



Guelph Minor Baseball Association Inc.

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Board of Directors Meeting Sunday August 8th, 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, Erik Tremblay, Adam Fanjoy, Jeff Hoffman, Jenn Leachman, Ryan Herron, Jill Gillis, Lindsay Dickerson, Greg Killingbeck,

On Leave: OJ MacDonald

Guest: Heather MacPherson

Approval of the August 8th Agenda

Moved by Adam, seconded by Erik, Motion carried

Approval of the July 3rd Minutes

Moved by Adam seconded by Lindsay, Motion carried

Declaration of Conflicts

None

President's Report

- OBA classifications and Playdown are underway
- One Guelph team (8U) was moved from A to AA by OBA.

2023 Programs

- Would like GMBA to start centrally booking facilities for team to ensure a minimum number of offseason practices occur.
- Marden has reached out to confirm for next years contracts
- Indoor space is hard to get. If we don't book the space it may be lost.
- Want to continue with Marden, however we need to find ways to fill the empty timeslots.

Action: Board to connect with Adam if they want to be part of the planning process

Action: Adam to drive this process forward.

Board Recruitment

- Never to early to start looking for new members

- Currently have 2 vacancies and 1 extended leave.
- If you know of anyone with interest, please bring them forward.

September Board meeting

Currently on Labor Day, will not work for most members.

Recommended that we move to Sep 8th @ 7pm.

Action: Adam to reschedule the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Statement of Accounts

- Updated P&L and Balance Sheets were shared with the Board prior to the meeting.
- Overall, we are in a good financial position and have seen an increase in revenue thanks to Fall Ball. No expenses for Fall Ball have been recorded yet.

Admin Report

Treasurer Cleanup

- Working through multiple misclassified items, the majority of the transactions were recorded incorrectly in our accounting software, which has created a significant amount of work. Larger buckets are primarily correct now, however movement is still required withing the accounts.
- Trust Account and Credit Cards still need to be reconciled.
- Our OBA Player & Director's insurance for 2022 was not paid. Payment is now in transit and I have confirmed with OBA that we are in good standing were covered for the season.
- We had not our building Insurance, I was able to personally deliver it to our broker last week.
- We overpaid Marden by over \$5000 as we paid the invoice before reconciling it with the Covid Closures.
- Team Invoices are out for Marder Costs, Team Fees and 50/50 tickets.
- Guelph Storm has been paid for the 50/50 vouchers.
- Lottery Reports are in progress, teams have not been providing required reports or deposits in a timely manner and we will miss the 30 days submission deadlines as a result.
- We have 5 unaccounted for cheques that may require Stop payments.
- Multiple cheques were hand-written, bypassing the accounting software.
- I have reached out to Donato, our former treasurer for help and am hoping to connect with him soon.

Action: Erik to repost the Treasurer Role on the website and look for volunteers.

Administrator Role

- Lindsay has reached out to sister organizations with similar roles
- Kitchener(KMBA) and Waterloo (WMBA) have joined together on back office administrative and financial support. Their members are compensated with an honorarium.
- They are interested in working together and forming a Central Hub for administration items.
- They are also willing to provide Guidance on their process if we want to remain independent.
- Guelph Minor Hockey (GMHA) has two part time employees and a full-time employee to help with back office and scheduling.
- Jeff and Lindsay are willing to step up and help drive this process further, with a goal of presenting a recommendation at our AGM.

Action: Jeff & Lindsay to work on a recommendation for the next board meeting.

Awards

- Would like to continue with the scholarships at the AGM
- Need to start preparing for end of the year awards
- Adam would like to expand on number of House League awards.

Action: Erik to share 2021 application forms with the board.

Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes was moved by Adam, seconded by Greg.
Motion Carried.

Programs Report

House League Fall Ball

- Medals are being ordered
- Communication from coaches and convenors should be going out on Monday.
- Jerseys are ready at Home Town Sports.
- 6 teams at 9U, 4 teams at 11U, 4 teams at 13U and 3 teams at 15U
- Lots of interest from underage players.

Rep Update

- Rep coach application deadline has passed.
- 22 Applications (23 however 1 withdrew)
- Need to re-open applications at 15U, Marshall is withdrawing as he plans to leave GMBA.

Action: Erik/Greg to co-ordinate social media posts and re-opening the form on the website.

- Rep committee has been engaged to start interviews and evaluations of applicants.
- Coaching evaluations – closes tonight, results will be shared with selection committee.
- OBA Play-ins and ICBA playoffs start Friday.
- Targeting to have the 2023 Rep tryouts start the 9th of September.
- Greg is working on the communication with goal of having it ready by the weekend.
- Jenn to Open Registration once communication is ready

Action: Jenn to open Rep Tryout Registration

Action: Greg to connect with Rep committee to provide guidance on how injured players can participate in tryouts evaluations.

Action: Erik to send out communication once ready

16U Team

- Rep committee was approached to revisit fielding 16U Rep Team in 2023.
- Initial decision was to not field a team for 2023 and revisit for 2024.
- Concerns included lack of participation for 2022 Rep tryouts and uncertainty on whether a 16U loop would be offered by ICBA.
- ICBA ended up having a 16U loop and had 5 teams participate.
- If we field a team at 16U and no loop is offered, the team will need to play in the 18U ICBA loop as a 3rd team from Guelph.

Heather MacPherson asked to speak to the board on behalf of the 16U program.

Key items brought forward include

- A survey was conducted of the 15U teams and 10 of the Tier 1 Players and 13 of the Tier 2 players expressed interest in a 16U Program
- Concerns raised by players and families on the age gap between players in the 18U Rep program and the 19U House League program.
- Players would like to remain in Guelph, however they would look at other centers if the 16U Program is not offered.
- Many of these players may not make the 18U Team and may leave baseball altogether.
- Many of these players are also umpires if they leave GMBA, it can impact the umpire pool for future year.
- Has the potential to help with 18U teams in future years as it will give another year of development for the players.
- One of the existing coaches has expressed interest in coaching a 16U team.

Additional Discussion Occurred with the board members and Heather

Key items discussed include:

- There are options for these players with both 18U Rep and 19U House League.
- There is currently a 16U loop in ICBA, this was not the case when the decision was made last year.
- Concerns on the talent to field a competitive 16U team once 18U Tryouts complete. There are thoughts that 8-9 players may make the 18U Team this year.
- Last year, 6 players made an 18U team leaving 24 Rep players with nowhere to play.
- Adding another Senior team will further stress the umpire pool. There is a significant lack of umpires available at this level already.
- Only 10% of House league are 18U or higher. Most House League players are between is 16 & 17.

<Heather Departed>

Motion: The board re-opens the discussion on fielding a 16U team rep team for 2023. Moved by Adam, Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried

- Priority is to remain with the established 18U program
- 16U team may end up playing in the 18U loop.
- Priority of player and coach selection should remain as 18U Tier 1, followed by 18U Tier 2, and then followed by the 16U team if remaining players and coaches make the program viable.
- All players must register and tryout for 18U program.
- 16U is not guaranteed and declarations for this team would not be accepted.

Motion: GMBA intends to run a 16U tryout providing there is a coach and enough 2007 birth year players released from the 18U Tier 1 and 18U Tier 2 tryouts to field a viable team. Moved by Adam, Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried

Other Business

Guelph Storm 50/50

- Requests for 2022/2023 season need to be submitted soon.
- Last season, this made money for our teams, but lost money for GMBA due to unsold tickets.
- We need a plan for how to improve this moving forward.

Adjournment

Moved by Adam, Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 pm.