

SSMBA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order @ 19:34 hours on Thursday February 3, 2022.

Via Google Meet

ATTENDANCE: Barrie -Rebecca Sauder, Bradford-Carmen Campoli, Collingwood-Mark Santone, Innisfil Brent Fellman, Ivy-Charlene Vanderpost, Mansfield-Peter Piechocinski, Midland-Doug Beckett, New Lowell-Dan. Wasaga Beach-Melanie Slade-Morrison, President-Trevor Harris, 1st VP-Charlene Vanderpost, UIC-Nick Varaschin, Treasurer-Shawn McLean, Scheduler-Doug Beckett

ABSENT: Alliston, Angus, Everett, Orillia, Stayner, Tottenham.

REGRETS- Creemore, Everett

Trevor welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. We have a quorum.

No Amendments to the Agenda. Melanie from Wasaga Beach made a motion to accept the previous minutes from Thursday January 6th, 2022, and 2nd by Rebecca.

NO discussion, minutes accepted an read, All in Favour,

Motion Carried

1. We have executive members looking at the rules as well as the constitution and cleaning up wording, grammar and rules that have been passed in previous meetings, but not reflected as currently on our website constitution or rule book.
2. Attached to the email are Covid -19 Rules for 2022 rules for Return to play. Not going to discuss but please read through.
3. Looking at what OBA is implementing for Players, coaches, etc regarding Vaccinations. Trevor is wondering how we feel about it or if we need to, as we already are requiring Vulnerable Sector checks, coaches' courses. The coaches may not want to volunteer if more and more is required. Rebecca suggested to wait and see what the province is mandating or wait until OBA puts out information.
4. A discussion on the pitching machine feet from home plate. There is a 8 ft circle around the pitching machine at a distance from home plate is at 44', a Covid 19 rules set this for 12' circle and a 40' to allow for social distancing. If we are to change it that may leave some centres with issues. As some centres have the hydro box coming up just under the pitching machine. We also have a minimum of 35 mph to a maximum 40 mph. Do not want to mandate unless we vote on the change. Hope this clears up the concern regarding the difference.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

1st VP nothing to report.

2nd VP vacant.

Treasurer nothing to report.

Registrar nothing to report.

Scheduler nothing to report.

CIC vacant

UIC- OBA has notified Nick about the Umpire clinics. They will be Hybrid clinics; half the course will be done online, and half will be done in class. Pending the Provinces guidelines, they are looking at more information being available on the web site by March 14th, 2022

President's states that if the CIC and 2nd VP positions are not filled, we may need to change how we run things. I will send an email out to all centres asking them to investigate seeing if they have anyone to volunteer in these positions. Currently we have U18 and U11 covered by Doug and Shawn. We do require convenors at divisions U6, U8, U9, U13 and U15. The coaches training last year was very relaxed, but it is still mandatory for initial coaching for new coaches, and it was free.

In the past years the season has started mid May, however with townships behind we may not Get going until June 1st.

Concussion Awareness

All centres need to comply with the Rowan's Law. Rebecca has not reviewed yet what the new policy will require if anything there is a 45-minute video that a designated team parent/coaching staff will need to watch. This should be complying already with your insurance if your centre is getting their team house league insurance through OBA. Trevor will investigate this

Registrar Business

Rebecca has a draft started for the new roster forms. Charlene, Doug and I video chatted about what columns should stay or be eliminated. It was decided that we did not need to know parent's phone numbers, emails, province and Country. But would like to put in a gender column as to what they where born as or what they identify as today. This would hopefully eliminate any coach arguing about gender on the field, if we clearly identify on the roster. (Sorry for the wording I am trying to write it without offending anyone persons gender). Team declaration no earlier then April. Team registration will stay the same. It will calculate the teams and amount owing to SSMBA. It is recommended that we switch it back to the Excel vs the PDF. We will add a note or disclaimer on the team registration that it is up the to centre reps to make sure they have covered all the necessary forms that OBA is requiring prior to getting their insurance (Privacy policies, refund Policies and Rowan's Law as a few examples). Team Fees will need to be discussed depending on which start date and or if the All-star games will be taking place this season. Team fee's are \$170.00, with an add on of \$30.00 for the All-star games. Hoping to have the new forms up on the website before the March meeting.

ALL CENTRES PLEASE LOOK AT SEEING WHAT YOUR DIAMOND'S AVAILABILITY TO HOST A YEAR END TOURNAMENT. If Centres can come up with dates in August then Doug will work things out on his end from their.

Rule Changes for 2022

E17: 1st Dan , 2nd Melanie All in Favor

Umpires must fill out and ejection from and immediately submit it to the SSMBA UIC, 1st VP, and convenor within 24 hours. The 1st VP will notify the centre Rep/President within 48 hours from time of receipt of ejection report or 24 hours if it involves umpire abuse.

Carried

J4 1st Nick, 2nd Mark

Coaches are permitted to wear baseball or Bermuda style shorts.

Trevor wants to state he does not want to see beach short shorts
Counted vote was requested.

In favor: Barrie, Collingwood, Innisfil, Mansfield, ivy, Midland, New Lowell.
Opposed Bradford, Wasaga Beach, UIC-Nick

Carried

M1H 1st Dan, 2nd Melanie All in favour

All games scheduled on or after 10 Aug on non-lighted diamonds will have a scheduled start time of 6 pm and must sat play no later than 6:15pm.

Carried

8U/9U Q6 1st Charlene, 2nd Mark All in favour

A team shall be comprised of a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 16 player, all signed to that team roster in the division of which that team has entered. Each team must have at least 1 manager and /or 1 or more coaches signed to the team roster clearly marked manager or coach and who shall be responsible for that team.

Carried

8U/9U Q15 1st Melanie, 2nd Dan All in Favour

The approved ball shall be a Rawlings ROTB1, ROTB5, 45 CC, 65CC. No other ball shall be used

In Favour 10, Opposed 1

Carried

Coaches and managers. Submitted by Nick

15 a, b, c, are good to stay the same

D. failure to report WILL (changes to MAY) Motioned by Nick 2nd Doug All in favor motion

Carried

18) moved by Nick 2nd Melanie

Need to add in "at the park"

All in favour

Carried

Q3 moved by Dan 2nd by Melanie

The person operating the pitching machine will have a pail with 10 baseballs. The batter will have 5 strikes, a coach with a mouth and nose covering from the offensive team will collect the baseballs after the batter and return them to the pitching machine operator. The pail is considered part of the machine Face covering will come out after covid

Carried

Charlene Motions for meeting to adjourn

Motion carried 2nd Doug