



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

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### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 pm

Meeting was held virtually, using Google Meet video conferencing.

**Present:** Jeff Hoffman, Stefanie Mocuik, Jill Gillis, Steve Marshall, Dave Shapka, Kirk McNabb, Heather MacPherson, Erik Tremblay, Iain Durk

**Delayed:** Adam Fanjoy, Ryan Herron,

**Absent:** Rob Robinson

#### **Approval of the September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Agenda**

Moved by Erik, Seconded by Kirk, Motion carried

#### **Approval of the August 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Erik, Seconded by Dave, Motion carried

#### **Declaration of Conflicts**

None

#### **Rep Tryout Update and Tryout Rule Changes**

- Tryout schedule has been published, however, Fiona has reviewed her contracts and there are some new diamond discrepancies at 14U and above that will need to be addressed. Tryouts for 8U through 12U will begin around Sept. 15 following their playoffs. Older divisions will begin around Sept. 25 following theirs.
- Tryout registration form is open.
- Recommending shortening tryouts to 4 days start to finish from 5 and having a more collaborative approach between coaches in the division in running tryouts and selecting teams. This will allow for more effective and efficient tryouts.
- Proposing to run 8U and 9U jointly to help with resources and continuing building on our mentorship of a new coach. Teams would still be picked by respective age groups unless a player has applied to play up per our policy.
- Changes to tryout rules to reflect more collaborative approach where possible and updates to current practices. See attachment.  
program.

### **Rep Registration Rule Change**

- Stefanie shared the proposed Rep Tryout Rules change before the meeting
- Updates were made on the proof of residency requirements, the declaration process and removal of redundant sections.
- Players who do not declare and are selected for a team, must play for that team or return to house league.
- If a coach denies a declaration request, the players can appeal to the rep committee.

**Motion** to approve the Rep Try Rules as written was raised by Stefanie, Seconded by Dave and the motion Carried.

### **Rep Coach Selection Update**

- Final interviews wrapping up Thursday evening. With the way schedules have been condensed into a shorter season, booking interviews has been challenging.
- There were numerous concerns brought forth to coaches selection this year by parents
- Coaches selection committee was provided any parental feedback, anonymous coaches evaluation survey results, observations from rep and technical committee throughout the season and feedback from training partners where available. They also reviewed applications including practice plans, sample budgets and season plan submissions, attended games and contacted references.
- 13U and above have been determined. All incumbent coaches returning.
- There are a couple divisions where the committee has recommended holding off naming/recruiting more than first coach due to past issues of mass declaring and to give applicant's child chance to make higher level team.

### **Rep Registration Rule Change**

- Focus is on changing the format of Rep registration.
- All players would be charged a set fee determined, regardless of age, due mid-October.
- This would allow rep registration to be done in a more efficient manner and house league registration opened earlier.
- The balance of the cost of playing would be built into the team fees.
- Would also like to modify dates for refunds as more and more teams are participating in fall ball and starting off-season training earlier.
- Rule 3.4 would be updated as follows.
  - Players removed from a Tier 1 or Tier 2 roster prior to December 31 will be entitled to a refund of 50% of the GMBA registration fee. Any paid team fees to be refunded will be managed through the team. After December 31st, players are not entitled to any GMBA refunds.

**Motion** to approve the rep rule change as presented to the board was raised by Stefanie, Seconded by Kirk and the motion Carried.

<Ryan Arrived>

### Rep Update

- Season wraps up in about a week, some teams just finished
- Overall our teams have done well.
- We have received two requests for fielding additional teams this upcoming season.
  - First @ 13U
  - Second @ 11U
  - Rep committee has reviewed the first and is not in support.
  - Review of the second is still underway.

### ICBA Update

- There will not be an awards gala this year but ICBA will still be selecting award recipients
- ICBA has formally adopted the OBA rule for pitching and catching at 10-13U
  - Once removed from the pitching position, a player may not catch for the remainder of the day
- Playoff Tournaments
  - 8U to 11U double knockout tournament style September 10-12
    - Reminder we are hosting 9U T2. Contact Vicki if you want the schedule or wish to help
    - Teams should be getting schedules in next few days if they haven't already
  - 12U and up – top eight teams from each division move on to playoffs
    - Best 2/3 series with first series Sept. 10-13
    - Winners of each series move on to a second one Sept 15-18.
    - Winners of the second series move to final occurring on Sept. 20
  - No medals this year
  - Our 18U T1 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 18U T2 was eliminated in first round

<Adam joined>

### Select Request

- Request arrived today asking to host Select Tryouts in the fall.
- Select committee has not had a chance to review in detail, but there are initial concerns
  - We are not a dedicated Select center, but a House League Select center.
  - House League registration does not open until January.
  - Uncertainty on the pending OBA changes to the Select program.
  - No time to have Coaches selection for a fall tryout.
- Could consider earlier tryouts January/February.

