



Guelph Minor Baseball Association Inc.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday May 3rd, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 pm

Meeting was held both in person and virtually using Google Meet video conferencing.

Present: Dave Shapka, Greg Killingbeck, Erik Tremblay, Jill Gillis, Adam Fanjoy, Ryan Herron, Jeff Hoffman, Lindsay Dickerson, OJ MacDonald

Absent: Jenn Leachman

Approval of the May 3rd Agenda

Friendly amendment to include House League Rules under Programs section
Moved by Adam, seconded by Erik, Motion carried

Approval of the April 3rd Minutes

Moved by Adam, seconded by Dave, Motion carried

President's Report

OBA Grant Funding

- Grant funding is still pending from OBA
- Allocation of the funding to be considered

Diamond Contracts

- Continued issues with the Person contracts.
- Practice times were reduced to 2 hours and city has added booking for a different league starting at 8pm.
- Limits option for game reschedules during practice days.
- Rep committee, Adam and teams working on options.
- City has been frustrating to work with this year

Committees

- The two board resignations have impacted committee structures.
- Primarily only House League and Rep have been functioning as a true committee.
- Need to improve on the other standing committees.

Treasurer's Report:

Statement of Accounts

- OJ Completed the last 3 months of bank recs today.
- OJ updated the board on our current bank balances, incoming revenue and outgoing expenses for the month.
- Most of our income for the year has been received, focus now shifts to expenses.

Action: OJ to send summary statement of accounts to the board via email

Administration Report

- OJ updated to committee listing to include Finance committee members based on members who participated in the Budget.
- Looking to regroup as a committee and revisit the Budget in comparison to how Actuals have flowed in.
- Also need to revisit the GIC re-investment and auditor recommendations.
- All outstanding cheques for Coach courses have been mailed. Some board member expenses are ready for signatures.

Action: OJ to coordinate a Finance Committee meeting

Action: OJ to connect with Jill 50/50 payments

Action: OJ to invoice outstanding sponsors

Building lock update / options

- Has estimates from G&A Lock for 2 options
- Best option is to add an electronic lock to the second entrance door and rekey the Office, Equipment and Umpire Room along with the back door.

Action: OJ to bring final recommendation forward for an electronic vote.

House League, Rep and Select Uniforms

- Majority of Rep uniforms are in
- Select Uniforms are expected soon
- Majority of House League uniforms should be ready by end of week
- 15U Teams 7&8 will be delayed as the teams were late additions.
- Communication with our supplier is an issue as we only found out about delays via parent pickups.
- Rally cap has just enough Jerseys.
- There is currently a rep pant shortage from Rawlings. Uniform delays are consistent across most baseball organizations this year.
- General feedback from parents is that they really like the new Royals store at Hometown Sports.

Programs Report

Registration

- Registration in House League has closed
- Overall registration for House League ended at 861 players.
- This is 140 players higher than in the original budget.
- This equates to 30k in additional revenue, however expenses will also increase

Action: OJ to engage the Finance Committee to bring accurate update based on the new numbers to the board.

House League Update

- House League season started yesterday, First 2 weeks are practices, games start the week of May 15th.
- All schedules are updated on Goal Line
- House League Tournament scheduling is in progress.
- There is a need to move the 19U tournament and committee is looking at options for a 5-team tournament.

Fall ball update

- Would need to open registration soon.
- Plan is to run a League in August & September, finishing by thanksgiving.
- Teams would play on the weekends & practices on weekdays
- Would be looking at joint divisions of 8U/9U, 10U/11U & 12U/13U and potentially at 15U if interest is there
- We would need to know what diamonds the city will keep open in the fall.
- OJ noted that it will be a challenge from an audit/fiscal year perspective as it crosses fiscal years. It also may impact our ability to get a clear inventory as equipment would be out at the end of the season.
- Rep Tryouts will be coordinated around fall ball schedule to ensure players can tryout.

