



**Newmarket Baseball Association
EMC Meeting – January 13, 2010
Approved Minutes**

Present:

President	Tim Brown
VP Rep Program & Past President	Ted Williams
VP Equipment and Diamonds	Scott Bond
Executive Director	Donna Trempe
VP Registration, Awards & Special Events	Peggy Hawksworth
VP Senior Houseleague	Catherine MacNeil
VP Junior Houseleague	Stephen Fenn
Secretary	Ray Bassett
VP Rules of Play and Umpiring	Sam Sproule
Honorary Life Member	Carr McLeod
Asst to VP Awards & Special Events	Nancy Marto

Absent/Regrets:

VP Finance	Vacant
Honorary Life Member	Don McKnight

Call to Order

A meeting of the NBA Executive Management Committee (EMC) was convened on January 13, 2010 at the Magna Centre and called to order at 7:35pm.

Approval of Dec 2, 2009 EMC Minutes

Draft but incomplete minutes were presented for review. Approval was deferred for a future EMC meeting based on complete minutes.

Outstanding Action Items

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Date Added	Item Ref	Action	Follow Up	Status
09-Sept-09	1.7.1.1	Put sample Incident Report in HL Coaches binders		Closed
09-Sept-09	1.7.1.2	Post sample of Incident Report prominently on the website		Closed
09-Sept-09	1.7.1.3	Consider including special reference to the importance of the Incident Report process in the covering e-mails sent to	VP rep to address at Rep Coaches meeting	Closed



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		2010 coaches.		
09-Sept-09	1.7.2	VP Registration to reconcile 2009 registration to identify inaccurate postings	Ongoing	Open
09-Sept-09	3.1	Finalize o/s deposits and expenses for fiscal 2009.		Closed
09-Sept-09	3.2.1	Collection of o/s sponsorship commitments (est \$1,500 to \$2,000 o/s)	ED – Ongoing – Walmart and Surfside are o/s	Open
09-Sept-09	8.11	Consider and resolve whether or not NBA Financial Statements will be reviewed by independent person prior to 2010 AGM.		Open
10-Nov-09	2.3.4	Show separate and corresponding budget line items for every material and identifiable expense and cost provision – bias against roll up accounting (eliminate ‘net of cost’ accounting.	VP Finance (Pres) – done with current draft budget	Closed
10-Nov-09	2.5.1.3	VP Rep to poll rep coaches about soliciting sponsorships (vs sponsorships being handled centrally by NBA), and about putting sponsor logos on jerseys.	VP Rep – Jan 21 meeting	Open
10-Nov-09	3.0	Review and confirmation of 2010 By-Laws	EMC	Open
10-Nov-09	5.2.2	Arrange Level 1 and 2 Umpire’s Clinic in Newmarket.	Level 2 Arranged for March 20 th @ Ray Twinney Complex	Open
10-Nov-09	5.3	Consider re-implementing a coach mentoring program.	EMC	Open
10-Nov-09	5.9	Consideration of request to add tier 2 Minor Peewee Rep team	EMC	Open



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10-Nov-09	5.10	Consider adding “Call up?” field to on-line registration screens.	VP will use e-mail notice for 2010 and add a button to the registration site for 2011.	Closed
2-Dec-09	3.1.3	Conclude discussion about additional monetary contributions to teams – Article 2.2 of By-Laws	EMC	New

1. Second Minor Pee wee Rep Team

1.1 President advised that the individual who had requested time at the meeting to do a further presentation was unable to attend this meeting. There was consensus in the EMC that since the full Board had received a lengthy presentation at the 2009 AGM and had received further e-mail information, that a further presentation was unlikely to add material information and that the EMC should conclude its consideration of the issue at this meeting.

1.2 Views expressed from the EMC included:

- 1.2.1** The association should not make decisions about what programs to offer (i.e. a 2nd rep team within a division) in the face of implied threats that players may leave the association unless additional programs are added.
- 1.2.2** A 2nd Minor Pee wee Rep Team was added for the 2009 season as one-time pilot project, and while it went well and is being offered in 2010 as a 2nd Major Pee wee Rep program, this should not be a binding precedent for the NBA.
- 1.2.3** The general mandate of the NBA is to offer a broad range of programs, including Rep, but also with strong Select and house league programs. NBA should not sacrifice the strength of its Select or house league programs to become known primarily for its rep programs.
- 1.2.4** If there are a sufficient number of skilled players in a division after selection of a rep team, then those players should take advantage of the Select program. It was acknowledged that there were gaps in the 2009 select program, but that it is expected that a full select program can be offered for 2010.
- 1.2.5** NBA should generally discourage parents and players from thinking of and valuing a rep program as a stepping stone to college scholarships or even to the major leagues.



People need to remain realistic about the goals of these programs and focus on what is best for the development of each player.

- 1.2.6 There can be problems with select programs in subsequent years if 2 rep programs are offered for a year in a division.
- 1.2.7 There are concerns about fielding truly competitive rep teams – NBA should remain realistic about how many players in each division really have the skills to be competitive rep players.
- 1.2.8 A scarcity of diamonds and resources is a very significant problem when considering adding a team in the minor peewee division.
- 1.2.9 Some of the motivation behind requesting a second rep team at the minor peewee division is related to having a non-dedicated select program. This was the main reason for the 2009 pilot program. The requirement that select players maintain a full house league schedule in addition to the select schedule, and the requirement that house league commitments must take priority over the select program, is believe by some to be to onerous on young players – especially early in their pitching careers. Consideration should be given to allowing a dedicated Select program, at least at the minor peewee division.

Moved by Ted Williams and seconded by Catherine NacNeil that NBA should not implement a 2nd minor peewee rep program for the 2010 season.

Carried unanimously.

2. Additional Sponsorships – By-Laws Article 2.1

Discussion around whether and to what extent additional rep team sponsorships should be accepted without disrupting the current system of NBA team sponsorship:

- 2.1. this issue has a 10+ yr history – at one time ad hoc team sponsorships reached beyond \$10,000
- 2.2. banners for primary sponsors are not used by teams
- 2.3. game results including sponsor names are not being regularly reported to the Era-Banner
- 2.4. Prior to 2009 season the home rep jerseys were recycled for 3 years, making it difficult to place sponsor logos on the jersey. Going forward, NBA will not be providing a home white jersey for rep teams – teams will buy only a green jersey each season.
- 2.5. There can be issues when team sponsor money is used to buy equipment – the issue of whether the equipment is owned by the NBA or someone else?



- 2.6. very important that primary sponsors continue to get good value
- 2.7. Concept of requiring a % of additional sponsorship to be allocated for player development and equipment – the concept that NBA should maintain some oversight on the use of additional sponsorship funds and provide guidelines to avoid funds being used for frivolous expenses (control would be exercised through review of team budgets by VP Rep).
- 2.8. Important to maintain something of a level playing field between those teams who are supported by additional sponsors and those who are not. Concept of a % of additional sponsorship being remitted to the NBA.
- 2.9. Idea that additional sponsorships should be capped in the aggregate to avoid these overshadowing the \$500 primary sponsor. A cap of \$2,500 was proposed.
- 2.10. Consensus that rep coaches should not take on the role of finding sponsorship for their teams – this is a league function, although there needs to be some process to accommodate offers of additional sponsorships that come to teams directly.
- 2.11. consensus that Article 2.1 should be redrafted to allow for additional sponsors subject to:
 - 2.11.1. primary sponsor (\$500) must already be secured
 - 2.11.2. 25% - 50% of the additional sponsorship funds should be allocated to player development (including playing equipment)
- 2.12. Action – Secretary and ED to re-draft article for consideration.
- 2.13. VP Rep to canvas rep coaches for their reaction to the concept.

3. 2010 Calendar of Activities

- 3.1. Opening day is Saturday, May 15th
- 3.2. registration in the Magna Centre office will be available Jan 23rd, Feb 20th and Feb 23rd
- 3.3. ED to provide secretary with list of other dates discussed to add to minutes and to update calendar.
- 3.4. 2010 calendar is now posted on line – needs to be updated as new dates are agreed.

4. VP Registration

- 4.1. Nancy Marto is coordinating Opening Day events



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- 4.1.1. community centre is under construction and an alternative venue needs to be found to marshall the parade
- 4.1.2. Newmarket Citizens Band will participate again this year. They were very happy to receive NBA ball caps last year.
- 4.1.3. police escorts to be arranged
- 4.1.4. VP Rep will provide Nancy with a copy of the NBA Insurance Certificate.
- 4.2. Registration function is now a segregated job, with Nancy Marto handling special days, Peggy's sister helping with calls.
- 4.3. 66 players registered.
- 4.4. registration e-mail sent out Jan 12/10
- 4.5. VP Reg will e-mail EMC weekly with registration updates
- 4.6. Garth Butrus has volunteered to assist with scheduling
- 4.7. considering Opening Day activities for younger divisions, including:
 - 4.7.1. Pitch, Hit & Run
 - 4.7.2. Blue Jays On the Road
 - 4.7.3. Skills activities
 - 4.7.4. consider booking the adjacent soccer pitch to stage these activities
 - 4.7.5. consider opening the concession window at the Fairgrounds
 - 4.7.6. Carnival slide – need to check costs (VP Equipment)
 - 4.7.7. ED has call in to John Milton re Blue Jays Clinic
- 4.8. President cited the challenge involved in reconciling registrations. Going forward rep and select team fees should be remitted directly to VP Registration and not to VP Rep. Team registration fees must be submitted in a single payment (no piece meal remittals).
- 4.9. Rep team fees deadline : May 1st
- 4.10. Select team fees deadline : July 1st

