



**Newmarket Baseball Association
EMC Meeting – Monday February 9, 2009
Minutes**

Present:

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

Absent:

VP Equipment and Diamonds	Paul Pipitone
Honorary Life Member	Don McKnight

Call to Order

A meeting of the NBA Executive Management Committee (EMC) was convened on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Newmarket Recreation Centre and was called to order at 7:30pm.

The President advised those present that the Executive Director and the VP Registration would join the meeting in progress, and that he would need to leave the meeting prior to the conclusion.

Approval of Minutes of September meeting

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2009 EMC Meeting

Moved by Ted Williams, seconded by Sam Sproule, that the minutes of the January 5, 2009 EMC meeting be approved. Carried.

Action Items from previous meetings

New Action Items

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Minutes	Secretary to provide final minutes of EMC meetings Nov 20 th and Dec 9 th to ED for posting to web site. Done. Close.
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1.6	EMC to consider and advise VP Registration re proposed terms and conditions. Close.
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- 1.8 Finalize and publish dates/times for in-office registration. **Close.**
- 2.3.1 Post announcement on web about start up of the tier 2 minor peewee rep team. **Close.**
- 2.3.2 Check whether registration data can easily be sorted by age to allow e-mail to minor peewee age about the tier 2 team. VP Reg. **Close**
- 2.7 President and VP Equipment to check and advise VP Rep re what on-field coach helmets are available. **Open**
- 5.2 Add to registration forms and to web site the new requirement for 2009 season that all NBA players are required to provide their own helmets. **Close**

Open Items from Dec 9/08 Minutes

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2.1.4	Consider logistics and value of adding page to NBA website publishing standings. ED Consensus to add links to YSBA, SOBA and OBA rather than post results. Close.
2.1.9	Revise and publish (ED) 2009 By-Laws as approved. Secretary. Open

Open Items from Nov 20/08 minutes

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Sept '08 Minutes	ED to obtain minutes from September meeting and distribute to EMC members for consideration prior to next EMC meeting. Open. Secretary to distribute minutes for review prior to Feb 24/09 meeting.
5.1.1	Secretary to set up 2009 NBA Calendar and work with ED to find an efficient method to maintain and allow access to the Calendar. Open
5.1.3	ED and President to speak with Town of Newmarket about signage protocol, including ensuring that risks of vandalism are addressed in a way that NBA does not incur expenses that would diminish the value of the sponsorships. Town has approved posting of signs at the batting cages. See Business Item 4. Close
5.2	EMC to schedule planning session preferably by the end of the year, but in any event by late January or early February 2009. Preference would be a Saturday or Sunday. Open
5.4	President and VP Rules of Play and Umpire to have follow-up discussion re mentoring program. Agreed to add VP Jr H/L and VP Sr H/L to discussion. Open
5.6	VP Junior Houseleague and VP Rules of Play and Umpires to consider and make recommendations regarding T-Ball rules changes. Open



Open Items from Nov 4/08 Minutes

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2.2.2	VP Registration to consider improvements to process for tacking the actual number of registrations, and consider showing breakouts of net refund figures. Open
2.2.6	Follow up with Daryl Blanko re Senior division refund. President has sent e-mail follow up. Open
2.2.19	Consider rep uniforms – whether to continue practice of home and away jerseys (with home supplied by league and away paid by players), or to go with just a green away jersey. Open
2.2.18 and 4.1	ED and/or VP Registration to follow up re compatibility of Global Payment Solutions with Goal Line application to enable credit card payment. Close
5.0	(a) Select and contact Coach(es) for Tier 2 Rep Minor Peeewee team, Close . (b) canvas potential ‘volunteers’ to lead a Select program at the Mosquito, Bantam and Peeewee levels, Open (c) make a decision re dedicated or non-dedicated Select programs, Open (d) if non-dedicated then establish approach to education and guidelines around pitching. Open

Business:

1.0 Registration Recap (VP Registration, Awards & Special Events)

1.1 Updates of registration numbers have been sent to EMC.

1.2 Planning for Opening Day

1.2.1 All halls at community centre are booked – VP Reg pursuing other areas in which to marshal the parade – i.e. area of the parking lot cordoned off.

