



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

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### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Meeting was held virtually, using Zoom Video Conferencing.

**Present:** Jeff Hoffman, Stefanie Mocuik, Ryan Herron, Rob Robinson, Iain Durk, Jill Gillis, Adam Fanjoy, Erik Tremblay, Heather MacPherson, Dave Shapka, Kirk McNabb,

**Absent:** Donato Dibucchianico

#### **Approval of the January 7<sup>th</sup> Agenda**

Moved by Heather, Seconded by Erik. Approved

#### **Approval of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes**

Jeff recommended adjusting commentary on # of tees purchased and contributions per players.

Jeff raised a motion to move the minutes with the two adjustments discussed in the meeting. Seconded by Heather. Motion approved

#### **Declaration of Conflicts**

None

#### **“1 Baseball Guelph” Mindset**

Kirk provided an update on the 1 Baseball Guelph Mindset currently being developed  
Key highlights are as follows

- All Board members and representatives should be presenting a unified front when representing GMBA.
- All GMBA activities are interconnected, and we should consider how decisions impact other areas.
- No matter what committee we are on, we are all in this together as GMBA

#### **EBLO Committee Update**

Jeff provided an update from the EBLO committee

- Committee has met twice

- First meeting focused on current state, review of the previous EBLO committee report in 2019 and the 2021 Rules changes.
- Discussion underway on when Guelph wants to rejoin EBLO. It's not a decision that should be rushed, targeting to rejoin by Summer of 2023
- Next two seasons would be used to help position GMBA to make that move.
- EBLO should be part of the rep program, it is not a separate program and the EBLO committee will need to involve the rep committee in the process. .
- 1 Baseball Guelph Mindset approach will be part of this program, allowing for players to take the next step in their baseball journey.
- The program can't be built overnight, and will need to develop players at all ages and levels to be successful.
- Many GMBA stakeholders will need to be engaged in the process
- Will be eased into, need to be working on next level of development
- Committee has started to look into running a high level Advanced Development program for players in 14U in 2022. This would involve an enhanced mandate for the AAA teams.
- Coaches will still own their plans, but GMBA would provide the vision and goals.
- 2022 Season 14U high level team would join EBLO at 15U in 2023.

### **Constitutional Review Committee Update**

Jeff provided update from the constitutional review committee

- Committee has met 3 times so far, and are making good progress.
- Focused on reviewing the constitution and our structure with a view of having the form of the board follow the function.
- Engaged other organizations to understand their structure.
- Board will see a draft of the revised constitution at our next meeting in February, with a goal to vote on these changes at our March BOD meeting.
- Goal is to host a special meeting of the members in mid-April to vote on the revised structures.

### **ICBA Update**

Stefanie provided an updated from the ICBA meeting

- Birth Certificates
  - OBA is no longer mandating the collection of birth certificates but it is up to each affiliate to determine if they still require
  - Would need to see to proof of age, but not retain copies of it.
  - Reduces risk if we have less personal information to store
  - Heather noted they have seen abuse of this type of approach in hockey.
  - Adam has seen birth certificates request twice in the Rival Series
  - Adam noted that as GMBA registrar, we don't require it, however the ICBA registrar may still need it.

- Umpire in Chief for ICBA has recommend implementing a 10 games suspension for players who run the catcher- Guelph is completely against this rule.
- ICBA is looking into revisiting the boundaries.
- A vote was passed at the ICBA level ensuring that all players and coaches are to be governed for 12 month periods, ensuring that actions taken during the standard season would be carried into fall ball programs and other offseason activities if needed.
- Discussion is occurring at ICBA of running just 1 ICBA team for EBLO and run it similar to an ICBA all-star team.

#### **GMBA Webmaster- Erik Tremblay**

**Motion:** Erik raised a motion to approve Brent Harp as Webmaster for GMBA  
Seconded by Adam, Motion Passed.

#### **City of Guelph Grant**

Jill updated the board that a grant from the city of Guelph was applied for.  
If selected GMBA could receive up to \$5,000.  
Decision is expected in May.

#### **Finance Committee Update**

Ian provided an update From the Finance Committee  
Audit.

- Quotes are being sourced from two auditing firms, RBL and BDO.
- Audit timelines are tight, as the year ends on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, and AGM typical occurs 6 weeks later.
- Audit firms would require 3 weeks to complete, leaving Donato only 2-3 weeks to close the books.
- Donato believes the timelines are achievable, but will be very tight.
- Once Quotes are received, Finance Committee will review and make a recommendation to the Board on which audit firm to select.

#### **Zoom**

- We currently pay \$45/month for Zoom
- By switching to Google Meet, which is included in our Google for Non Profit software bundle, we can save over 500\$/year.
- Finance Committee is recommending canceling Zoom.
- Board is in agreement and will begin using Google Meet moving forward.
- All Board members and members with a @gmba.ca account have access to Google Meet.

#### **Moneris**

- Last year, we spent \$1,600 in Moneris fees for only 10 transactions.

- With other payment streams such as GoalLine, E-Transfer & Cheques, Moneris is no longer required.
- The contract was canceled and Donato is returning the payment machine.

#### Unclaimed 50/50 Prize

- There is an unclaimed 50/50 ticket from a storm game worth just over \$2,700
- GMBA must donate it to a charity of our choice.
- Jeff noted that a similar Jeff issue occurred last year and GMBA donated it to the Children's Foundation with the recommendation that it be used to offset youth sports registrations.
- Upon discussion, the board was in favour of donating to them again this year.

**Motion:** Motion to donate unclaimed 50/50 prize to the Children's Foundation of Guelph Wellington was raised by Iain and seconded by Heather. Motion approved

#### Rep team payments

- Donato again had issues receiving final payments from a few rep teams.
- All teams are now current.
- Finance Committee is looking for options on how to improve on time payments
- One request is to include Team Treasurers in the final communications.
- Donato has requested contact information for all team treasurers.

**Action:** Stefanie to request contact information for team treasurers and provided to Iain/Donato

#### Rep Policy Record Checks

Ryan provided an update on the PRC process

- Police Checks were closed for a period of time over the holidays
- For this year, recommend extending deadline to Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
- At last count, there were 40 coaches with outstanding PRCs.

**Motion:** Motion to extend rep coach PRC deadline to Feb 15<sup>th</sup> was moved by Ryan. Seconded by Rob, Approved

#### Select

Stefanie advised that Select Coach selection is currently underway  
As of the meeting, only 4 applications were received.

#### Tournaments and Tournament Director

Adam provided an update on the Tournament director position

Two application were received and interviewed, Vanessa Iafate & Brodie Richards Committee recommending offering the position to Brodie Richards, however they would like to include Vanessa in a supporting role if feasible.

**Motion:** GMBA appoints Brodie Richards as tournament director for 2021 season.  
Moved by Adam, Seconded by Ryan, Motion carried

Tournament registration is underway and on par with what they should be.

### **Registration Update**

Adam provided and update registration

- Rep Registration is underway, Currently set to close January 10<sup>th</sup>
- 177/250 Rep registrations to date
- House League registration is tentatively set for end of Jan or early Feb.
- Will depend on current stage of the pandemic.

### **House League Committee Update**

Adam provided an update on the House league Committee

- Looking at cleaning up/organizing rule book for House League
- Some rule changes, and streamlining of the document.
- Targeting to have ready for the next board meeting.
- Looking into fall ball options as they are trying to find ways to provide more baseball for house league players

Commissioners are currently sourcing convenors.

If you have any leads, please reach out to Heather/Jeff

### **Rep Uniforms**

Dave provided update on the uniform ordering.

- Orders must be in by the end of January to ensure availability for start of the season
- All Jerseys are custom and cannot be returned if they don't fit.
- Pants have a size guide on the site, and can be returned for different size if needed.
- Davie is trying to get sizing samples to the office, but it may not happen
- Once lockdown is lifted, players can go to SportsZone and try on samples if required.

### **Equipment**

Dave provided an update on Equipment

- Dave is in talks with 3 different local companies to provide pricing for new equipment.
- 2 of the 3 have provided quotes so far, 3<sup>rd</sup> should arrive shortly.
- Expectation is 2-4 weeks for delivery of orders.

Extra Equipment

- Lots of older bats in storage, discussion on how to get them to kids in need.
- Recommendation is that Registration forms for House League include a "Do you need a bat?" question, based on feedback, we could provide it to kids in need.

### **Equipment Room Access**

Dave wanted clarification on equipment room access.

- Of active board members, Jeff, Erik, Adam & Dave acknowledged having keys to the equipment room.
- Some departed board members still have keys outstanding.
- Adam suggested we change the access code on the outside electronic lock.
- Electronic locks could significantly reduce overhead of replacing keys.
- Iain questioned if we have tracking on all members with keys and which members have knowledge of existing key codes.
- Dave will continue to investigate the allocation of keys

### **Update on Baseball Ontario Rules on non recognized programs**

Adam provided an update.

- Non recognized programs can be dealt with by the locals
- We can proceed if we approve a group as a training partner.

**Action:** Adam to follow up with Baseball Ontario to inform of our training partners.

### **Other Business**

#### **Eliminations**

Adam reminded the board that they are still looking for support during Eliminations  
Fiona has not yet heard from the City on Diamond request for the summer.

#### **Communications**

Kirk asked about inclusion of Board member on email blast.

Erik noted that when sending email communication through GoalLine, we need to actively select board members, and the list has been updated to include board GMBA accounts.

GMBA does not have an active email distribution list, communications are coordinated through GoalLine based on contact information provided at registration.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Dave. Approved

Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44