House League Rule Clarification

- House League committee has requested a revision to two rules to add clarity to players who pitch and catch for a team.
- Goal is to align closer to the OBA rules used for the Rep and Select divisions

12U and 13U Divisions

Motion: to replace rule 7 with “Once removed from the pitching position, a player may not catch for the remainder of the game. A player may catch prior to pitching in the same game.”

Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Adam. Motion Carried

15U and 19U Divisions

Motion: to replace rule 3 with “The pitcher is allowed to pitch only three (3) innings in a calendar day. These must be consecutive innings. For this rule an inning is considered the delivery of one (1) pitch to a batter. Once a pitcher is removed, he/she may not pitch again in that game. Pitchers cannot pitch on back-to-back days.”

Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Dave. Motion Carried

Motion: Extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Moved by Adam, Seconded by Greg. Motion carried

Select Update

- Rosters are being worked on by Vicki
- 15U lost players to the Bearcats.
- The 15U Bearcats team is a non-resident team and did not require a release.
- Teams are practicing and Select season starts May 28th.

Select Provincial tournament

- We were asked to host a provincial tournament
- We have the facilities to do it, however we need a leader to take this on.
- It is not profitable as a tournament, so we would need a volunteer to run it.
- Adam is working with Select to try and find a volunteer.

House League Development

- Planned to engage outside company to provide the development.
- Reached out to Peak Performance Athletics and received their quote.
- Current budget is 3219.80 short.
- This is partially due to higher enrolment.
- Funding grant from Baseball Ontario could cover this overage
- We also have development funding carried over from last year
- Moving forward, we need to increase development funding in our models.

Motion: to increase the development budget for house league by \$3,219.80

Moved by Jeff, Seconded by Jill. Motion Carried

Action: OJ to allocate funding accordingly

Action: Finance Committee to increase development funding model for 2023

Rep Update

- ICBA Coaches meeting was held last week

- A progressive suspension model is being implemented
- All teams are registered, and schedules are handed out
- Some coaches are still missing NCCP courses, if not complete by June they will be removed from the rosters.

Rep Committee Updates

- Rep committee met and discussed the December requests from the board.
- Committee decided that no change to rule 5.11 on rostering players is needed
- Committee will review how players are released from teams
- Committee supports having a GMBA skills day, for coaches to have base metrics before tryouts
- Will be discussing earlier coaching surveys focused on off season training at next meeting.
- Committee considered adding a 16U Team for 2023. Due to low numbers of register players born on 2007, recommendation is to wait until 2024.
- Committee received a request by a younger age group coach to look at import rules. Rule will not be changed as focus remains on developing Guelph players.

Motion: Extend the meeting by 15 minutes:
 Moved by Adam, Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried

Motion to add section 3.2.1 to the rep rule book as follows:

Rule 3.2.1 - All requests by Tier 2 teams to move up to the Tier 1 ICBA loop must submit their requests by November 1 of the calendar year. All requests must be made to the Rep Committee in writing with a summary of the previous year's record and the reasoning behind the request.

Moved by Adam, Seconded by Erik. Motion carried

Motion to amend rule 5.5 of the rep rulebook as follows:

Rule 5.5 - All players attending tryouts will be required to tryout for Team 1 until formally released by the Team 1 coach. Players will not be permitted to declare to a lower level team. Team 2 coaches will not be formally announced until after the Team 1 roster has been finalized.

Motion was moved by Adam, and upon discussion by the board, the motion was rescinded and will be carried forward to the next board meeting.

Action: Greg to represent the motion at the next board meeting

Risk Management

- Ryan is working with House League convenors on PRCs for the coaches.
- Increase in number of coaches being asked for Fingerprints.

- Ryan to provide signed template to add to the website.
- New insurance slips have arrived

Action: Ryan to work with Erik to add insurance and PCR letter templates to the website.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Moved by Adam, Seconded by Erik. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.