



## SSMBA Minutes – March 2, 2022

Attendance - Alliston, Angus, Barrie, Bradford, Creemore, Everett, Innisfil, Ivy, Mansfield, Midland, New Lowell, Stayner, Wasaga Beach, President, 1st VP, UIC, Scheduler, Collingwood, Orillia, Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Trevor welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time. He advised that it's a full agenda, and we may not get to everything. The priority will be getting through the rule changes.

Minutes from last meeting – moved by Nick Stewart, seconded by Melanie. Carried.

### President

Reviewed some information discussed at the YSBA President's Meeting. There are concussion awareness resources on the Baseball Ontario website that explain the requirements for umpires, coaches & parents. In addition to reviewing the required resources annually, the Return to Play protocol and the Code of Conduct must be followed. Players must disclose head injuries regardless of where it happened.

New this year is the Removal from Sport policy and Designated Person policy. Everyone diamond needs a "spotter" to watch for potential head injuries and be responsible for ensuring participants are removed from play, in accordance with the policy. This can be an existing coach or trainer if they are comfortable with the designation.

Discussion that it might be better for each team to have their own spotter rather than one per diamond (i.e., home team).

Suggestion: Umpires could check that the spotter is in place before the game starts.

Clarification: Trainers are not coaches, but coaches can be trainers.

Discussion about trainer equivalency. Information about acceptable qualifications can be found on the YSBA website.

### Correspondence

Trevor mentioned the email received from Nelson Carreiro regarding youth sports photography. Interested locals can reach out directly; this is not an endorsement.

Just FYI - Eric Jones contacted Trevor regarding a baseball camp in Tottehnam, July 4-8, for players 10-14 years of age. No other information, just passing on information.

### Executive Reports

1<sup>ST</sup> VP – nothing to report

Secretary – nothing to report

Treasurer – absent – nothing to report

Scheduler – Doug asked about scheduling meetings in May, would prefer in-person if possible. Trevor will look into this, may wait and see how many teams are registered. 3 nights may be needed if we have 90 teams or more. If under 90 teams, maybe 2 nights will work. It will depend on the size of venue available.

Suggestion: Thornbury arena is taking bookings as of April 1st. The arena is big enough to do everything all at once.

UIC – Clinics have been changed. Level 1 and 2 will be online only. Should be open the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. Level 3 – clinic exam + Level 2 module, will open March 30. New module for Level 3 this year.

Registrar – Rebecca presented a draft of the new Team Roster Form. No issues identified. The executive will review, and once approved this form and the Team Registration Form will be posted on the website.

Fees should be staying the same. \$170 for 6U (no all-star fee) and \$200 for all other divisions including the \$30 all-star fee. The fee is per team for maximum number of players allowed in that division.

Question – What does a coach need to be on a SSMBA roster? Confirmed that one coach (usually the head coach) needs the NCCP initiation (online + clinic).

Concussion education resources are to be reviewed by all coaches as required, and new this year, all coaches over 18 years of age also need the NCCP Safe Sport e-learning module. VSC is required as per Baseball Ontario's volunteer screening policy.

Requirements for umpires is based on risk level, information was presented and is available on the Baseball Ontario website. VSC is only required for risk level 3. Umpires under the age of 18 just need to attend a clinic.

### Rule Changes

Changes to delete COVID rules.

Remove SSMBA number for umpire requirement (we don't give out numbers anymore).

DELETE All umpires in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of umpiring must attend an umpire consolidation clinic.

Moved by Nick, seconded by Melanie. CARRIED

Motion - Leo moves that we continue printing rule books.

2nd - Carmen Campoli

Favour - 8 for  
Against - 6 opposed  
carried

Motion - Leo moves that we continue printing game sheets.  
2nd - Melanie Slade Morrison

Favour - 15  
Opposed - zero  
Carried

Registrar needs final numbers by April 10 to print rulebooks.

Still short second VP and CIC  
Shawn will do CIC if needed

President will give until April for these positions to be filled, then we will need to begin changing the look of the season, for example, the All Star games will be removed.

Charlene is willing to help train someone for second VP come April, hoping to transition out during the season

We still only have convenors in the following divisions  
18U Doug  
11U Shawn

Tournaments and All star games  
Wasaga Beach 20 August will do 11U playoff tournament  
Midland will host August 5-7 for 18U playoff tournament  
Tentatively Midland will host All Star Game July 16th, rain date for 17th

May Coaches Meeting - Trevor to look at venue and capacity limits  
Rebecca to inform Doug what our team numbers look like after April Meeting for scheduling purposes

Bradford - registration slow 13 and 15 U and 2 at 18U  
Doug - registration is healthy 11U to 18U one team every level, at least  
Leo - tball, three teams, 8 and 9U teams, some interest in other ages  
Charlene - 11U and 13 U are doing well  
Jeff - Innisfil - 18U has no registrations, this is the only group in SSMBA  
Angus - 3 8u, 2 9U, 2 13U, 1 11U.  
Peter - 2 6U, 2 8U  
WB - 1 8U through 13, maybe 2 at 9 through 13, 15U may not have a team  
Stayner - two 6U 8U, 9U, 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U is short on players

Looking to start mid May to first of June, looking at a normal season this year

Barrie - ½ of a 18U team, likely only the one team

Scott Weldon - tball team and maybe a 9U team

Alliston - Ted 2 9U, 1 11u 1 15u 1 kid 18 U (asked about changing name to TNT - as this is considered a centre change this application was required to have been made to the Executive prior to the February 1st meeting, as per the SSMBA Constitution.

Dan - New Lowell - registration began last week and will do another registration day next week. 6u 8u 11u and 18U so far.

April 7th at 7pm in person, location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm motion by Melanie Slade Morrison, second by Jeff Arsenault, motion carried