1.2.2 Working on booking the band

1.3 Picture Day

1.3.1 June 13, 2009,

1.3.2 alternate on June 21, 2009

1.3.3 Confirming rooms.

2.0 House League (VP Jr./Sr. House League)



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- 2.1 In order to start canvassing potential coaches VPs need lists of names as registration progresses – asked VP Reg whether weekly lists can be provided? **Action: VP Reg to confirm that she is able to provide weekly registration lists to VPs House League.**
- 2.2 There was discussion of the challenge of finding convenors for the divisions – this is an ongoing challenge.
- 2.3 Discussion about doing '09 HL Coaching Clinics**
- 2.3.1** VPs advised that for junior and mosquito divisions these clinics are essential.
 - 2.3.2** Discussion of whether clinics should be held 'on-field', inside, or in combination. **Action: VPs to consider and advise venue for coaching clinics.**
 - 2.3.3** VPs to consider need at higher levels. **Action: VPs HL to consider and advise whether coaching clinics should be arranged for divisions higher than mosquito.**
- 2.4 Indoor Conditioning**
- 2.4.1** 14 Jrs and 6 Srs attended the session
 - 2.4.2** need coaches for Saturday sessions at St Johns (2-3:30 pm Rookie, 3:30 – 5pm Mosquito).
 - 2.4.3** Strong preference expressed to keep the older and younger ages in separate sessions.
 - 2.4.4** Tim Brown will cover the seniors for Feb 14th
 - 2.4.5** Need to find coach for Feb 21st **Action: VP House League to arrange coaches for indoor conditioning for Jrs on Feb 14th and both divisions for Feb 21st**
- 2.5 YSBA Intact Tournament hosting**
- 2.5.1** Consensus to apply to host the Bantam division (same as 2008) on the weekend of July 10-12, 2009 using the Armstrong diamonds. **Action: VP Sr House League to submit application to host Bantam division for YSBA Intact Tournament.**
- 2.6 Interlock Update**
- 2.6.1** VP Sr HL queried whether NBA would remain viable at the midget level?
 - 2.6.2** There were also difficult issues in 2008 with the Junior teams
 - 2.6.3** Midget level was slightly better, but there were problems with the playoff schedule
 - 2.6.4** NBA ended up convening both divisions by default
 - 2.6.5** VPs HL to monitor registration and determine which divisions will interlock.

[President retired from the meeting and Ted Williams, VP Rep, assumed the chair]



3.0 Rep

- 3.1 VP Rep provided all but 3 rep team lists to the VP Registration.
- 3.2 Outstanding team lists are: Junior, Glen's team, and the 2nd Peewee team.
- 3.3 Status of rep equipment and diamonds is deferred until next meeting

4.0 Executive Director

4.1 New office

- 4.1.1 Feb 24/09 is firm move in date to new office at Magna Centre
- 4.1.2 Movers are booked
- 4.1.3 Floor cover has been changed to laminate (hardwood look) to be provided by Rowan Hardwood Floors – a long time NBA sponsor. Quote is within budget and includes underlay, flooring and baseboards.
- 4.1.4 "Air Art" is providing a quote for decorating the office interior with NBA Hawks logo and images of boys and girls playing a game of baseball
- 4.1.5 Town will accept donation of the NBA boardroom table for the main boardroom – to be moved in on Feb 24th. NBA to mount a plaque on table indicating "donated by NBA"

4.2 Advertising

- 4.2.1 Program is on track as planned
- 4.2.2 Advertisement planned for special registration insert in Era Banner Feb 22/09
- 4.2.3 1st drop of flyers has been done to the schools
- 4.2.4 2nd drop of flyers to schools planned for week before March break.
- 4.2.5 Mobile sign is up and NBA is on the marquis.

4.3 Sponsorships

- 4.3.1 About 75% of sponsors are confirmed
- 4.3.2 Very good response from rep coaches to date, with 8 of the 24 teams advising that they have identified additional sponsors for the rep teams
- 4.3.3 Wilson Sport Marketing has approached NBA with a proposal for a \$700 sponsorship and to organize a 1-day registration booth at the Newmarket Wal-Mart in March. It involves promotion by sports equipment makers Rawlings, Easton, Louisville and others. Each player who registers during the 1-day event will be provided with a duffle bag including a water bottle and towel. There is some discussion of providing bags to those who had registered through other venues (web or office). There was consensus that this should be pursued.
Action: ED to confirm arrangements, add this registration date to the website.



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4.3.4 \$500 sponsorship from State Farm Insurance requires NBA to fill out a form and sign an affidavit to comply with its US corporate requirements. **Action: ED and Carr McLeod undertook to resolve.**

4.3.5 ED and President have permission from town to put sponsorship signage on the Richardson batting cages. ED has 3 confirmed 1-yr sponsorships for \$500 each. This will cover the one-time cost of the aluminum sign frames (@ \$180) and \$120 to screen each sign. ED following up with Peel Fence.

