchase a new multi-pitching machine, but that could be a discussion for the off-season and could be used when a couple months of expenses are accumulated. Discussion agreed that the things on the permit are what we can use for the bingo funds and Amanda to bring things forward to the board as the invoices come in.

- b. League Updates
  - i. OASA/ORSA Update - Lynda - no update - all insurance will be filled out this week.
  - ii. Four Counties League - Lynda no -update
  - iii. Lambton Central Girls Softball League - Daniyel - no update
  - iv. Western Counties Baseball League - Rob - year end tournaments for U11 August 15 - 17th in Alvinston and U13 August 8 -10th - Dresden. No date yet for the U9 tournament. There is a select team in the U13 division- Rob to check if games against this team count against standings. The select team will not be playing in the year end tournament. Rob will follow up with WBCA. Overage players still need to be identified at the plate.
  - v. London District Baseball Association - Jen - no update as no team in the division this season.
- c. Registration Update/Registrar - Jen - no updates. Will get a date together for the house league jersey pick up by the end of this week.
- d. Diamond Scheduling/Game Day Operations - Maryjo - no update
- e. Equipment - Gerald - really need to get on the coaches on saving balls because practice/game balls are around \$80 a box. Talked about getting buckets for the coaches and just purchasing the lids. Additional request from the U13 Girls - asked for 2 bats - at 30" and 32". Gerald believes we will have those sizes and will check. U13 Girls are also requesting additional helmets and a new catcher's helmet.

**Moved By:** Daniyel McLellan

**Second By:** Joanne Galloway

THAT we approve purchasing approximately 10 buckets and lids at Rona for ball buckets.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Moved By:** Rob Tait

**Second By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT we approve purchasing 2 bats, 1 catcher's helmet and 3 players helmet **only** if it is determined they need replaced.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- f. Umpire Coordinator Update - Jamie/Rob - no updates
- g. Player Development/Coach Update - Rob - no update
- h. Uniform Coordinator Update - Joanne - send a membership and coaches email about game jerseys are to be used only for games
- i. Diamonds Improvements Committee Update - Lynda/Maryjo
- j. Volunteer Coordinator Update - Leah
  - i. Items for Volunteer Hours Discussion
    - Scorekeeping - 4 games = 6 hours refund
    - Pitch Count - 4 games = 6 hours
    - Home Scoreboard - 4 home games = 6 hours
    - send this information to the coaches.

**Moved By:** Stacey Penney

**Second By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT we allow volunteer hours to be collected for scorekeeping, pitch count, and home scoreboard - each position will be 4 games and that will be a 6 hours refund.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- k. Publicity & Special Events - Stacey - Picture Day is upcoming - confirmed for June 17th and June 19th - more specific details as the times. Stacey will send an email to get it confirmed and Maryjo to put in the team calendars as a team event (4:30 PM - 9:30 PM)

- I. Website/Social Media - Maryjo - no update
- m. Portable Mound Storage Update - Gerald - concerns about mound - can we use the metal cleats on the mound. Recommendation is that players do not.

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

- a. Additional Purchase of Hats - Jen - Sean can get more in about 2 weeks - they would be just under \$25.

**Moved By:** Leah Thompson

**Second By:** Joanne Galloway

THAT we approve purchasing 50 snapback hats at approximately 20 each.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- b. Board Registration Fees for 2025

**Moved By:** Gerald Hall

**Second By:** Joanne Galloway

THAT we approve that each board member receives 1 registration of their oldest child.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- c. Additional Tournament Fees - a couple of teams have requested to have their tournament fees paid in addition - the Board covers the fees for the year end tournament. Discussed that additional tournaments are at the expense of the team, however if there are players on subsidy, they can apply directly to the board to cover their position of the registration fee.

**Moved By:** Stacey Penney

**Second By:** Gerald Hall

THAT additional tournaments are at the expense of the players/parents/team however, players on subsidy can apply to the board to have their portion of the fee covered.

**Motion: CARRIED**

- d. U11 Volunteer - U11 coaches are looking to delegate a volunteer to set up diamonds before practices/games. At this time, they can use volunteers from the teams/coaches.

**Moved By:** Rob Tait

**Second By:** Joanne Galloway

THAT setting up the diamonds before and after practices/games is not eligible for volunteer hours.

**Motion: CARRIED**

## **5. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Designate the date for the next Board meeting: **Sunday October 19th 2025** at the Dutton/Dunwich Council Chambers. Additional items to go via email.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By:** Daniyel McLellan

THAT the meeting is adjourned.

**Motion: CARRIED**