



SSMBA General Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Meeting called to order @ 7:14 pm

Attendance: Bradford, Mansfield, Midland, Barrie, New Lowell, Collingwood, Wasaga, Treasurer,

Regrets: Alliston, Creemore, Ivy, Orillia, Nick UIC, (Angus, Everett, Innisfil, Stayner, Tottenham did not advise absence, letters to be sent out to those centres with \$50 fine)

NO QUORUM

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Amendments to Agenda – none

3. Review of previous minutes – no minutes to review

4. President's Address – disappointment expressed at lack of attendance.

Future meetings will be held virtually or in person. December, January, February and March will be virtual. April will be in person. Virtual meetings are in place to reduce both travel and vaccination barriers.

Bond fund and finances – will be enforced this year as per Subsection G, para B and Section L in the constitution.

Virtual Meetings require attendance for the duration of the meeting, if someone needs to leave the meeting, please announce that you are leaving and who is coming in to replace you.

For 2022 Season: Covid-19 – still having an impact on direction of next season

Baseball Ontario arm care rules will be remaining in place.

Rowan's Law will remain a requirement.

Vulnerable sector check will be in place for houseleague coaches, head coach, assistant coaches, umpires over the age of 18, and executive members. Each centre will be responsible for the collection and declaration of passed vulnerable sector checks.

Would like to see the umpire clinics to fall back upon the centres, and not the SSMBA. Umpire clinics looking as though they will be online again. Some concern regarding potential low umpire numbers again for next season. Discussion about how much we are paying our umpires. Centres present are all paying their umpires the same fees.

5. Executive Reports:

Treasurer- 320.00 in fines levied

Registration fees decreased this year due to season length

Bond fund currently sits at \$3089.16

Balance at the beginning of the season was \$10,671.86, current balance is \$12,638.37 with a couple of outstanding cheques yet to be cashed (\$875.00).

President would like to see SSMBA put the fine money back into the centres. **Secretary** – nothing to report

Registrar – Baseball Ontario will still be doing central registration, they have ended their association with Goalline There is an excel spreadsheet where you can input your information and send it to Baseball Ontario. Should we be making our registration form the same as Baseball Ontario form? Rebecca will look at updating the SSMBA registration forms. We need to clean up our roster deadline dates, Rebecca will report back regarding this.

UIC – Not present

CIC – N/A

Scheduler – asking for feedback regarding playoffs being held as one day playoffs.

15U – single game knockout, but the games were competitive and exciting

9U – team that won one game all year won the playoffs

Old Business:

6. SSMBA Executive Position Vacancies

Still need 2nd VP and CIC – please reach out to your centres

7. Baseball Ontario Initiatives

AGM November 18 to 20th, virtual meeting, free to attend

8. Fines – discussed previously

New Business:

9. **Appointments** – Treasurer and Webmaster – Shawn has been asked to stay on as treasurer. Webmaster to be Nick Varaschin. To be ratified at the next meeting. Both are non-voting positions. Positions into effect until December 2022.

10. **Convenors** – we require one per division, please canvas your centres now. Question brought forward regarding putting a pitch count app onto the website. All SSMBA teams would likely have to be rostered through the baseball Ontario website. To be discussed further.

11. **Commencement of season**

12. **Tournaments** – require variety of venues; would be nice to see the All Star Games come back as well. If you host a playoff tournament, we have in the past covered expenses up to \$250.00 (ie diamond rentals). Incentive pay for hosting tournament is \$250.00, this season it was \$150.00 due to one day tournaments

13. **Promoting the Game** – some feedback about lower numbers in the younger age group has been the uncertainty of Covid-19 and associated risks.

14. **Centre Reps Round Table**

Wasaga Beach – just hosted their AGM, open to hosting tournaments moving forward, mostly new executive

Collingwood – AGM at the end of November

Mansfield – rep and select – some concerns about how this will impact the houseleague numbers

Bradford – nothing to report

Midland – AGM a couple of weeks ago. Executive in need of a VP and Treasurer.

Barrie – have had their AGM, some executive turnover, have opened houseleague registration. Anticipating one 18U team in SSMBA.

New Lowell – AGM upcoming, not anticipating much turnover in executive

Michael Johnston, has stepped back from SSMBA but he will remain as past president for the time being.

Document will be sent out by Trevor with the rules in December, for changes to be proposed for our January meeting.

15. Next Meetings will be held virtually on December 2nd. January 6th

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm - Next Meeting Thursday, December 2nd at 7:30pm to be held virtually.