4.4 Blue Jays Clinic

4.4.1 ED hasn't heard from John Milton and continues to follow up

4.5 Sponsor confirmed for the player handbook, but will be trimmed back to include info and schedules for only T-Ball through PeeWee House League.

5.0 NBA Calendar

5.1 ED tabled a draft calendar for review and approval by EMC.

5.2 Agreed calendar to provide only NBA information, with links to YSBA, SOBA and OBA

5.3 Agreed to delete EMC meeting dates

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Carr McLeod – Report from YSBA

6.1.1 YSBA Annual Presidents' Meeting Feb 21/09 12 – 4pm at Sheraton Parkway (Hwy 7 & Leslie)

6.1.1.1 Strongly recommends that NBA President, ED, VP Registration and VPs House League attend. VP Sr HL advised she has a conflict that day.

6.1.1.2 Topics on the agenda include:

6.1.1.2.1 Role of YSBA in house league

6.1.1.2.2 Overview of the Select program plan (Carr)

6.1.1.2.3 Overview of Rep program

6.1.1.2.4 Session on umpiring

6.1.1.2.5 Session (pending) on high performance program

6.1.1.2.6 Intact tournament

6.1.1.2.7 Ethical Decision Making session

6.1.1.2.8 Blue Jays update

6.1.1.2.9 YSBA awards

6.1.2 SOBA AGM Feb 22/09 at Novotel (location? – Yonge St Mel Lastman Square?)

6.1.2.1 VPs House League should attend

6.1.3 YSBA Retreat

6.1.3.1 Very useful session



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- 6.1.3.2** Bradford Baseball Association appears to have folded
- 6.1.3.3** NBA should consider a request to extend its boundaries to include Bradford – allows Bradford players to tryout for the 2010 Rep season (and 2009 Select season?) as ‘residents’ – they would not be counted under the import rule.
- 6.1.3.4** NBA could consider a more formal merge with the Bradford area at the HL level.
- 6.1.3.5** Response to Bradford opportunity needs to be decide well before the 2010 tryout season in the fall of 2009.
- 6.1.3.6** ED reported several calls from parents of Bradford Rep players hoping to tryout in NBA – teams are full
- 6.1.4** YSBA Select Plan
 - 6.1.4.1** Looking to finalize plan by the Feb 17th YSBA meeting
 - 6.1.4.2** Hoping to have at least 4 teams in each of the divisions from Rookie through Midget.
 - 6.1.4.3** Likely to look north (Baxter, Huntsville) to attract teams to loop rather than looking south into the GTA
 - 6.1.4.4** Hopes NBA would enter select teams at all levels.
 - 6.1.4.5** Lost battle on dedicated teams – there will still be 1 or 2 for this year
 - 6.1.4.6** Select By-Laws have been drafted, based on modified Rep By-Laws, to provide clarity around applicable rules.

[Secretary retired from the meeting]

6.2 Other business?

Motion to Adjourn?

Next EMC meetings scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 7:30pm in Boardroom at Magna Centre (change)

Tuesday March 10th, 2009 7:30pm at Magna

Tuesday March 24th, 2009 7:30pm at Magna

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Attachments

- Agenda
- Draft NBA Calendar

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4.3.4	ED and Carr McLeod undertook to resolve State Farm sponsorship requirements.

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Prepared by R. Bassett



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Agenda

- 7:30 Call to Order**
7:35 Approval of Minutes from Monday January 5th, 2009
7:40 Approval of Minutes from September meeting
7:45 Action Items from previous meetings
- 8:00 Business to be discussed**
- 1. Registration Recap (VP Registration)**
 - Any Outstanding Issues
 - 2. House League (VP Jr. / Sr. House League)**
 - Coaching Update
 - Coaching Clinic
 - Indoor Conditioning
 - Intact House League Tournament – Request to Host
 - Interlock
 - 3. Rep**
 - OBA Tournament Hosting Availability
 - Rep Team Lists
 - Rep Equipment / Diamonds
 - 4. Executive Director**
 - Magna Centre
 - Hardwood Flooring
 - Feb 24th Move in date
 - Advertising – On track
 - Sponsorship – On track
 - Wal-Mart Registration
 - 5. 2009 Calendar**
 - 6. Other Business**

Next Meetings: Tuesday February 17th, 2009 – 7:30 Community Centre
Tuesday March 10th, 2009 – 7:30 Magna Centre
Tuesday March 24rd, 2009 – 7:30 Magna Centre
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Tuesday April 21st, 2009 – 7:30 Magna Centre

Adjournment