5. VP Rep



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- 5.1. brief recap of the Dec Rep coaches meeting
- 5.2. tryout fees remain outstanding from G Torrance and M Raymer
- 5.3. only 3 teams have paid their indoor facility fees
- 5.4. Best Ever Coaches Clinic – NBA will not be paying for any registrations for this event, although coaches are strongly encouraged to attend at their own cost.
- 5.5. NBA will host a level 2 coaches clinic on March 20th with a \$65 fee.
- 5.6. YSBA/TBA will interlock with EOBA (Eastern Ontario Baseball Assoc – Pickering, Whitby, Ajax) for the 2010 season
 - 5.6.1. this will involve resolving some rule conflicts – rules will be amended for interlock play
 - 5.6.2. YSBA will still determine tier allocations
- 5.7. Rogers is no longer an OBA sponsor – all teams are Blue Jays sponsored
- 5.8. NBA needs to register all teams with OBA – all registered teams will receive free iron-on Blue Jays crests and free tickets
- 5.9. Peewee All star Game will be held Sept 18- 19 at Armstrong

6. VP Select

- 6.1. SOBA by-laws have been amended and are with the YSBA president for review. Include use of wooden bats in select midget division.
- 6.2. trying to introduce pitch count rules
- 6.3. Carr McLeod will run for election as a SOBA director
- 6.4. expect to run programs in 4 divisions: Mosquito, Peewee, Bantam and Midget
- 6.5. season will open on the last weekend in May (May 29 – 30)
- 6.6. Select try-outs expected to run May 1-2 and May 8-9. These dates should not be posted to the calendar or web site until coaches are selected and finalized.

7. VP Sr House League – nothing to update.

8. VP Jr House League

- 8.1. giving thought to hosting a Rookie tournament



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8.2. Considering asking rep players to help coaching at the T-Ball level – ability to earn community service hours. There was support for the idea, with the suggestion that this not be limited to rep players. Consider players Bantam and up (14 yrs +, grade 9). Consider posting these opportunities to the web site.

9. VP Equipment and Diamonds

9.1. confirming that Rookie 2 rep team buys its own green jersey

9.2. rep teams require hats, equipment bags, bats

9.3. ED confirmed that an inventory of grey house league pants is done. Pant price is \$20. ED will provide details for ordering additional pants.

10. VP Umpires

10.1. requested that House league VPs advise him of any contemplated rules changes – both VPs indicated that no rule changes are being considered at the moment.

10.1.1. there was an off-line discussion among House League VPs re ability to call up within a division. Conclusion was that there should be no call ups from within a division – teams must go to the next lower division.

10.2. needs clarification (for enforcement) of what uniform parts are mandatory at the Junior level. Consensus was baseball pants (of any reasonable description) and the sponsor hat (not other logo or other styles)

10.3. discussion around introducing a mercy rule at the peewee level. The open inning is also an issue at the Mosquito and peewee HL levels.

10.3.1. EMC agreed to reconsider introducing a 10-run limit/mercy for both Mosquito and Peewee house league divisions.

Secretary left meeting at 9:30pm – ED has provided notes for balance to be incorporated in this draft.

Prepared by R. Bassett



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Wednesday January 13, 2009 – 7:30 pm

Agenda

- 7:30 Call to Order**
- 7:35 Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2009**
- 7:40 Action Items from previous meetings**
- 8:00 Business to be discussed**

- 1. Tentative – Presentation Peeewe 2nd Team**
- 2. 2010 By – Laws**

→ **Discussion – Additional Monies**

All additional sponsorship should be reported to the Newmarket Baseball Association.

2.1 Additional Monies

Any additional contributions, monetary or in-kind, to the team from outside sources are to be reported to the Newmarket Baseball Association on the team financial statements. Additional contributions are not to be considered as a sponsorship and no sponsor identification shall be permitted on team uniforms, helmets, bags, jackets, banners and/or related items. Tax receipts will not be issued.

- 3. 2010 Calendar of Activities**
- 4. VP Registration**
- 5. VP Rep**
- 6. VP Junior / Senior House League**
- 7. VP Equipment & Diamonds**
- 8. VP Rules of Play**
- 9. Executive Director – Marketing Plan**
- 10. Other Correspondence**
- 11. Next Meeting – Time/Date – January 27, 2010 – 7:30**