**Action:** Stefanie to bring the request back to Select committee to consider.

### **House League Update**

- HL playoffs are this weekend
- 10U division had a Covid Exposure, all teams to isolate for a 10day period. Isolation ends on Saturday. Playoffs moved to Sunday/Monday.
- Covid tracker was filled out more then 2,300 times
- Medals were supposed to be in today, however there was a shipping delay and won't arrive until Tuesday.
- House League Committee is considering hosting a Home Run derby/skills event where they can hand out the medals.

### **Blue Jays Clinic**

- OBA reached out with opportunity to run a 3 day Blue Jays Camp this summer.
- Blue Jays Academy ended up canceling all camps.
- Blue Jays Academy reached out for interest in hosting a 4hr fall "clinic"
- Came together very quick and sold out in under 24hrs.
- Clinic is fully run by the Blue Jays Academy. With lots of prizes.

**Action:** Jeff to create press release for sharing with media outlets.

### **ICBA Bearcats Update**

- Tryouts are just finishing.
- 8 Guelph player requested releases
- Still working on recruiting a rep for GMBA
- Jeff is currently performing those duties.

**Action:** Erik to co-ordinate Social Media feel good story of players who make it.

### **Fundraising Update**

#### **Pizza**

- Little Caesars Fundraiser went well.
- Sold over 180 units, with Profit of just under \$900

#### **Storm 50/50.**

- Submitted 2 dates per month. Storm will try and give us 4-5 dates.
- Most of the logistics are still unsure.
- Not sure if voucher sales are still part of the process due to reduced capacity.

**Action:** Jill to reach out and ask about online 50/50 ticket options

### **2021/22 Board and Officer Recruitment**

- Will have vacancies in directors and within the leadership
- Will need board members to step up into leadership roles.

- Part of the AGM will be a call out for new members. Erik to coordinate
- Will also leverage constitutional review committee for recruitment.

**Action:** Erik to coordinate Board application form

**Action:** Adam to share New board and committee structure diagram with the board.

### **Treasurer Recruitment**

- Finance Committee completed the interview process for Treasurer and are recommending we move forward with OJ MacDonald
- Recommendation is that OJ be appointed “Co-Treasurer” until the AGM, at which point the new board can vote him in.
- Donato would remain the Treasurer for the rest of his term and would begin the transitional process to OJ.
- Recommendation was made to the Executive committee on Sunday and they are in favour.
- Finance committee

**Motion** to appoint OJ Macdonald as Co-Treasurer until the AGM was moved by Iain, Seconded by Steve. Motion Passed.

### **AGM & Awards**

#### **AGM**

- Date has been set – October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM
- Will be held virtually.

**Action:** Erik to coordinate communication and registration forms

#### **Awards**

- Awards will be presented again.
- Awards Deadline for ICBA is Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

**Action:** House League Committee, Rep Committee and the President to identify award winners prior to Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Action:** Steve to coordinate sourcing awards.

#### **Scholarships**

- Scholarships are typically funded by the Rivals Series tournaments
- Stefanie has reached out to Kiwanis to request funding.
- Kirk has offered to personally fund if needed.

### **Marden Contract and Plan for Unused Time**

- Marden Contract has not been signed yet.

- Rob is working to move the start date back however it would consist of the same number of weeks.
- Could use the initial weeks to run house league clinics.
- Suggestion was put forth to have multiple on-field session before Select Tryouts as a form of tryout prep.

#### **2022 Equipment and Uniform Order**

- Dave is coordinating a uniform and equipment provider selection committee to pick our vendor for 2022.
- Focus is on finding a vendor that provided the most overall benefit to our membership.
- Committee will consist of Dave, Jeff, Adam and Erik.
- Goal is to provide a recommendation at the October Board Meeting.

#### **House League Equipment Return**

- Dave is waiting for the season to be complete
- Suggestion was put forward to collect bags from coaches at the end of playoffs
- Inventory will follow, Dave is looking for volunteers to help with Inventory.

#### **Other Business**

**Action:** Executive to discuss resuming in person meetings

#### **Adjournment**

Moved by Steve, Seconded by Erik. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:51PM