



Guelph Minor Baseball Association Inc.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 6th, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 pm.

Meeting was held virtually, using Zoom Video Conferencing.

Present: Jeff Hoffman, Stefanie Mocuik , Richard Elmes, Vicki Marshall, Libby Malott, Ryan Herron, Jim Price, , Kevin Caron, Erik Tremblay, Cory Hanley, Iain Durk, Heather MacPherson

Arrived Late: Dave Shapka, Koko Gillis,

Absent: Rob Robinson, Sean Staniforth, Adam Fanjoy

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Vicki. Seconded by Erik. Approved

Approval of July 2nd Meeting Minutes

Moved by Heather. Seconded by Richard. Approved

Approval of July 6th Meeting Minutes

Moved by Iain. Seconded by Heather. Approved

Declaration of Conflicts

None received

ICBA Update

Iain provided an update

- Average of about 12 game schedule per team.
- GMBA website only has the home games listed.

Kitchener Fall Ball Program

- Email was shared to ICBA board from Kitchener looking for interest in a Fall Ball program.

- While circulated to the ICBA board, it is not endorsed by ICBA and there would be no ICBA oversight.
- Kitchener has offered to take the lead and run a fall ball program for our region.
- Information on the program is still limited as email was received just before the meeting.
- It is not clear where games will be played.
- Currently only being offered for the Rep program.
- Some Areas of concern included:
 - Must consider impact to tryout process that is still being worked out.
 - Would likely be limited to weekends and diamonds with lights.
 - Bubble restrictions will still be in place, participation in the program may impact ability to proactive as a team.
 - Rep/Select Surveys showed little appetite from families for a fall ball program.
 - No ICBA oversight
 - No GMBA control on fees, rules, procedures

Board is in favor of supporting the ICBA fall ball if Rep committee can make it work within existing commitments/constraints

Rep Update

Stefanie provided an update

- Application for 2021 coaches have gone out for next year
- Only 16 applications for coaching have been received so far.
- Coach Evaluations have been sent out, no red flags so far.
- Covid-19 rule compliance is going well.
- Rep Committed has audited a practice for all teams to ensure Covid-19 compliance
- Game auditing will begin shortly

Coaches Selection Policy

Policy document was shared with the board prior to the meeting

Motion: To approve the Coach Selection Policy as written brought forward by Stefanie. Seconded by Cory. Motion Carried.

Coaches Selection Committee

The following named where proposed for the Coaches Selection Committee in a document shared prior to the meeting.

Rob Robinson, Shawn Malott, Donato DiBucchianico, John Murray, Shawn Martens, Sean Doherty, Luke Jones, Dan Bernard and Geoff Becker.

Motion: To approve Proposed Members for the Coaches Selection Committee was brought forward by Stefanie.

Seconded by Richard, Motion Carried.

House League Clinics

Jim provided an updated on the clinics so far.

- Clinics are progressing well.
- 100 Players registered.
- Will run into Labour day weekend due to rain outs early on.
- Lots of non parent Coaching
- Have received positive feedback from parents and coaches.
- Still looking for ideas on a fun event for the end of the program HR Derby / game at then end. Jim Open to suggestions.
- Needs some help tracking down participants with missing waivers
 - Erik to help identify players
 - Richard to help identify coaches

Select Update

Koko provided an update.

- All Guelph Teams are up and running
- 6 teams in total, No 15U this year.
- All Teams have Uniforms and have begun Practicing.

Inventory

Kevin provided an update

- Sign out sheets have been posted
- All Equipment going out of the room should be added to the sheet
- All old jerseys / equipment have been donated.
- Still have lots of bats and Combat Pants.
- 9u bags are prepped, but some are still missing equipment.
- Will wait until 2021 to purchase missing equipment.

Office Space

- Office had another major water leak.
- Water got into small board room and the equipment room
- Landlord believes it is related to foundation and is currently looking into it.

City of Guelph Covid-19 Grant

- Vicki will be filling out an application for the grant from the City of Guelph for organizations impacted by Covid 19.
- Needs some additional information from Donato to complete
- Due date is August 16th.

2020 AGM

Jeff directed a discussion on the 2020 AGM

Membership

- Based on article 3.1.4 of the constitution, the cancelation on the 2020 House League season may exclude those players, parents/guardians from counting in our membership as the players are no longer registered in a program.
- Jeff would like to raise a motion at the next board meeting to consider all Players and Parents/Guardians who registered in the House League program when the season was canceled as members in good standing based on the interpretation of article 3.1.6 in the constitution.

Format

- Due to Covid gathering restrictions, we will likely be unable to host the AGM at the board office.
- Other locations we may consider are: Outdoor on a ball diamond, renting a larger facility, or hosting online.
- In article 4.4.5 a Quorum for the AGM required 24 members to be present in person at the meeting.
- Depending on how the AGM is run, there may be a need to confirm that the definition of “in person” be extended to online meeting spaces such as Zoom.
- Jeff will raise a motion at the next AGM to clarify the definition of “in person”

Date

- Jeff suggested keeping the AGM early in the process, as it allows more time for the next board to get up and running.
- Proposed the potential have the AGM on Oct 15th, 2020.

Awards

- For the 2020 season, we will no hand out awards that are based on “on-field” performance.
- Volunteer of the Year and the Presidents award would still be handed out.
- Umpire Awards – Decision to be deferred until discussed with Adam.
- ICBA and OBA are not giving out awards this year.

Scholarships

Stefanie Declared a Conflict.

- Normally GMBA hands out 3 (\$1,000) scholarships to graduating Midget players
- These are funded by the Rival Series, which was canceled this year.
- 2 are named scholarships, and one is GMBA specific.
- For 2020, board was in agreement that we would remove the GMBA specific scholarship and provided the 2 named scholarships at a reduced value of 500\$

Board Terms

- Jeff noted that 5 terms are up this year
- Jeff will circle back with board members to confirm interest

Open Items:

Sportszone Credit

- Vicki picked up a check for 2019 credit and left at the office for Donato.
- 2020 still has orders going in for select, once complete she will pick up the remaining balance.

Board of Directors Terms of Reference

- Cory explain the overall goal
- Supplemental document that will further define the roles on the board
- Will help with succession planning
- Expects it may take up to a year to get fully organized.
- Cory has already started the initial framework, but will need some additional help

Other Business

- Libby received an email from the city – They are opening the Pearson Diamonds on August 18th.
 - Request for diamond usage must be submitted this week.
 - Would look to move up to 16 games from Joe Kaine to Pearson.
 - Not guaranteed the city would approved.
 - About 12\$ per game difference in diamond costs
- Board is in favor, as long as added costs are passed on to the teams.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 10:15 PM

Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Erik. Motion Carried.