

**Guelph Minor Baseball Association Inc.**

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**March 7th, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Start time** – 703pm

**Members Present;** Brodie Richards, Mark Ferarro, Shawn Malott, Jim Price, Rob Robinson, Stefanie Mocuik, Dave Shapka, Donato Dibucchianico, Jeff Hoffman, Sean Staniforth, Heather Sutcliffe, Libby Malott, Vicki Marshall, Koko Gillis, Deb Raco

**Members Absent;** Iain Durk, Adam Fanjoy, Cory Hanley, Harrison Young

**Approval of March 7th Agenda;** motion – Rob Robinson; 2nd - Sean Staniforth; motion carried

**Approval of February 7th meeting minutes**; motion – Jeff Hoffman; 2nd – Shawn Malott; motion carried

**President’s Report** – Mark Ferarro

* Mark attended the ICBA President’s meeting.
* Home Runs for Hospice will be held June 15th
  + Mark met with the HRH group and has asked the Board if GMBA would consider helping with diamond cost this year as the group raised $2500 and were then charged $1200 for diamond fees.
  + Last year GMBA provided baseballs, bats and pitching machines to the event
  + We don’t want this event to be a financial burden to the group
  + HRH has also asked GMBA to help promote the event to our membership
  + Heather will be working on this and looking to find fun ways to connect our membership through this event
  + OPEN ITEM to be voted on at the April 4th meeting

**Finance Report** – Donato Dibucchianico, Shawn Malott

* Financial statement from October 1 – February 28th was given. Information available from Donato upon request. [finance@gmba.ca](mailto:finance@gmba.ca)
* Shawn spoke about our current Bell phone contract and the value of having a phone line within GMBA
  + Contract until 2020 which is quite expensive for what we use it for
  + Board discussion leads to no longer having a phone line, using email to our advantage and further arrangements with membership through this method
  + GMBA will break the contract and look elsewhere for new internet provider
  + GMBA will utilize social media so people realize it is their point of contact

**ICBA Report** – Stefanie Mocuik

* UIC ICBA representative is on hold because OBA has a program developed for this purpose
* The lightning policy is being renamed
* Concussion management protocols are in early discussion/development
* Discussion of the rule of 2
* Pitching apps are now live
* OBA first aider is allowed on the bench but not in uniform and must have St. John’s first aid course or be a registered health care provider
* Minor Bantam loops will be combined into one for this season
* Bantam T1 has no loop so what to do with this group is still in discussion
* Rule changes have been sent out to our Board for discussion for the up coming season

**Registration – Deb Raco**

* Lower than last season registration numbers right now.
* 2018 ~ 911 and 2019 ~ 737
* Focus on getting unpaid players to pay before deadline and if not they will not be placed on teams

**Rep Committee Report** – Brodie Richards

* 4 teams left to roster
* Minor Rookie T2 needs to provide birth certificates still, coaches are not attending NCCP clinics and one player has still not paid
* Regarding Rep budgets
  + Collecting them and analysing them
  + There are 4 teams using non parent coaches this year and all 4 teams have different budget styles
  + Rep committee would like to look at expectations for non parent coaches and a possible common budget approach with non parent coaches.

**House League Committee** – Jim Price, Koko Gillis

* Convener meeting was held since the last board meeting.
* A convener is still needed for Midget division
* Right now, working on getting coaches for teams
* There is on going discussion on what to do with requests to play up divisions
* There are 2 players who played t ball last year but should have played Rally Cap and they are requesting to play pre minor rookie this season.
  + After discussion, this issue is an Open Item for the April Board meeting, to allow for evaluation.
* Discussion about Rally Cap and how we can keep this group in our system when more and more are asking to play up a division for various reasons.
* Coaches are going to be given 2 choices for practice nights

**Select Committee** – Jeff Hoffman

* Rookie and Mosquito Select tryouts are finished and Peewee has started with about 43 at the first tryout
* Bantam and Midget start next week and finish up on the 30th
* Jeff and Jim feel there is more work to be done before GMBA makes a decision to be part of the SWOBA loop
  + SWOBA would like a decision by March 15th
  + If GMBA does not join, can our Select teams still qualify for SOBAs? A SOBA representative has said no.
  + Our ICBA OBA representative will be contacted to have further discussions

**Technical Development** – Rob Robinson

* The Technical committee has met a couple of times
* The Rep and Select coach clinics were held at PPA with about 25 coach present
* HL Coach clinic will be held May 2 at 7pm
* The portable pitching mounds have arrived at Marden
* There will be a clinic package for the first couple weeks of HL for Rookie to Peewee players

**Tournaments** – Brodie Richards

* The Minor Bantam tournament is full
* All other tournaments are a bit slower to fill up. Other centers have put tournaments on the same date so there is competition out there this year

**Risk Management** – Stefanie Mocuik

* 23 PRCs still outstanding

**Special Events** – Heather Sutcliffe

* Working with Home Runs for Hospice
* Photo Day is confirmed for the end of May
* Spoke to most of the high school guidance departments to let them know about volunteering with GMBA for hours

**Sponsorship** – Jeff Hoffman

* About 6 sponsors so far

**Motion** put forth to adjourn the meeting at 935pm by Heather Sutcliffe

2nd by Deb Raco

Motion carried

**Next meeting will be held on April 4th at 7pm.**