



**Newmarket Baseball Association
EMC Meeting – 15-July- 2009
Minutes**

Present:

President	Tim Brown
VP Rep Program & Past President	Ted Williams
VP Senior Houseleague	Catherine MacNeil
VP Finance	Ron Clarke
VP Registration, Awards & Special Events	Peggy Hawksworth
VP Rules of Play and Umpiring	Sam Sproule
Honorary Life Member	Carr McLeod
Executive Director	Donna Trempe

Absent:

VP Equipment and Diamonds	Vacant
Honorary Life Member	Don McKnight
Secretary	Ray Bassett

Call to Order

A meeting of the NBA Executive Management Committee (EMC) was convened on July 15, 2009 at the Magna Centre and was called to order at 7:37pm.

Business:

This EMC meeting was convened to provide updates from the respective EMC members. The following items arose and were discussed:

1. Houseleague

- 1.1. Injuries reported in Bantam Division. Catherine is to obtain a copy of the incident report to be filed at the NBA office.
- 1.2. Sam also reported an injury in the Junior Division in a game against Aurora, and he will ensure an incident report is filed.
- 1.3. Catherine reported the Midget and Junior Divisions were running smoothly this year with positive feedback. Decisions on a suitable recognition of the winners and finalists were to be made with thoughts on either trophies or Tim Horton's cards. Catherine was to obtain feedback and make the decision.
- 1.4. Catherine stressed the need for convenors in all Divisions next year, and this was acknowledged as an important aspect for the NBA to ensure coverage in all Divisions with volunteers.
- 1.5. Peggy was to provide the T-Ball rosters to Donna for the end of season certificates for T-Ball closing. Peggy was also to e-mail the Bantam Division to seek volunteers for the T-Ball closing to be held July 29th, at 6:30 at Rogers Park.
- 1.6. Tim was to respond to an e-mail from Mark McMudie regarding double booking of diamonds.



2. Registration

- 2.1. Peggy advised there are still a few registration payments outstanding, primarily in the Junior Division. One player's fees were adjusted due to not receiving a jersey.
- 2.2. For 2010 Peggy recommended that players at the Junior level not be allowed to play if they do not pay.
- 2.3. A decision was made at the Junior level players must wear the supplied Jersey the baseball cap, and white or grey baseball pants.
- 2.4. To date 6 NSF cheques have been received.
- 2.5. Picture day was a success and there were excellent comments from parents, players and the Executive regarding the Photo Day and organization.

3. Umpires

- 3.1. Sam reported the mentoring program was going very well, with 18 – 20 umpires receiving mentoring to date. Cheryl is in charge of the scheduling for the mentoring program. The checklist forms developed have been used for the mentoring program providing feedback to the umpires being mentored. Senior umpires within the association have also been mentored by level 4 and 5 umpires. Sam's AGM report on the Mentoring program should be forwarded to the Trillium Foundation.
- 3.2. A discussion regarding mentoring programs and the continuation to ensure younger umpires can advance to higher series. Sam goes to the games and will move an umpire up a level if they are very good.
- 3.3. Catherine suggested more senior umpires may be required for the Peewee playoffs.
- 3.4. Ejections: It was reported in May there was one ejection, in June one ejection, and to date in July 4 ejections. Sam is to take the input and criticism from some coaches under advisement.

4. Representative

- 4.1. Ted advised the coaches were doing a fine job. All Newmarket Teams are to be classified AA with the exception of the Bantam squad classified as AAA, and the two Tier 2 teams classified as A
- 4.2. YSBA playoffs are up next and the labour day weekend will see the majority of teams competing in the OBA's.
- 4.3. The Silver Bat Tournament is scheduled for the long weekend in August. Donna is preparing the program with 10 teams registered this year. Donna and Susan to forward details to the Era Banner.

5. Select

- 5.1. Carr reported the Select loop was going very well. The website is up to date, and all teams should be following the Select rules.
- 5.2. SOBA registration is confusing. The association must be a SOBA member (Paid) to participate in the Soba championships from the YSBAs. All playoffs are on the August 21-23 weekend in Markham, Aurora and Vaughan. Discussion with respect to Newmarket hosting the Midget



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Select playoffs. Further discussion on this topic required with respect to diamonds and umpires.

6. Treasurer

- 6.1. Discussion regarding payment of the umpires. Ron is to get a copy of all vouchers with spreadsheets. It was suggested pay periods change for 2010 and reflect months of May, June July, and August umpire work, versus double up of months.
- 6.2. Ron is to advise if all Rep fees have been paid. Ron was to verify if all indoor conditioning monies had been received, and if all Rep and Select surcharges payments had been made.
- 6.3. Diamond costs need to be reviewed. Practice cancellations are required 10 days in advance to receive credit.
- 6.4. Two local associations have been using umpire payroll scheduling on-line. NBA to test Goal line for umpire payment and scheduling over the winter.

7. Executive Director

- 7.1. Canada Day was very successful as was the Blue Jay Clinic.
- 7.2. The NBA raised over \$1,100.00 for Easter Seals.
- 7.3. Donna to write thank you letters to all suppliers and North Newmarket Lions for providing lunch for the Junior Rookie Tournament.

8. Other Business

- 8.1. Carr reiterated that a planning session for the Association needs to be a priority prior to the AGM. Executives need to recruit volunteers for scheduling of diamonds and equipment.
- 8.2. Sam reported that no player may wear any jewellery including baseball necklaces on the field. Coaches and players are not to sit on buckets outside of the dugouts.

The meeting was adjourned following discussion of the business.

Prepared by T. Brown on notes taken by Donna Trempe