



## **Guelph Minor Baseball Association Inc.**

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### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, April 2nd, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Meeting was held virtually, using Zoom Video Conferencing.

**Present:** Richard Elmes, Vicki Marshall, Libby Malott, Erik Tremblay, Cory Hanley, Ryan Herron, Adam Fanjoy, Stefanie Mocuik, Jim Price, Heather MacPherson, Jeff Hoffman, Rob Robinson, Dave Shapka, Sean Staniforth, Iain Durk, Koko Gillis, Kevin Caron

**Absent:** None

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Vicki. Seconded by Dave. Approved

#### **Approval of Minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Moved by Jim. Seconded by Sean. Approved.

#### **Declaration of Conflicts**

None received

#### **COVID-19: Financial Implications**

- Donato was invited but could not attend due to a conflict
- Jeff provided an overview of Expected 2020 Expenses
  - \$50K in Equipment and Uniforms

- \$83K in Fixed Costs (\$13K is for Sept-Dec)
- \$133K in Total Costs that must be covered in 2020 Calendar Year.
- Additional \$25K in Pending Equipment Costs that are being held
- Jeff presented two scenarios for consideration

**Scenario 1: Partial Season is played**

- Families would cover Fixed Costs, Equipment Etc.
- Would only be reimbursed for games/practices that did not occur.

**Scenario 2: No Season**

- GMBA would be responsible to return fees and offset expenses.
- Rep teams would cover expenses already consumed (Marden/BEC/PPA/NCCP Training etc..)
- Current Estimates would require GMBA to hold back ~83\$/player when returning fees to cover fixed costs.

- With Scenario 2, all options are on the table to offset expenses
- Suggestion was made to ask families to donate more/full fees back to GMBA
- Suggestion made to discuss options with bank, gov't loan programs
- Jeff identified that we could access \$50K GIC to offset Equipment Costs, and use 2021 Equipment Budget to pay pack the GIC.
- Action: Jeff/Donato to discuss options with Landlord

**COVID19: House League Contingency**

- Jim walked us through the House League Altered Start Date Scenarios document shared prior to the meeting.
- Heather: noted that general feedback from House League parents, is that they want to play even if the season is modified.
- Ian noted that the City of Toronto canceled all outdoor activities until June 30.
- Libby noted that she provided the alternate scenarios to the city and is waiting feedback on the options
- Was also noted that the city just laid off all casual workers, which may have an impact on when we can start back up, as this will likely include field maintenance teams

**In Person Baseball Activities**

- Motion to continue with no in-person baseball activities across GMBA until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 brought forward by Jeff

Seconded by Richard  
Motion Carried

### **Rep Program**

- Guidance from Ontario baseball is that all baseball activities are on hold until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- OBA feedback is still pending.

### **ICBA Update**

- ICBA still in discussion on what a partial season will look like & OBA feedback is still pending.
- Motion to adopt Baseball Ontario Player Code of Conduct put forward by Stefanie  
Seconded by Jim  
Motion Carried

### **Select Program:**

- Both Hamilton East and Hamilton West Centers will be part of the loop.
- SWOBA will likely fold

### **Registration Update**

- Currently at 1007 registrations (750 house league)
- 22 families on subsidies
- 11 with family rates
- 4 families on Payment plans
- 13U only has 49 Registrations.

### **Houseleague Playing Up Policy**

- Motion to adopt GMBA House League Playing up Policy to be effective for the 2021 Season put forward by Jim  
Seconded by: Kevin  
Motion Carried
- 2020 requests will continue using the existing process

### **Houseleague Playing-up Requests**

- One Player Request brought forward
- Adam confirmed that the Player only received his white hat in the Rally Cap program and has not demonstrated the skillset to play up.
- Request will not be approved.

### **Technical Update**

- Action: Rob will connect with Marden to cancel all bookings through May 1<sup>st</sup> as all baseball operations on hold per baseball Ontario.

### **Eliminations**

- Still pending confirmation on Milton diamonds
- Adam booked two parks in Kitchener in the event that they are needed
- Kitchener has a 5 Days cancellation policy.

### **Diamond Allocations**

- No Updates

### **Update from the City of Guelph**

- City is under state of emergency until April 30<sup>th</sup>
- GMBA is not an Essential Service and must abide by City Guidelines.

### **Photo Day**

- Currently scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Adam highlighted that this event does generate money for GMBA (~\$6/HL Player)
- \$10 of the HL fees are for Photo Day, but historically actual costs was ~\$4/player
- Suggestion put forward to investigate moving Photo day to August.
- Action: Libby to connect with Edge on options for rescheduling / cancelling event.

### **Tournament Update**

- Discussions are currently underway to decide if early May Tournament will be put on hold/cancelled.
- Sean to bring forward a recommendation by mid April
- Targeting to review each tournament at least 3 weeks prior to tournament date to assess if viable.
- Question raised on if cancelation period for Tournaments / Diamonds would be needed 30 days before.
- Suggested that we look to OBA for options to recover fees for tournament registrations

### **Rotary Funding**

- Libby provided an update on Rotary clubs and their overall mission
- Would like to request support from the 4 different Rotary clubs operating in Guelph
  - Request process requires
  - Grant Application

- A Director to provide a overview of GMBA at a breakfast meeting
- Libby suggested asking for a lower amount to start, as would increase chances.
- Jim suggested we ask for equipment instead of Capital Updates, as could be used to offset equipment already purchased.

### **Sponsorship Update**

- Approximately \$3000 in confirmed sponsorships
- No Sponsorship fees have been paid yet.

### **Open Items - Hold until May Meeting**

1. Investigation Process - Cory Hanley
2. Diamond Improvements - Koko Gillis
  - a. Extended fences at Eramosa 3.
3. GMBA Insurance
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Vicki will reach out to Mike Inglis with St Andrews with a request to attend a future board meeting for an insurance overview.
4. Ribfest Donation- Jeff Hoffman
5. Clothing to identify board members- Vicki Marshall
6. GMBA Inventory- Kevin Caron
7. Board of Directors Code of Conduct- Jeff Hoffman
8. Injuries and Return to Play- Heather MacPherson

### **Other Business**

- Rep uniforms – 95% Complete – No holding back what was ordered.
- Zoom Conferencing is available to all committees as needed, Jeff can provide connection details.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57pm by Vicki. Seconded by Rob.

Motion Carried.