



Guelph Minor Baseball Association Inc.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 4th, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Meeting was held virtually, using Zoom Video Conferencing.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Richard. Seconded by Dave. Approved

Approval of Minutes from April 2nd, 2020

Moved by Cory. Seconded by Sean. Approved.

Declaration of Conflicts

None received

Secretary Position

Motion to appoint Erik Tremblay as Secretary brought forward by Jeff.

Seconded by Adam

Motion Carried

Correspondence Received

Jeff shared an e-mail received from parent of a child on the U9 Rep Team, where they expressed their concerns with the possibility of playing Rep baseball in other centers as an alternative to canceling the season.

Stefanie followed up with the parent and provided them the Draft OBA Return to Play Guidelines.

As of the Board Meeting, there has been no reply from the parent.

City Update

Libby recapped the City of Guelph communication that no sports fields can be booked until Sept 8th.

Libby & Jeff met with the city to discuss impact of this decision.

Heather Flaherty from the City suggested that if the outdoor amenity order from the province is lifted, they may have the ability to change this date. City encourages us to have a plan ready to go the moment the order is lifted as priority may be given to programs that prepared.

Jeff asked if it was a public health decision, city focused response on operational challenges.

Jeff encouraged city to consider that some outdoor programs could be restarted before others, offered to leverage our volunteer base to help with field grooming if needed.

Libby provided the city a copy of the Draft OBA Return to Play Guidelines.

Diamond update

Due to reduced staff, the city is now on a 5-7 day grass cutting rotation.

Looking into multiple diamonds within the region, but outside of Guelph (Eramosa, Moriston, Puslinch...) have not heard back yet.

For Rep, options exist to play outside of region.

House League

Jim provided an update

Due to closure of city diamonds until Sept 8th, there is no capacity to run a house league season this year.

Motion Raised to cancel House League for the 2020 baseball season.

Moved by Jim, Seconded by Adam. Motion Carried.

It was noted that that cancelation of the 2020 Season is a result of the City of Guelph's decision so close all sports fields and not because of Covid-19.

ACTION: Adam to draft a letter to all House League families on the closure.

House League Refund Plan

Adam presented a draft refund approach for discussion.

Decision was made to not charge families a Cancelation Fee.

Families will be presented with 5 options

- Full Refund
- Credit to GMBA for future use
- \$25 donation to GMBA and Refund of remaining balance
- \$25 donation to GMBA and Credit of remaining balance
- Full Donation to GMBA

Rep Team Options

Stefanie discussed options for the rep program

- Withdraw from 2020 season
- Play ½ schedule with no home games
- Play full schedule with no home games
- Use Kitchener Diamonds as home diamonds.

Multiple centers have offered to let us use their facilities to play
ICBA has informed us they will likely fold for the season if Guelph does not play.

Still lots of unknowns, feedback from coaches is that teams want to play.

Rob suggested that we need another data point to confirm desire to play.

ACTION: Stefanie to send a survey to all Rep families to confirm interest in playing this year

Heather asked for clarity on what happens if we have kids/families who don't want to play. Options could include, not fielding a team, calling up from select, merging teams, would all depend on the specifics of that age group.

Survey should also identify the team coach/age group so we can be better informed before deciding on approach.

Adam requested clarity on what rosters would be used if we play in September/October. Stefanie advised existing roster would carry until the end of the season.

Rep Team Refund Plan

Adam requested update on what team owe.

Jeff confirmed that Donato is billing out Marden Costs next week.

Select Team Options

Koko noted that feeling in the league is not to play past Labour Day

Koko to hold off on cancelation decision, would like to follow same pattern as Rep.

Stefanie asked for clarity on OBA rules for Select loop if House League does not run.

Was noted that without House League, a larger team fee may be required to play.

Opening Work Group Update

Jim noted that due to field closures, there is not much to update.

Inventory

Kevin provided an update.

Help is needed to complete the inventory.

Kevin to send request to board members for volunteers

They have multiple boxes of old shirts to donate.
Goal is to maintain a minimum inventory for each division
Expected to require 3 sets of catchers gear per team, per division.
Extra equipment to be identified for potential garage sale.

ACTION: Jim to provide Kevin with Maximum Number of Teams per Division

Revenue Generation Group

Group has identified multiple Short Term, Long Term and Distance ideas.
Adam to share update to board via e-mail.

Expense Reduction Group

Jeff provided an update
Building lease runs to 2024.
Group is looking into options to share space / sublet.
Landlord must approve this.
Office phone will be canceled.
Adam looking into savings on umpiring costs

Open Items

Investigation Process

Motion to adopt the Investigation Process policy was raised by Cory.
Seconded by Erik. Motion carried.

Clothing to identify board members

Deferred.

Board of Directors Code of Conduct

Motion to adopt the Board of Directors Code of Conduct policy was raised by Jeff.
Seconded by Cory. Motion carried.

Injuries and Return to Play

Deferred.

Other Business

None brought forward

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:24pm by Kevin.
Seconded by Dave. Motion Carried.