



Guelph Minor Baseball Association Inc.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday Oct 7th, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

Meeting was held virtually, using Google Meet video conferencing.

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

Guests: Kelly Franklin, Lindsay Dickerson, Lori Gallagher, John Latter, Kelly Thornber

Approval of the October 7th, 2021 Agenda

Moved by Erik, Seconded by Heather, Motion carried

Approval of the September 2nd, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Erik, seconded by Steve, Motion carried

Approval of the September 26th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Erik, seconded by Ryan, Motion carried

Declaration of Conflicts

Heather acknowledged a conflict with the 13U Rep Team #3 agenda item

13U Rep Team # 3- Jeff Hoffman

- Guests from the 2022 13U (2009 birth year) parent group joined support the addition of a 3rd Rep team
- Jeff walked the board through key information on the 13U Age group
 - Just over 40 players registered for tryouts
 - Multiple families have reached out asking for a 3rd Rep team
 - Two individuals reached out with interest in coaching the team
 - A successful 3rd team exists at 12U (2010 birth year)
- Diamond Availability
 - The lack of size appropriate diamonds is a concern.
 - The allocation could work with existing diamonds, but would limit flexibility

- We may have limited access to the 3 Pearson diamonds and may be losing the Westminster diamonds next year
- More options may be available if school diamonds re-open

Guest were provided an opportunity to speak on the topic.

John Latter and Lori Gallagher spoke on behalf of the parent group.

- Limited competition this year, they competed well against the other 13 U Select Team, which was mostly older players.
- Would also be nice to give more competition to the lower teams in the Rep T2 loop.
- Kids are ready for the challenge and they wanted it..
- They understand the need to further develop some of the players.
- Their goal is to grow these kids into successfully adults, facing challenges and adversity is part of this growth.
- They are asking for more support; they don't know if they will stay engaged in baseball without it.
- Kids are bored at house league, they are leaders on their teams, but are not challenged and believes they are beyond the current house league program.

<Guests departed>

Motion: A Motion to move the meeting in camera was moved by Jeff, seconded by Heather, motion Passed.

<Meeting moved In Camera>

Motion: To approve a 3rd rep team at the 2009 birth year to play in the ICBA Tier 2 loop. Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Iain. The motion failed.

- Was noted that we need to work with the city to increase and improve our outdoor facilities.
- Select committee should also be looking at ways to increasing training options

Motion to come out of in camera. Moved by Jeff, seconded by Rob, Motion Passed

<Out of Camera>

Equipment & Uniform Supplier

- Suppliers sent in quotes on equipment and uniforms
- Hometown sports had best prices for Equipment and House League uniforms

- Rep Uniforms pricing was not available at the time of the meeting as HomeTown was waiting to confirm if they could supply the exact same jerseys.
- Hometown Sports also offered the largest membership discount and is willing to have a physical spirit wear section in their store.

Motion: For GMBA to move to HomeTown Sports as the official supplier for Equipment and House League uniform supplier for the 2022 season as moved by Dave, Seconded by Heather. Motion Passed.

- 2022 Rep Uniform supplier to be coordinated via and email vote upon confirmation by HomeTown

Audit Update

- Audit is not yet complete
- 2019 & 2020 reviews are complete
- Auditors are still working on 2021.
- Targeting next Thursday

Action: Jeff to book a special board meeting on Thursday the 14th at 7PM for the audit presentation.

AGM

- AGM planning is underway, hosted virtually
- Just over 25 registered parties so far, we should make quorum, but will be close
- Board member registration is low, as of the meeting, only 5 applicants
- Awards are at the engravers
- OJ has volunteered to lead the scholarship selection committee
- Scholarship winners will need to attend a Kiwanis Luncheon to pick up their cheques

Action: Erik second email reminder on scholarship application deadline.

Marden Clinics- Rob Robinson

- Overall numbers are low
- May need to scale back clinics to control costs
- May also open to other age group, or merge instructional clinics.

Action: Rob to discuss options with PPA & Sandlot and update programming accordingly

Rep Tryout Update

- Tryouts are now complete
- 344 registered for tryouts, on par with 2017 #'s
- Overall, less players declared this year
- There was a mass declaration at 14U
- Next rep committee should revisit the declaration process again next year.

ICBA Update

- No New updates.
- ICBA meeting was happening at the same time as the GMBA meeting.
- ICBA Constitutional amendments requests will be due shortly

2021 Release Summary

- 11 player releases were requested.
- This excludes the Bearcats players, who would return to Guelph if not selected
- 7 of the releases were for the 2006 birth year.
- With the lack of a 16U program, these are players who have to try out for 18U teams.
- As a local, we should be requesting ICBA revisit the 16U program as 15U to 19U is a big jump.

2021/22 Board and Officer Recruitment

- Based on current conversations, we have 4 board members who are not returning, and two who may re-apply.
- We will have 6 vacancies and as of the board meeting, we only have 5 applicants.
- Vacancies are expected in multiple leadership roles.

Outstanding Action Items

Fall Select Tryouts

- Fall tryouts are not feasible for Select
- Would consider early tryouts – January or February
- House League registration will open early January.

Bearcats Social Media Story

- Received confirmation of the 4 Guelph Players Select for the Bearcats team.
- Erik to request permission from the parents to disclose names on Social media.
- If all agree, we will create a Social Post that recognizes them by name.

Storm 50/50 and online 50/50 options

- Currently it is at a standstill
- Hoping for November dates, but all is pending lifting of gathering restrictions.

Other Business

Kirk Is working with Jack Massy to try and co-ordinate used equipment donations.
GMBA does have old equipment in the storeroom that could be donated.

Action: Kirk to connect with Dave on equipment

Adjournment

Moved by Heather, Seconded by Rob. Motion carried
Meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM